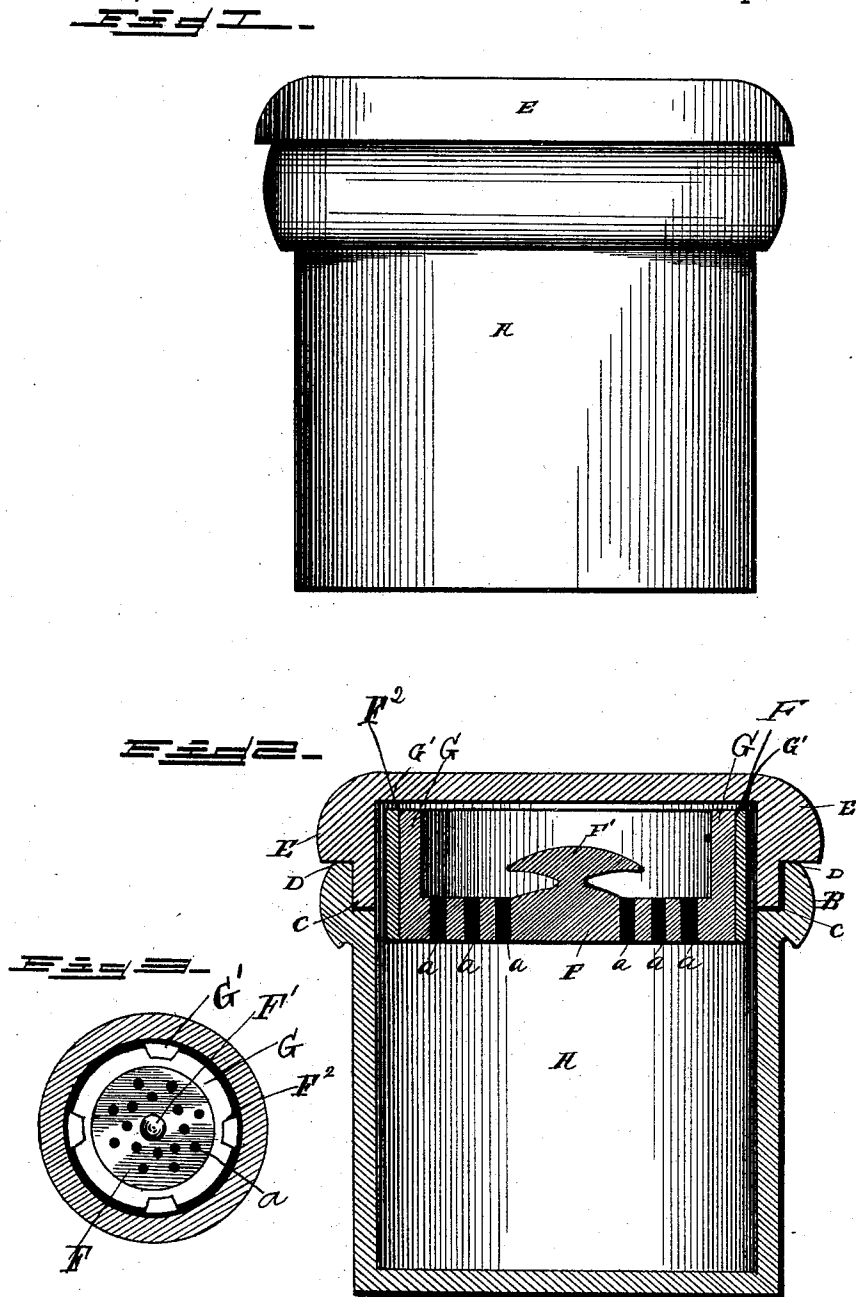


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LARON S. HENDRIX, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Gardner, in the county of Worcester and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Butter-Jars, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

My invention pertains to an improvement in butter-jars; and it consists in the peculiar structure, combination, and arrangement of the parts, substantially as shown, and for the purpose described.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a side elevation of my butter-jar. Fig. 2 is a sectional elevation thereof. Fig. 3 is a partly plan view and partly sectional view of the same.

In constructing my butter-jar my object has been not only to produce an unusually convenient receptacle for butter, but one comprising improvements for its preservation.

In accomplishing these objects I construct a stone jar A, terminating at top in the enlargement B, wherein is provided the lid-recess C and shoulder D, the said recess and shoulder being adapted as to contour for reception of the coincident parts of lid E, forming a tight joint impenetrable to atmosphere and preventing slopping.

The sinker and compressor F is of circular or disk shape, formed a few times smaller than the inner periphery of the jar and having a flat-headed knob F' integral therewith and projecting vertically and centrally upward therefrom. Sinker and compressor F is also provided with a series of vertical apertures *a a*. Thus constructed, physical or

other pressure may be employed in pressing down the butter into a compact mass, the apertures in the sinker and compressor admitting the escape of air and brine as the butter is compressed, and thus preventing deterioration of the butter by access of atmospheric air, while the brine covering the butter also serves as an auxiliary in accomplishing this purpose. Sinker and compressor F is also provided with vertical rim G, and has formed in the periphery of said rim four dovetail recesses F², equally spaced apart for reception of strips of wood G', which prevent movement of the compressor during transportation.

It will be observed that the lid projects horizontally a short distance beyond the enlargement in the upper part of the jar, and thus affords finger-grips for lifting or otherwise handling it.

My butter-jar may be made not only as a stone jar, as aforesaid, but of any other suitable material.

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

In a butter-jar, the combined sinker and compressor provided with a vertically-projecting rim having strips interspaced upon and projecting from the rim, and with a knob interiorly of said rim, the sinker having in its bottom a series of apertures or perforations, substantially as set forth.

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

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