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OYSTER RECEPTACLE.

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Fig. 1.

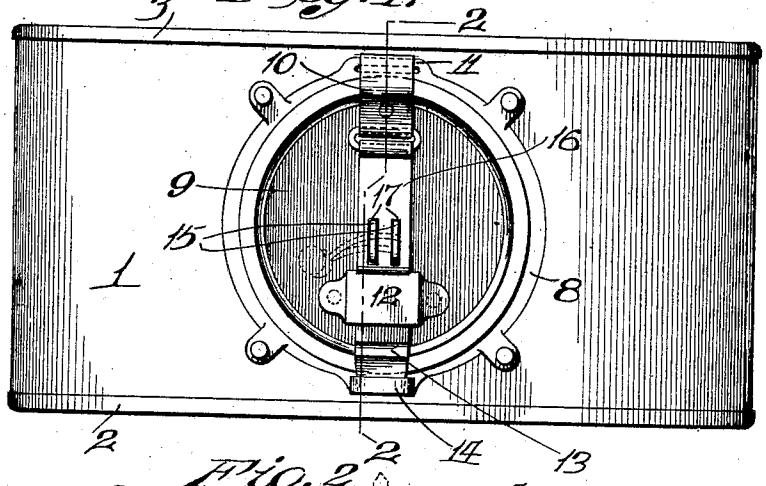


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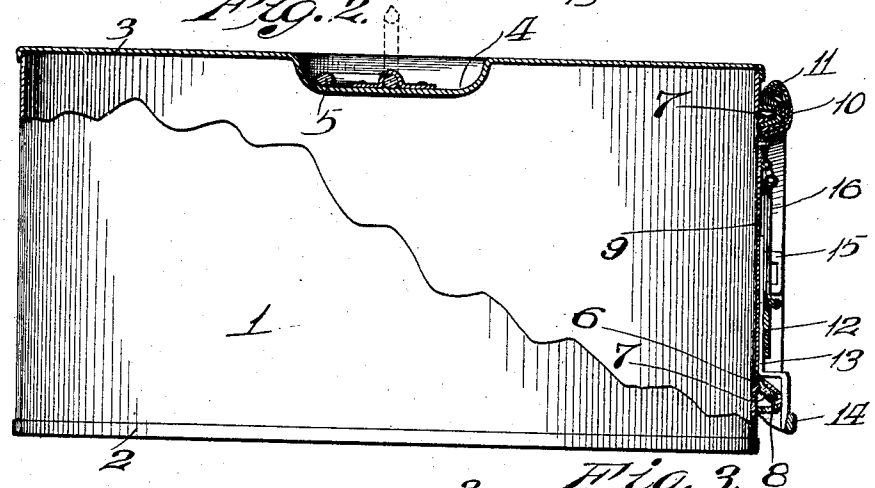


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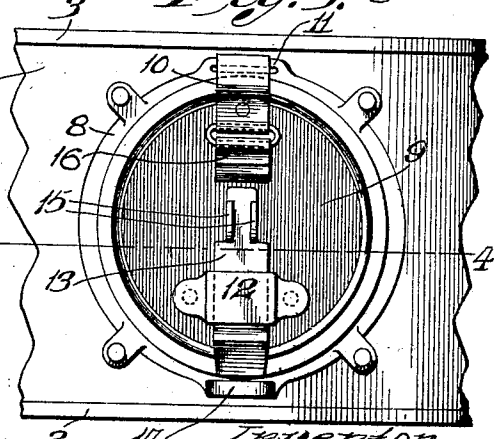
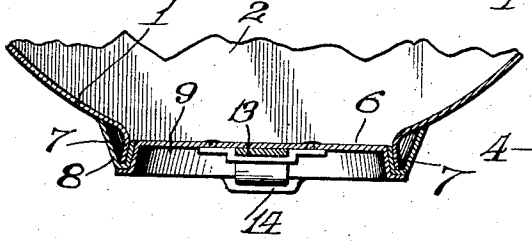


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ROBERT C. BENDER, a citizen of the United States, and resident of St. Louis, Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Oyster-Receptacles, of which the following is a specification containing a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part hereof.

My invention relates to an oyster receptacle or a container, which is adapted to receive bulk oysters, and the like, which are shipped in various forms of carriers, and the principal object of my invention is to provide a simple, inexpensive receptacle, the door or opening of which is formed in the side, thus permitting the receptacles to be readily packed one on top of the other within the carrier, and also providing means whereby the contents of the receptacles may be readily inspected by customers or buyers.

To the above purposes, my invention consists in certain novel features of construction and arrangement of parts, which will be hereinafter more fully set forth, pointed out in the claims, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1 is a side elevation of a receptacle of my improved construction; Fig. 2 is a vertical section taken on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1; Fig. 3 is an elevation of a portion of my improved receptacle, showing the door thereof unlatched and ready to be opened; and Fig. 4 is a horizontal section taken on the line 4—4 of Fig. 3.

In the construction of my improved receptacle, I make use of a cylindrical body 1, constructed of suitable sheet metal, and said body being provided with a bottom 2 and top 3, the latter having a depression 4 formed at its center, and in which depression is pivotally mounted a handle 5, which provides means for lifting and carrying the receptacle.

The door opening 6 for the receptacle is formed in the cylindrical body 1, and the edge 7 of the material forming said body around said opening 6 is bent or flanged outward and occupies a hollow ring 8, preferably constructed of cast metal, said ring being rigidly fixed in any suitable manner to the body 1.

9 designates a circular plate, which forms the door of the receptacle, and which plate is formed to fit snugly within the ring 8, and fixed to the top of said plate and extending upward therethrough is a metal strap 10, which is hinged to a loop 11, formed integral with the top of the ring 8.

Fixed in any suitable manner to the front face and lower portion of the plate 9 is a keeper 12, in which is arranged to slide a vertically disposed latch 13, the lower end of which is adapted to engage through a loop 14 formed integral with the bottom of the ring 8, and formed integral with the upper end of the latch 13 is a pair of vertically disposed perforated ears 15.

Hinged in any suitable manner to the lower end of the strap 10 is a hasp 16, provided in its lower end with a pair of slots 17, which latter are adapted to receive the pair of ears 15 when the latch 13 is closed, and said hasp 16 is swung downward into a vertical position. When the hasp is swung downward to engage the ears 15, the lower end of the latch 13 engages through the loop 14, thus holding the door formed by the plate 9 tightly closed within the ring 8, and when the door is thus closed it is sealed by means of a sealing wire, or the like, which passes through the perforated ears 15 outside the hasp 16, as shown by dotted lines in Fig. 1. The door is opened by swinging the hasp 16 upward and moving the latch 13 vertically, so as to disengage the lower end thereof from the loop 14.

In shipping oysters and the like, the cylindrical receptacles are packed one on top of the other, and during shipment or storage the oysters gravitate to the lower portion of the receptacles, and the liquor in which said oysters are shipped rises to the top of the receptacles, and when the doors in the tops of said receptacles are opened in order to inspect the oysters, nothing but the liquor is seen without stirring up the contents of each receptacle, which operation consumes considerable time where a large number of receptacles are to be inspected, and this objectionable feature is entirely done away with where receptacles of my improved construction are used, inasmuch as said receptacles are turned on their sides in order to bring the doors uppermost in position to be opened, and this movement necessarily agitates and stirs up the contents of said receptacles, and therefore the contents are in proper condition for inspection as soon as the door is opened.

By locating the door in the side of the

receptacle the contents of said receptacle will drain more readily than where said door is located in the flat top of the receptacle.

A receptacle of my improved construction is simple, inexpensive, and of special convenience in connection with carriers particularly intended for shipping oysters, and the like.

I claim:

1. A receptacle of the class described, comprising a cylindrical body in the side of which is formed an opening, a reinforcing ring fixed to the body around said opening, a plate hinged to the ring and adapted to fit in said ring to close the door opening, a latch arranged to slide on the door and to engage a portion of the ring when the door is closed, and a hasp hinged to the door and adapted to engage a portion of the latch when the same is closed.

2. An oyster receptacle, comprising a cylindrical body, there being an opening formed in the side thereof, and the edge of the metal forming said receptacle being bent outward around the opening, a ring fixed to the body of the receptacle and inclosing the outwardly bent edge, a plate hinged to the ring and forming a door for the opening in the body of the receptacle, a sliding latch arranged on the plate, and a hasp hinged to the plate and adapted to engage a portion of the latch when the receptacle is closed.

3. An oyster shipping receptacle, comprising a cylindrical body, the ends of which are flat and imperforate, there being a circular opening formed in the side wall of the body, a reinforcing ring rigidly fixed on the body around said opening, a flange integral with the ring and projecting through the opening in the body, and a plate hinged to the ring and adapted to fit snugly against the flange of said ring to normally close the opening in the body.

In witness whereof, I have signed my name to this specification, in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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