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REFRIGERATOR ATTACHMENT FOR MILK CANS.

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A strap of metal is bent to form the handle 10, is secured at the ends of the handle to the cover-plate 8, and is extended upward and outward beyond the flared rim 9 to form the lugs 11. Straps 14 are secured to the flared mouth of the ice-receptacle inside the same and above the flared rim 9 of the closure for the receptacle. Each strap 14 is secured at one end, while the other end extends around the flared mouth of the ice-receptacle in position to form a catch for a lug 11. The catch-straps extend in opposite directions, as shown in Fig. 5, and they combine to hold the ice-receptacle closed by engaging the lugs of the closure. The closure is effected by inserting the cylinder 12 into the ice-receptacle until the flared rim 9 bears against the flared mouth of the receptacle and then turning the cover by means of handle 10 until the lugs 11 are forced behind the catch-straps 14. In order to make the closure tight and secure, the catch-straps may be inclined slightly with reference to the path of rotary movement of the lugs 11.

One of the lugs 11 has the hole 13, (shown in Fig. 3,) and one of the catch-straps has the hole 15. (Shown in Figs. 2 and 5.) When the closure and the ice-receptacle are so placed with reference to the milk-can that the holes 13, 15, 7, and 4 will coincide, as shown in Fig. 2, all the parts may be locked or sealed together by a lock or seal wire passing through the catch-strap, the lug, the ice-receptacle, and the can.

The ice-receptacle may be made proportionately longer or shorter, so as to hold more or less ice, and the details of construction in the closure for the ice-receptacle may be varied somewhat without departing from the idea of means involved in the invention. A milk-can supplied with one of our attachments properly filled with ice may be exposed to summer heat for several hours without injuriously affecting the milk in the can, and this enables shipments of ordinary length to be safely made.

While the ice-receptacle is in use, it takes the place of the ordinary closure for the milk-can. When the temperature is such that the ice is not needed, the can may be closed in the usual way and the ice-receptacle may, if desired, be used for handling cream.
We claim—
A combined ice-receptacle and closure for milk-cans, comprising a cylindrical receptacle having a flaring mouth, a cylindrical closure for the receptacle having a flaring rim and a handle, the rim being narrower than the flared mouth of the receptacle, a pair of catch- straps secured to the flared mouth of the receptacle above the rim of the cover with free ends extending in opposite directions and lugs on the cover adapted to be forced back of the catch- straps by rotation of the cover, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof we sign our names in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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