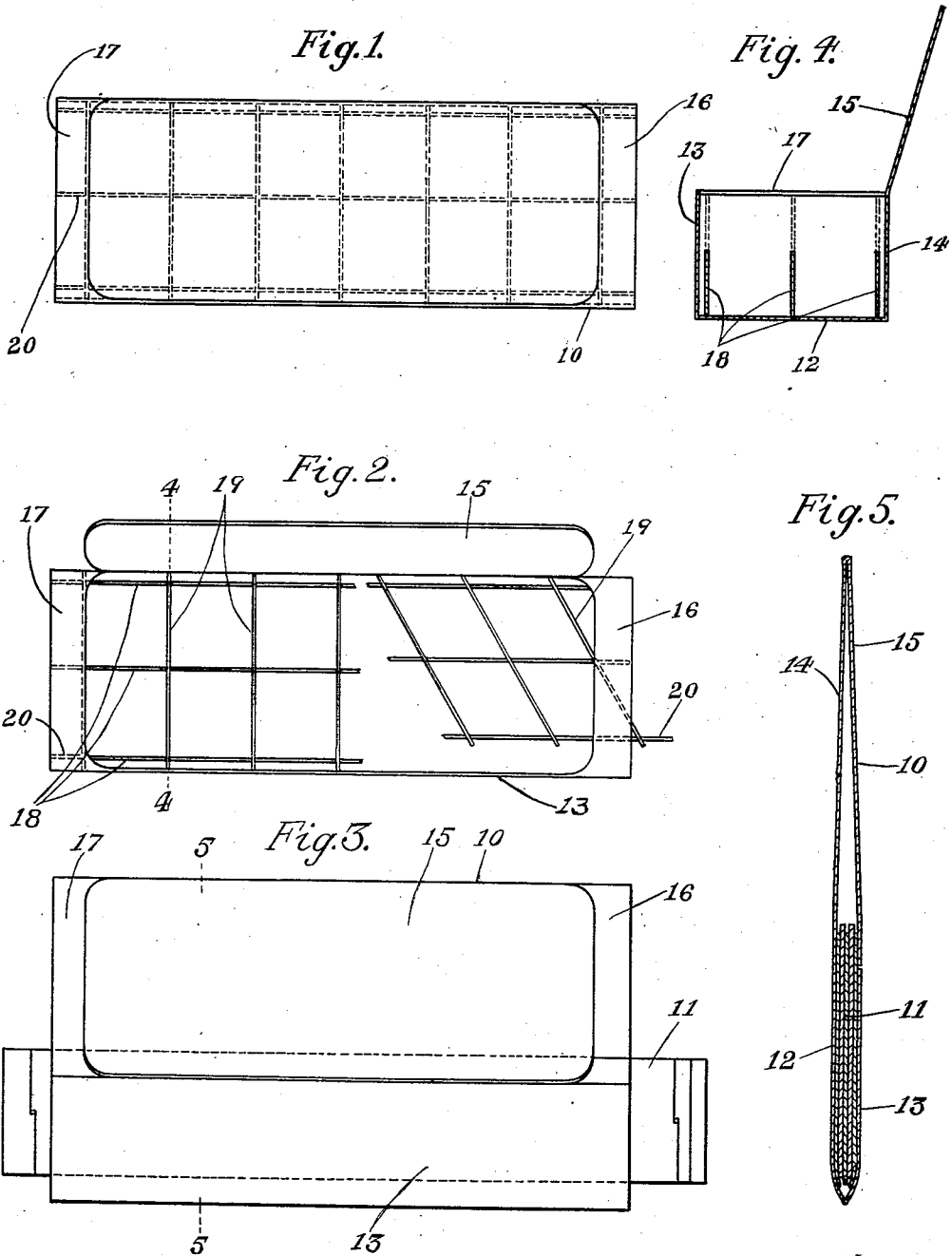


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, GEORGE A. FISHER and JOHN A. MORRISON, citizens of the United States, residing at Minneapolis, in the county of Hennepin and State of Minnesota, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Egg-Cases, of which the following is a specification.

Our invention relates to an egg case of the type designed to hold one dozen eggs and consists of an outer open ended closed case and an inner set of articulated partition members, the whole folding into approximately flat form for shipment and storage but being positioned together so as to be readily erected for use without separation of the parts.

It is an especial object of our invention to provide an egg case having a hinged cover formed directly of the material of the top of the case and cooperating when in position with the partitions forming the crate, this cover being cut out of the top of the box so as to leave a portion of such top extending across from the sides at each end of the crate.

In the drawings illustrating the application of our invention in one form,—Figure 1 is a plan view of an egg case of the above character having the cover in closed position. Fig. 2 is a similar view with the cover raised, the articulated partition members being broken away at the center showing the same in two different positions. Fig. 3 is a plan view of the egg case folded in position for shipment. Fig. 4 is a sectional elevation on line 4—4 of Fig. 2. Fig. 5 is a transverse section taken on line 5—5 of Fig. 3.

Our egg case comprises an outer case in combination with an articulated partition member 11. The outer case comprises a bottom wall 12, side walls 13 and 14, and a cover 15 cut from the top wall so as to leave connecting straps 16 and 17 at each end outside of the cover. The articulated partition consists of three longitudinal strips 18 with which seven transverse strips 19 are connected in a common manner, each set of strips having slots cut half way through the same, said slots being positioned the same distance apart and the unslotted portions of the strips being positioned in the slots to bring the tops of said strips in a common plane. Each of the longitudinal strips will

extend a certain distance beyond the end transverse strips, as indicated at 20, the longitudinal strips being exactly the length of the outer casing, and the transverse strips of a length equal to the distance between the side walls 13 and 14, so that when the partition member is set up within the outer casing the extensions 20 will come beneath the strips 16 and 17 and the transverse members 19 will extend between the side walls 13 and 14. When the cover 15 is raised each of the egg compartments is exposed at the top for the reception of the eggs. When the cover is closed it will rest upon the upper edges of the partitions 18 and 19, such partitions being necessary in cooperation with the cover to permit use of a cover of this type.

When the case is packed for shipment or storage the partition member 11 will be folded upon itself in a well known manner and the outer casing 12 folded flat, the member 11 occupying a position at one side of the folded casing 10 so that by piling the folded crates in alternately reverse order the same may be compactly packed for shipment. When it is desired to use a crate it is simply necessary to raise the casing part 10 and press upon the outer ends of the partition member 11 when the partitions will spread and take their proper position within the casing 10. It would be impossible to use such a structure in which the outer casing is connected across at both ends excepting with an open-ended outer casing. If desired, the partition member 11 may be attached at one corner to one of the side walls 13 or 14. This is not at all essential, however, as the crate may be folded and erected with the utmost ease and despatch regardless of whether said partition is attached.

Our egg case can be cheaply made, is convenient in use to a high degree and provides an unusually secure package for the carrying of eggs without liability of breakage.

We claim:

1. An egg crate comprising a four-walled open-ended outer casing, said walls being united at the edges thereof, a door cut wholly from the top wall of said outer casing and hingedly connected with one of the side walls, and an articulated partition member within the outer casing forming compartments for the reception of individual eggs and cooperating with the door

to hold the same properly positioned when closed.

2. An egg crate comprising a four-walled open-ended outer casing, said walls being united at the edges thereof and adapted to fold at the points of union of said walls to form a flat member, a door cut wholly from the top wall of said outer casing and hingedly connected with one of the side walls, and an articulated partition member within the outer casing also adapted to fold flat within the outer casing, and when raised therein forming compartments for the reception of individual eggs and cooperating with the door to hold the same properly positioned when closed.

3. An egg crate comprising a four-walled open-ended outer casing, said walls being united at the edges thereof and adapted to fold at the points of union of said walls to form a flat member, the top wall being cut across near each end and at the junction with one side to form a door hingedly connected with the other side and leaving straps of said top wall connecting said side walls at their ends, and an articulated partition member within the outer casing also adapted to fold flat within the outer casing, and when raised therein forming compartments for the

reception of individual eggs and cooperating with the door to hold the same properly positioned when closed.

4. An egg crate comprising a four-walled open-ended outer casing, said walls being united at the edges thereof and adapted to fold at the points of union of said walls to form a flat member, the top wall being cut across near each end and at the junction with one side to form a door hingedly connected with the other side and leaving straps of said top wall connecting said side walls at their ends, and an articulated partition member within the outer casing also adapted to fold flat within the outer casing, and when raised therein forming compartments for the reception of individual eggs and cooperating with the door to hold the same properly positioned when closed, said partition member having the longitudinal partitions thereof extended beyond the compartments at each end beneath said straps.

In testimony whereof we affix our signatures in presence of two witnesses.

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