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Fig. 1.

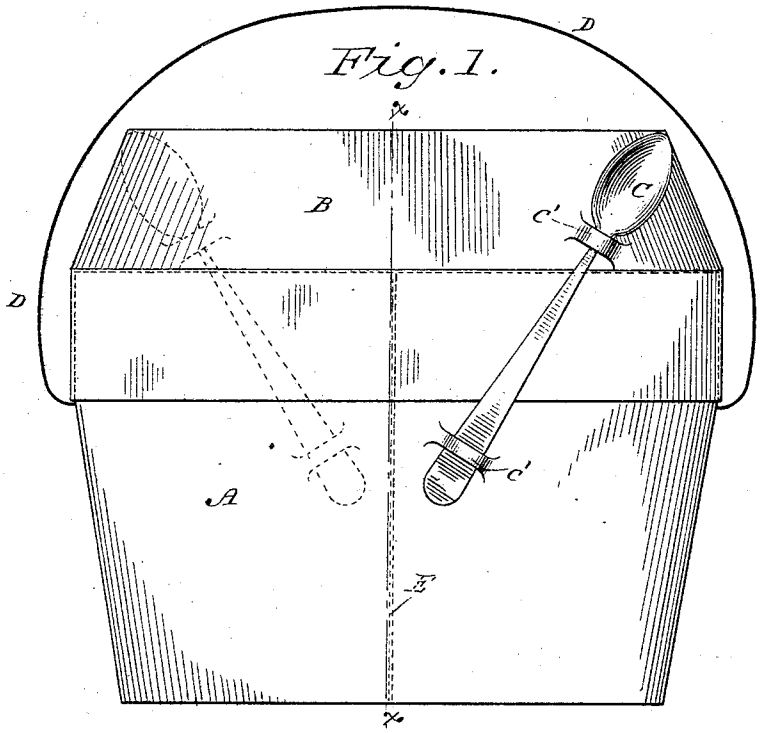
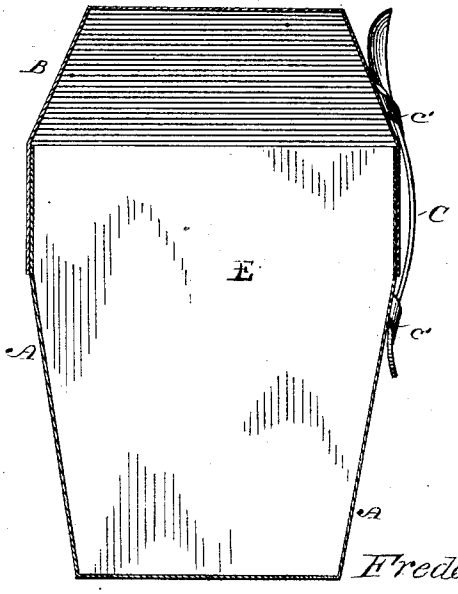


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, F. W. CROCKER, of Macedon, Wayne county, State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Ice-Cream Boxes, of which the following is a specification.

Ice-cream boxes as heretofore made have been inadequate, for the reason that it has always become necessary, in order to eat the cream, to go to the trouble and extra expense of procuring plates to be washed and put away.

It is the object of my invention to avoid this unnecessary trouble and expense by manufacturing a box of the ordinary heavy paper commonly used in such boxes, and attaching thereto or forming out of the body material small catches or loops of sufficient stiffness to hold a spoon, the box being provided with a deep cover, which can be used in lieu of a plate. In case of sufficient cream for two, the same can be divided and one can eat from the cover and the other eat from the body of the box. Said box may have, in case of quart-boxes, a partition, so as to be used for two kinds of cream. The partition need not be used in pint-boxes unless desired. In the quart-box the partition is made so as to fit the inside of the box snugly and be capable of being shoved up against one end of the box, so that it will not be in the way when the boxes are nested for shipping; and in case it is desired to use the box for two kinds of cream it can be quickly shoved to the center of the box by the dealer.

The spoon can be made of papier-maché or other inexpensive material, and can be placed in the inside of the box for the purpose of transportation, and upon the box being filled by the dealer, can be taken out and placed in the catches or loops. Said catches or means of attachment can be placed upon opposite sides or opposite ends of the box and cover—one pair on each side or end. In each pair of clips is to be placed one spoon, the spoon being put in bowl upward, so as to hold on the cover and prevent any accidental displacement of the same. After using the box and spoon, the same can be thrown away, thereby avoiding any further trouble.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a plan view of the box closed. Fig. 2 is a vertical section on line *x x*, Fig. 1.

A is the box proper, which is made of frustum shape so as to be nested. B is the cover, made similar in shape and for the same purpose as the body—namely, nesting—and sufficiently deep to be used in the manner hereinbefore mentioned. C is the spoon. C′ C′ are the catches or loops, so placed upon the body and cover of the box as to hold, in connection with the spoon, said body and cover together, as described. D is the handle, made of ribbon or any other inexpensive material, and attached to the body of the box below the point where the cover comes when on. E is the partition, which is made of heavy paper and used as described.

The same invention can be applied to oyster-boxes by attaching a papier-maché fork or a fork of other cheap material in substantially the same manner, in which case the partition would not be needed.

What I claim is—

1. An ice-cream box composed of the body or base A, cover B, handle D, and catches or loops C′ C′, for the purpose shown and described.

2. In combination with an ice-cream box composed of the body or base A, cover B, handle D, catches or loops C′ C′, the papier-maché spoon, substantially as shown and described.

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