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EGG-CARRIERS.

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Fig. 1.

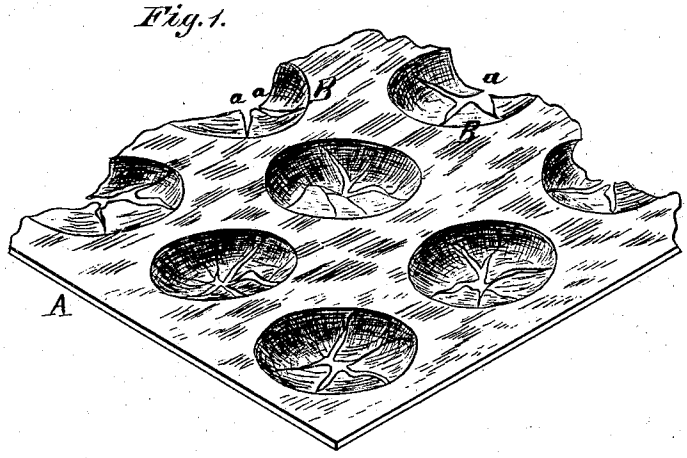
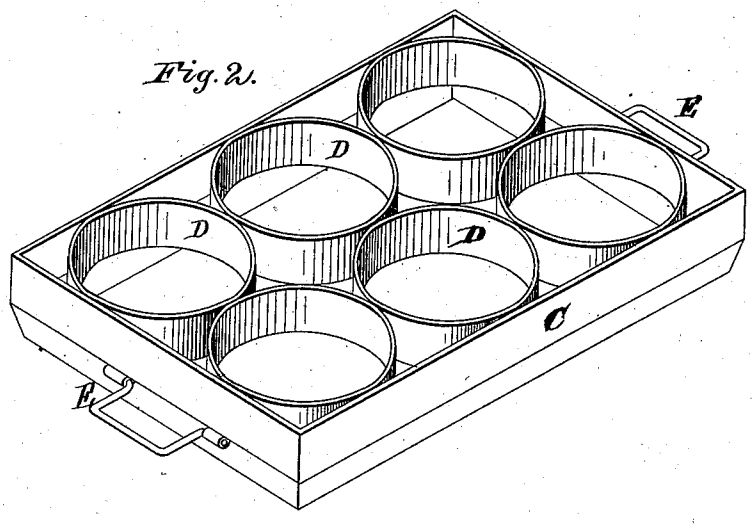


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN EGG-CARRIERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SAMUEL P. HODGEN, of Neosho, in the county of Newton, and in the State of Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Egg-Carriers; and do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, making a part of this specification.

The nature of my invention consists in a method and means for packing eggs, as will be hereinafter more fully set forth.

In order to enable others skilled in the art to which my invention appertains to make and use the same, I will now proceed to describe its construction and operation, referring to the annexed drawing, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of an indented and punctured sheet of paper used in packing the eggs. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of a frame or follower used in the process of packing.

A represents a sheet of paper, in which, by dies or other suitable means, are made series of rows of circular indentations B, the paper being torn in said indentations by the act of so indenting it, leaving the rough edges below, as shown at *a a*, so as to hold up the body of the paper. C represents a metal frame of the same size as the sheet A, with a series of rows of circular bands, D D, fastened therein, said bands corresponding with the indentations B in the sheet A.

In packing the eggs I provide a box of suitable size, on the sides and bottom of which is placed a layer of cut straw. One of the paper sheets, A, is then placed in the box on the cut straw or packing material. The follower C D is then placed on top of the paper, and the eggs passed through the rings D into the indentations or nests B. Fine-cut straw is then sprinkled over the eggs, and the follower is, by means of its handles E E, worked up and down, which packs the cut straw around the eggs, the beveled flange of the frame C causing it also to pack between the sides of the box and the outer eggs. Another paper, A, is then put in, the follower placed on top again, the eggs put in and packed with straw, and so on, till the box is full, when straw is placed on top of the whole, and the top of the box nailed on.

The paper sheets A remain in the box, preventing the eggs from becoming misplaced, and also preventing any mistakes in the counting.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The follower herein described, consisting of the frame C and rings D, for the purposes herein set forth.

2. In combination with the follower herein described, a series of paper sheets, A, having indentations B, with torn openings in the bottom, forming rough edges underneath, substantially as herein set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 30th day of April, 1877.

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