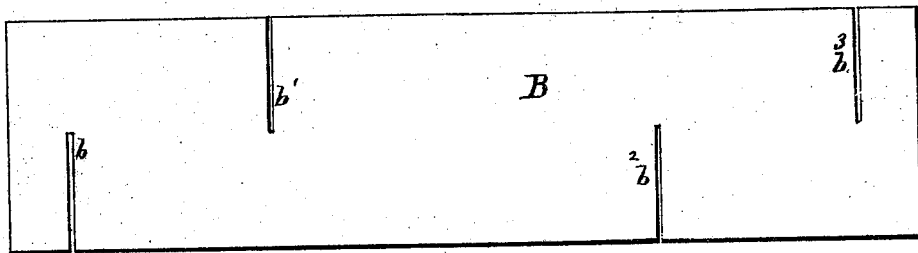
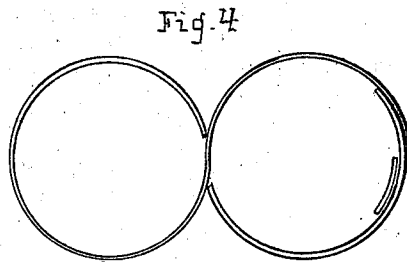
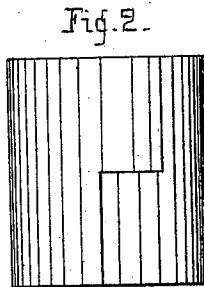
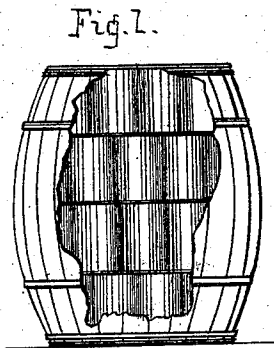
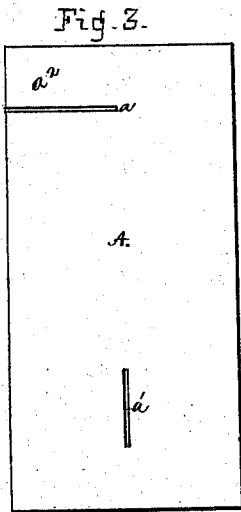


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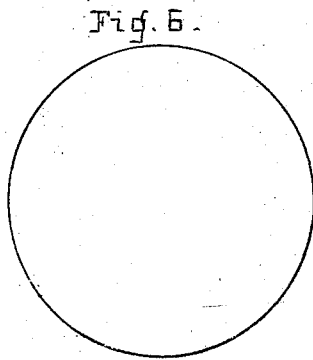
Egg Box.

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IMPROVEMENT IN EGG-CARRIERS.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM J. CLARK, of Lena, in the county of Stephenson, and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Egg-Carrier; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

This invention has for its object the production of an egg-holder for carrying purposes which shall have one, two, or more independent compartments, the outlines of which shall be circular, to permit economical storage in round packages, and which also shall be capable of being separated when not in use, in such manner as to be packed in flat, compact packages for reshipment, and consists of a strip of suitable material, which is slit or cut at each end, as will be fully described hereinafter.

In the drawings—

Figure 1 represents a keg with the side partially broken away to show the layers of the egg-holders;

Figure 2 represents a side elevation of an egg-holder having a single compartment;

Figure 3 represents the same holder with its ends detached from each other and the strip flattened;

Figure 4 represents a plan view of a holder with two compartments;

Figure 5, a view of the strip forming the same, spread out; and

Figure 6, a plan view of one of the pieces used to separate the layers.

To enable others skilled in the art to which my invention appertains to make and use the same, I will now describe fully the manner of constructing and using the same.

A represents a strip of any suitable material, which is provided with the slits a . When in use the projection formed by cutting the slit a is passed through the slit a , by means of which a circular box is formed, as shown in fig. 2. If desired, a box with two compartments may be formed, as shown in figs. 4 and 5.

B represents a strip which is cut at b b^1 b^2 . When in use the strip is turned upon itself in the center, and the parts at b^1 b^2 and at b b^2 are slipped together. By

this means a box with two compartments, as shown in fig. 4, is formed.

These holders thus formed may be used with especial advantage in round packages, such as kegs or barrels, in which it is well known that eggs can be most economically shipped, from the fact that such packages are usually handled by rolling them, while boxes are subject to being thrown over with great force.

By the employment of independent compartments, also, great economy of space is gained, as no room large enough to receive a holder need be wasted.

The holders are arranged in layers and filled with eggs, each layer being separated by a division-board, as shown in fig. 6. If desired, oats, chaff, or other suitable material may also be used as additional protection, after the holders have been filled.

It will be observed that between each egg, on all sides, are placed two independent thicknesses of material.

After the transportation of the package to its desired destination the holders are removed, their ends detached, and the strips flattened out and formed into a compact package for reshipment.

The advantages gained by employing this holder may be stated as follows:

Round packages may be used; no space is wasted; the eggs are protected by double walls; and the holders may be reshipped at a small expense. Tubs or boxes may be used if preferred.

Having thus fully described my invention,

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

An egg-carrier consisting of a single strip of proper material, having its end slit in such manner as to be capable of being united to form an independent box, and again disconnected when desired for shipping purposes, substantially as described, for the purpose set forth.

This specification signed and witnessed this 25th day of January, 1870.

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