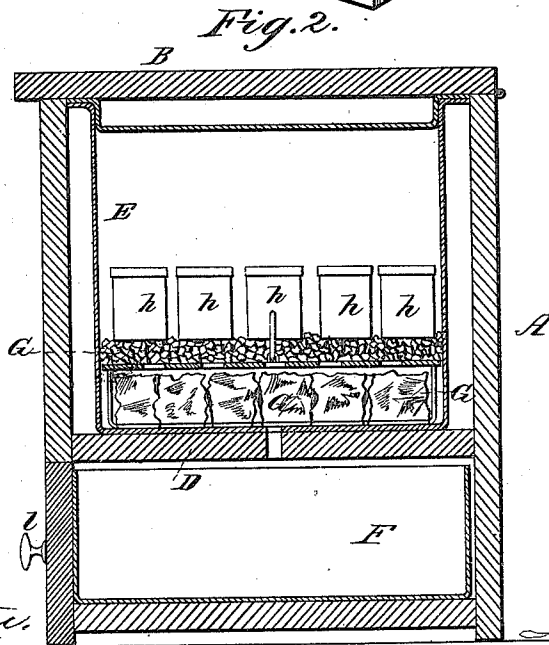
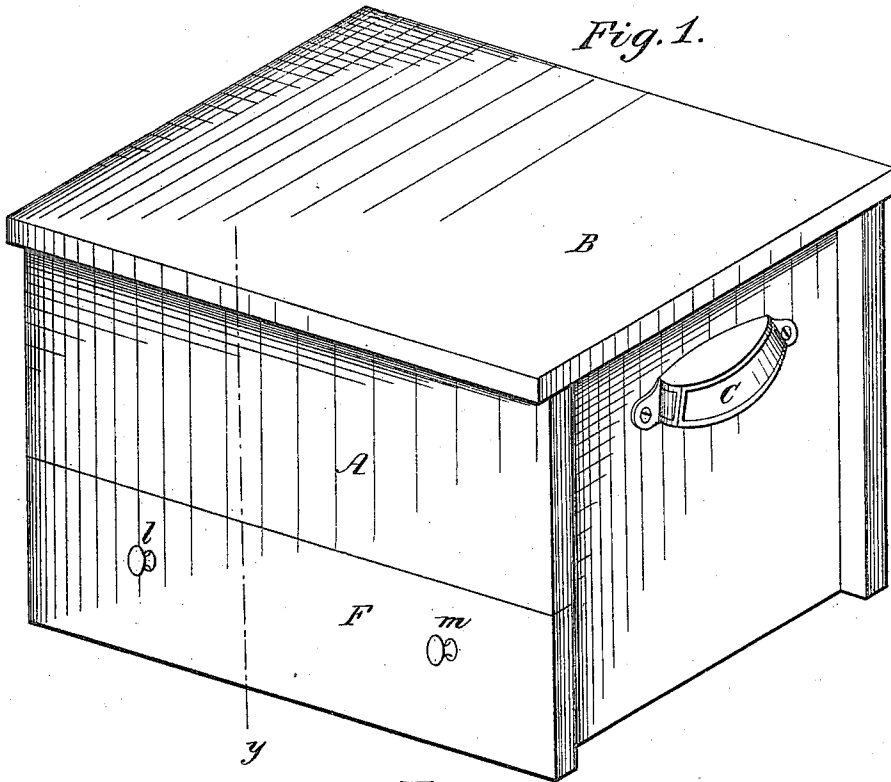


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN B. HEMMERLE, of Pittsburg, in the county of Allegheny and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Box for Keeping Oysters; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawing and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

The nature of my invention consists in a box for keeping oysters, which is provided with lid and handles, and is divided into two compartments by means of a partition, the lower compartment being provided with a sheet-metal drawer, and the upper one with a sheet-metal box which communicates with the drawer by means of an opening or openings in its bottom and in the partition upon which it rests.

To enable others skilled in the art to make and use my invention, I will proceed to describe its construction and operation.

In the accompanying drawing which forms part of this specification, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved box for keeping oysters. Fig. 2 is a vertical section of the same at line *y* of Fig. 1.

A represents a box, constructed of wood or other suitable material, which is provided with a lid, B, and handles C, and is divided into two compartments by means of a partition, D. E represents a sheet-metal box, its bottom rest-

ing on the upper surface of the partition D. In the bottom of the box E are one or more small openings, directly under which, in the partition D, are corresponding openings. F represents a sheet-metal drawer. On the bottom of the sheet-metal box E is placed ice, as indicated at G, and upon the ice are placed the cans of oysters, as indicated at *h*. The water formed by the dissolving of the ice flows, through the openings in the bottom of the box and partition, into the drawer F. *l* and *m* represent the handles of the drawer.

The advantages of my improved box for keeping oysters are that the water, which, in the ordinary mode of keeping them, is continually leaking out of the box upon the floor, will be caught in the drawer, which can be emptied from time to time, as may become necessary. The oysters are also better protected from the rays of the sun and from the action of the atmosphere.

Having thus described my improvement, what I claim as of my invention is—

The box A, divided into two compartments and provided with a sheet-metal box, E, and drawer F, arranged and operating with relation to each other, substantially as herein described, and for the purpose set forth.

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