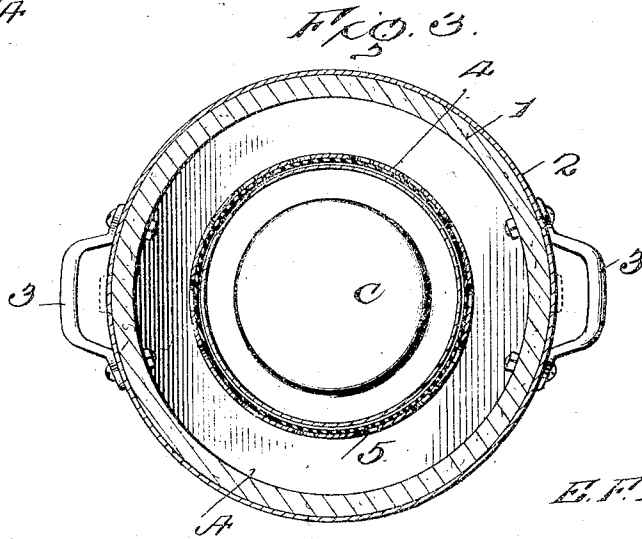
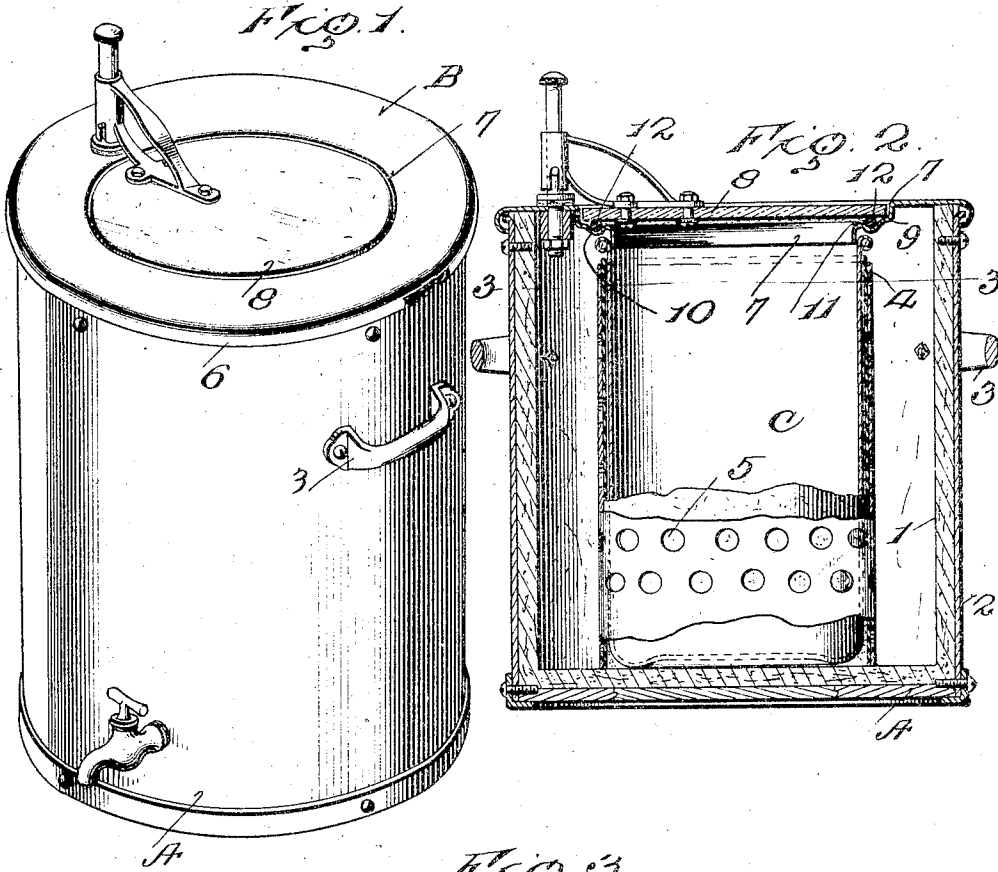


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWIN F. HULBERT, citizen of the United States, residing at South Norwalk, in the county of Fairfield and State of Connecticut, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Dispensing-Cases, of which the following is a specification.

This invention comprehends certain new and useful improvements in shipping and storing vessels, and relates particularly to a case or receptacle for use in dispensing oyster meats in bulk.

The invention has for its primary object, a simple, durable and efficient construction of device of this character which is composed of comparatively few parts that may be cheaply and easily manufactured and readily assembled, which embodies an enameled dispensing can designed to be detachably held within a foraminous shell, the latter in turn being detachably held within the main body portion of the receptacle, it being intended that ice shall be packed around the foraminous shell so as to effectually cool the contents of the can without the ice or water coming in contact with such contents; and the invention also has for its object a receptacle of this character in which the top thereof is provided with an opening registering with the top of the can, said opening being normally closed by a cover or lid and the wall of the top which defines the opening being provided with a bead or groove, a gasket fitting in the groove underneath the lid in the closed position of the latter so as to form an air tight seal.

With these and other objects in view as will more fully appear as the description proceeds, the invention consists in certain constructions, arrangements and combinations of the parts that I shall hereinafter fully describe and claim.

For a full understanding of the invention, reference is to be had to the following description and accompanying drawings in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a dispensing can constructed in accordance with my invention; Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view thereof; and, Fig. 3 is a horizontal sectional view on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2.

Corresponding and like parts are referred to in the following description and indicated

in all the views of the accompanying drawings by the same reference characters.

Referring to the drawings, A designates the body portion of my improved oyster dispensing receptacle, B the lid thereof, and C the oyster containing can or pail within the body portion A. In the present instance, the body portion A is substantially cylindrical and is constructed with bottom and side walls which are preferably composed of fiber or of some other material or substance which is a poor conductor of heat. This material or substance designated 1, is preferably incased in an enameled sheet metal sheathing 2 to which handles 3 are connected so that the device may be easily lifted and carried from place to place.

Within the body portion A is a cylindrical shell 4 which is formed with a relatively large number of closely grouped holes 5 and which is designed to rest detachably on the bottom of the body portion. Within the shell 4, the can C is designed to be detachably inserted, it being intended that ice shall be packed around the shell. By this arrangement, it is obvious that the can C may be removed whenever desired from the ice packed receptacle, for the purpose of cleansing or the like, without the necessity of repacking the body portion, as the shell 4 will hold the packed ice in shape, and at the same time it will permit the ice to bestow its refrigerating action on the can and the oyster meats contained therein.

The top or lid B is preferably formed of enameled sheet metal with a rolled marginal flange 6 which is adapted to extend around the upper edge of the body portion A, it being understood that the lid B is detachable. The lid is formed with an opening 7 through which access may be had to the contents of the can C, said opening being normally closed by a cover 8 which is preferably of plate glass and which is pivotally mounted in the manner described in my copending application for Letters Patent of the United States #535,443, dated December 29, 1909. It is to be particularly noted that the wall of the top which defines the opening 7 is depressed as indicated at 9, the metal which forms this annular depression being radially and reversely curved to form an annular groove 10, and a rounded bead 11 which directly defines the

opening. A gasket 12, preferably of rubber and preferably round in cross section is loosely mounted in the bead 11, while at the same time the formation and arrangement of parts insures that the gasket will be properly held in place, the said gasket being adapted to support the closure or cover 8 in the closed position of the latter and producing an air tight joint.

From the foregoing description in connection with the accompanying drawings, it will be understood that in the practical use of my improved oyster dispensing can, the oysters will be contained within the can C the latter will be held in the shell 4 and rest with the shell upon the bottom of the body portion A, the space between the shell and the adjacent wall of the body portion will be packed with ice, and the top B will then be applied.

Obviously the parts may be very easily disassembled for the purpose of repacking the body portion or for cleansing the can C, and it is evident that the entire device will be attractive in appearance and hygienic in use.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new is:

The herein described dispensing can, comprising a body portion, a can fitted removably within the body portion, a detachable top for the body portion, the said top being formed with an opening disposed directly over the can and being also formed with an annular depressed portion surrounding the said opening, the edges of the opening being radially and reversely curved to form an annular groove and a rounded bead which directly defines the opening, a gasket fitted within the annular groove, and a flat lid adapted to be received within the annular depressed portion of the top and rest upon the gasket when in a closed position, the top of the lid being flush with the upper surface of the top.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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