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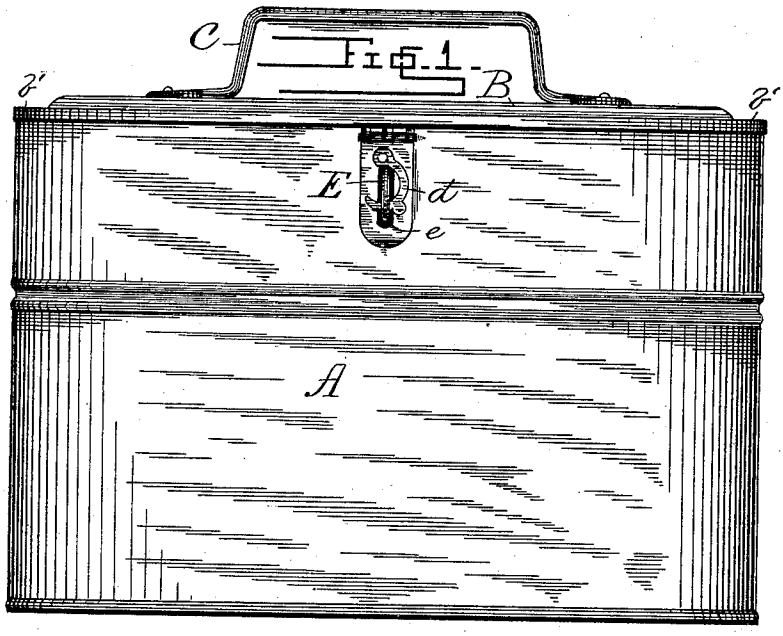
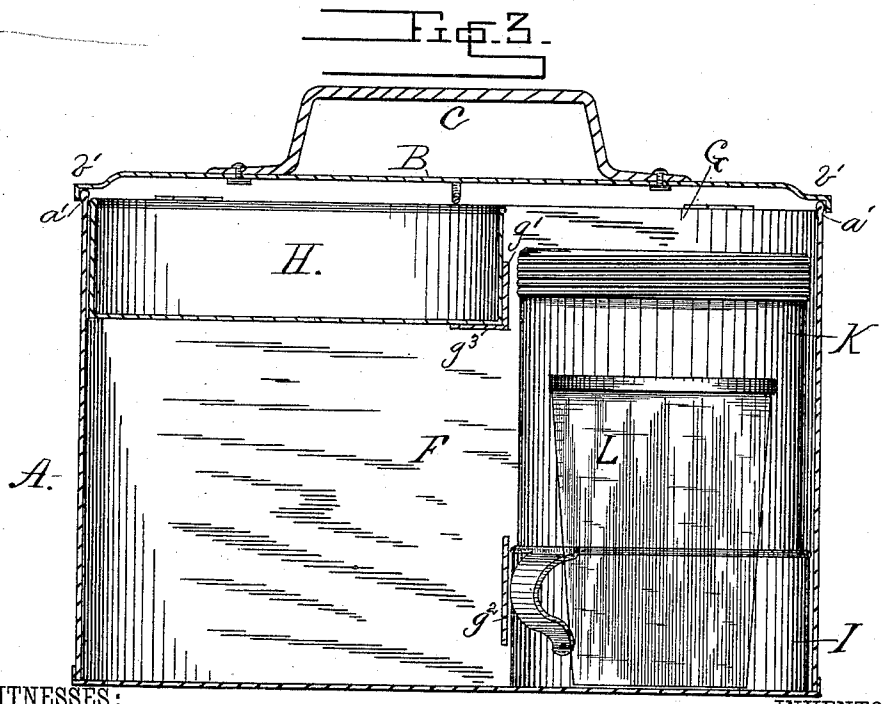


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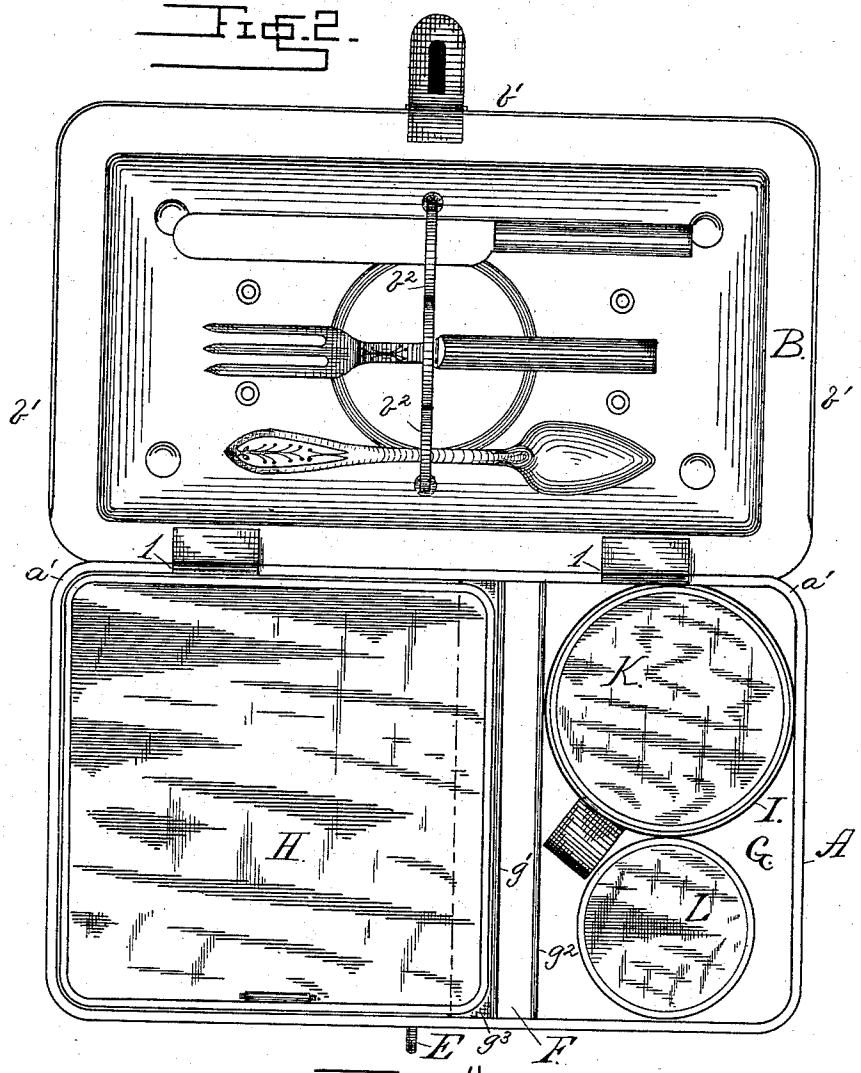


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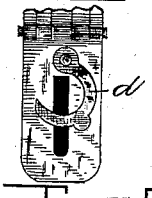
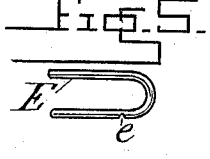


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM A. GILL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Columbus, in the county of Franklin and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Dinner-Pails; and I do hereby declare the following to be 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 an improvement in dinner-pails; and it consists of an oblong-shaped pail with rounded corners, provided with a rigid handle, a hinged recessed lid or cover the recess of which is provided with a metallic looped strap for holding a knife, fork, and spoon, partitions for dividing the pail into suitable apartments for the reception of food, and dishes of a particular form, and a latch of a peculiar form for securely locking the lid or cover, all of which parts are more fully hereinafter described.

My invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which Figure 1 is a front elevation; Fig. 2, a plan view when the box is open and the lid or cover thrown back; Fig. 3, a horizontal sectional view when closed; Figs. 4 and 5, details of the fastening device.

The pail or bucket may be made of any suitable material; but I prefer tin, the tops and bottoms of which may be stamped up in the desired form.

In the drawings, A is the body of the pail, of an oblong shape, with corners rounded and provided with a bead, a', extending entirely around its top. B is a lid or cover hinged to the bead a' at the points 1 1, and provided on its ends and sides with a flange, b', rounded at corners, and extending downwardly to fit snugly over the bead a' when the lid is closed, to keep out dust and dirt. C is a rigid handle riveted or otherwise secured to the top of the lid. The under portion of the lid is recessed, and provided with a metal strap or wire soldered to the lid, and having loops b^2 for the reception of a knife, fork, and spoon or other utensils. The lid is fastened by means of a hasp provided with a pivoted hook, d, and a staple, E, provided with a notch, e. When the hasp is placed over the staple, it may be held therein by the notch without the hook if the hook is broken off; or a padlock may be used with the hasp and staple. The inner portion of the body of the pail is divided into two compartments, F and G, by means of two partitions consisting of strips of metal g' g^2, soldered to the sides of the pail. The upper partition, g', is provided with a flange, g^3, for the purpose of supporting a dish, H, above the compartment F. The lower partition, g^2, is a thin strip of metal located above the bottom of the pail.

In the compartment G is placed at one end a cup, I, in which rests a can, K. This can is screw-threaded, and provided with a screw-cap, and is designed particularly to hold liquids, and at the opposite side of this compartment a jelly-glass, L, may be placed. The compartment F may be used for holding food in packages or in any desired form.

Among the advantages of my device are the following: The rigid handle enables the pail to be carried more steadily than a swinging wire bail or handle; the pail has no sharp corners or ears to catch in the clothes of one carrying it; the recessed lid affords a place for a knife, fork, and spoon, and when they are removed a place on which to place food when eating; the notched staple, hasp, and hook admit of three ways of securing the lid—viz., by the hasp without the hook, by the hook, or by a padlock; the material of which the pail is composed, its shape, and the arrangement of the partitions are such that the pail can be easily washed; and, finally, the device is compact, roomy, and attractive in appearance.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

A dinner-pail of the form shown, provided with the strips of metal g' g^2, the strip g' having a flange, g^3, whereby the body is divided into two compartments, F and G, and the flange g^3, adapted to support a square-shaped dish, H, above one of the compartments, substantially as described.

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

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