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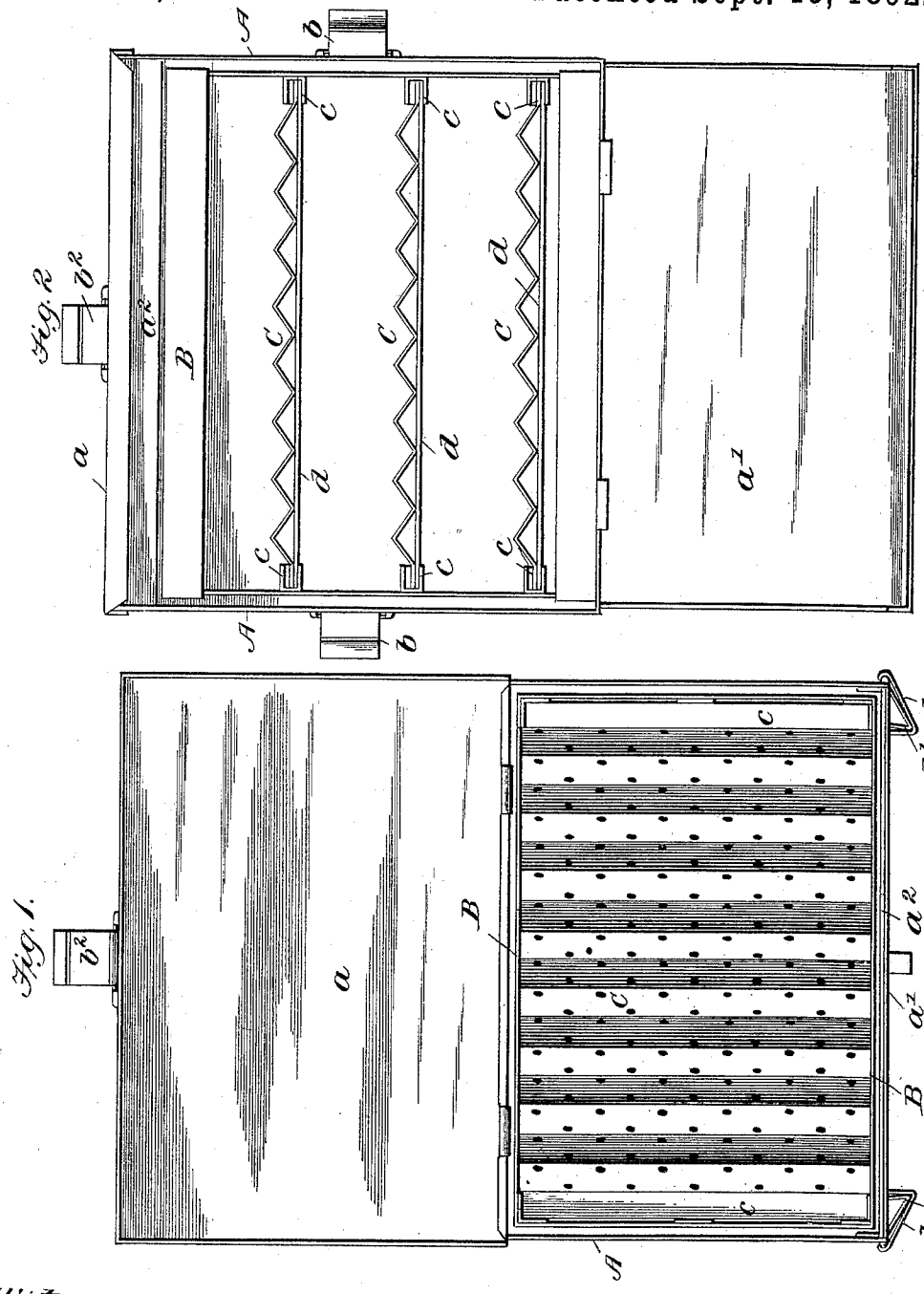

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ELLA E. BAILEY, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city of Baltimore, State of Maryland, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Cake-Boxes; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to improvements in cake-boxes, and has for its object the provision of a convenient receptacle for bread, cake, pies, tarts, and other like edibles, and at the same time to permit of the free circulation of air throughout said receptacle and around the contents and thereby prevent the supported and adjacent surfaces of the cakes from becoming soft and moldy, as is the case when set on flat surfaces and upon each other.

The invention consists in the combination, construction, and arrangement of instrumentalities hereinafter described and claimed.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a plan of my improved cake-box with the top or lid raised. Fig. 2 is an elevation with the front side or door let down, showing the crate or skeleton support within the casing.

A is the box or casing, provided with a lid *a* and a movable front flap or door *a'*. The sides of the box are supported at their upper front corners by a brace bar or strip a^2, as clearly shown.

The front side is secured in its closed position by hooks or catches *b b*, which interlock with suitable shoulders *b' b'*, and the top lid is also locked and secured to the front or sides by means of a similar catch b^2.

B is a skeleton or frame built up of rails and standards made from sheet metal in a form substantially as shown. This skeleton is of such dimensions as to fully fit within the casing A, and it is provided with brackets or grooved ways *c c* for supporting shelves or trays C C. The shelves or trays are embossed or corrugated and perforated, so as to permit of the free circulation of the air within the casing around the contents of the box. The shelves, as shown, are stiffened in one direction by means of corrugations and in the other direction by a strip *d*, connected at the angles of the corrugations of the shelves, so as to act as a chord or tie to keep said shelf from spreading or straightening out. The shelves may be of any suitable material—as wire fabric, tin-plate, or thin material—first corrugated or embossed and then coated with porcelain or vitreous substance easy to cleanse.

In use, when access to the top cake is desired, the lid *a* is raised, and when access to the lower shelves is wanted the front side is let down and one of the shelves is partly or entirely drawn out. The entire skeleton may be withdrawn from the case or the lid and door may both be opened to allow freshly-baked cakes to cool before being inclosed in the case.

What is claimed as the invention is—

A cake-box consisting of a box or outer casing having a hinged top or lid for obtaining access to the top shelf, a drop front flap or door for obtaining access to the lower shelves, a removable skeleton frame, and foraminous embossed shelves supported and movable in brackets in the skeleton frame, whereby a convenient receptacle for edibles is provided, the same are prevented from becoming soft and moldy, and the shelves containing the same may be readily removed, substantially as described.

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

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