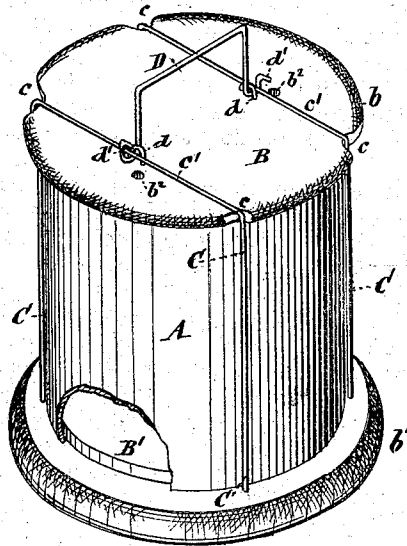


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IMPROVEMENT IN BUTTER-BUCKETS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN F. DUMONT, of Kansas City, in the county of Jackson and State of Missouri, have invented a new and Improved Butter-Bucket; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing forming a part of this specification.

The invention consists in forming an air-tight butter-bucket in three easily-detachable parts, so that it can be speedily subdivided and all portions thoroughly cleaned. It also consists in the means by which the three parts are clamped together, and in the means by which the clamps are locked and unlocked.

In the drawing the figure represents a perspective view.

A represents a bucket body or cylinder, formed by lapping and riveting together the edges of a rectangular sheet of wood of suitable size. B B' are two disks, small enough to fit snugly into each end of the cylinder A, and having the annular extensions or flanges $b\ b'$, by which they are prevented from being forced inwardly. One serves as the bottom and the other as the top of the bucket, while, with the body, they constitute a separable and easily-cleaned bucket. These parts may be clamped together in various ways without departing from the original idea or principle of my invention, which consists in making a bucket in three detachable parts. The particular means which I employ to effect the object of holding together the three parts consist in a pair of wires, C C. These are bent twice so as to form the right angles $c\ c'$, and so that the part c' will be less than the diameter of the cylinder C. The ends are then passed through holes in annular flange b' , so as to bring the two wires into parallelism to each other, but on opposite sides of a parallel plane passed through the diameter of disks. The wires are then bent twice and fastened to the bottom of disk B', leaving the part c' of wires just

high enough to pass easily over the top of cylinder A. These wires, being more or less elastic, can be easily pressed aside to allow the cylinder to be fitted on disk B. The butter is then packed into the cylinder, the wires again pressed aside, the top B fitted into place, and the wires closed carefully over it. This mode of clamping together the three parts of a bucket, so as to make it air-tight, makes them very readily detachable. The lock which I employ to retain the wires in place and prevent them from being slipped off in handling consists in a wire handle, D, whose ends pass through staples $d\ d'$ made fast in holes $b^2\ b'^2$ of the top B. They are then bent twice, once in their own plane and again at an angle thereto. By this construction the ends $d'\ d'$ are erect when the handle is laid down on one side, so that the wires C C cannot escape; but these ends are inserted into holes in the cover or top B when the handle is laid down upon the opposite side, allowing the removal of wires. When the handle is elevated and used in transporting the bucket the wires are held with equal security.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A bucket composed of the detachable flanged disks B B' and cylinder A, constructed to fit together as and for the purpose described.

2. The wires C C passing through and fastened to bottom B', and having parts $c\ c'$ movable over the top B, as and for the purpose set forth.

3. The handle D passing through staples $d\ d'$ in top and having two bends, one at right angles to the other, so as to form the ends $d'\ d'$ in combination with the bucket, as and for the purpose specified.

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