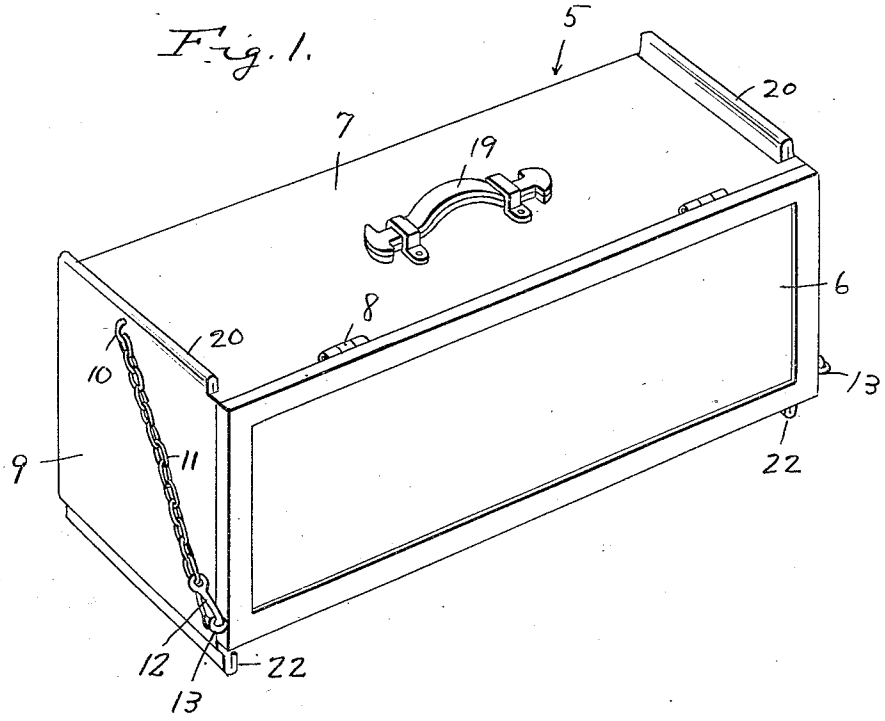
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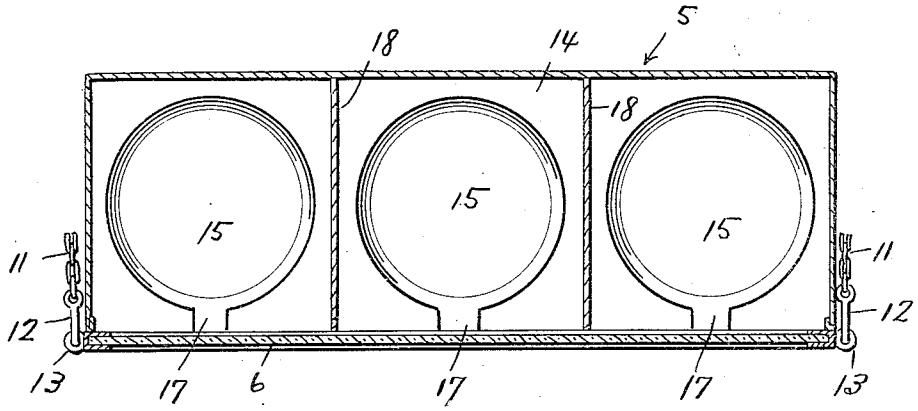


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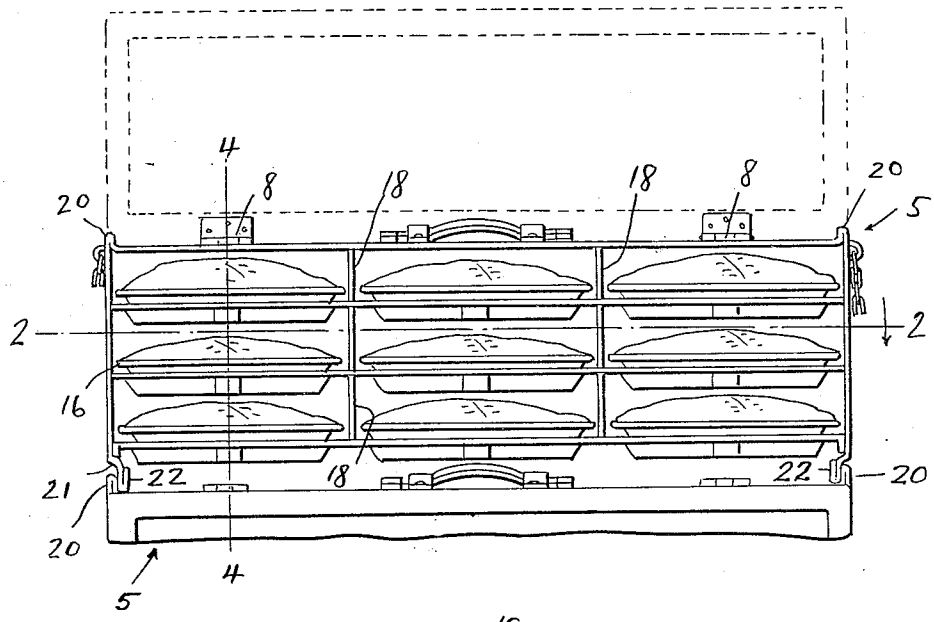
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Fig. 3.



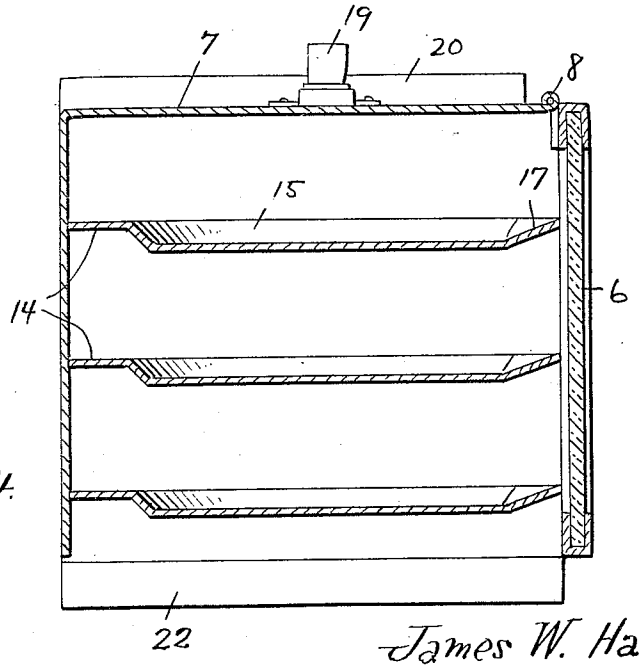


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This invention relates to a device useful for carrying articles, and for displaying articles carried therein, the primary object of the invention being to provide a combined carrier and display case especially adapted for carrying and displaying pastry, such as pies and the like.

A still further object of the invention is to provide a device of the type above mentioned which will afford a dustproof container or casing for accommodating the pies or the like and to insure the pies or like commodities kept therein being in a thoroughly sanitary state.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will become apparent from a study of the following description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings wherein:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the combined carrier and display case.

Figure 2 is a longitudinal sectional view therethrough taken substantially on the line 2—2 of Figure 3.

Figure 3 is an elevational view, the closure or door of the case being shown in broken lines as swung to an open position, the illustration further showing the manner of arranging and supporting a plurality of the casings disposed one upon the other.

Figure 4 is a vertical transverse sectional view taken substantially on the line 4—4 of Figure 3.

With reference more in detail to the drawings, it will be seen that the combined carrier and casing comprises a substantially box like casing designated generally by the reference character 5, the casing being elongated, and open on one side thereof. For the open side of the casing there is provided a closure or door 6, the same being hinged to the top wall 7 of casing as at 8. The door 6 comprises a suitable frame structure within which is mounted a transparent panel such as glass so that the contents of the casing may be readily viewed when the door or closure 6 is in a closed condition.

Each end wall 9 of the casing has secured thereto as at 10 one end of a chain 11. Chains 11 at their free ends are provided with suitable fastening devices 12 for engagement with eyes 13 provided on door 6 for retaining the door in closed condition.

Interiorly of the casing 7 and supported between the end walls 9 of the casing are vertically spaced shelves 14. Each of the shelves 14 is provided with one or more depressions 15 of a suitable depth and shape for accommodating pie tins or the like 16.

Adjacent each depression 15, each shelf 14 is provided with an indenture 17 so as to facilitate removal of a pie 10 from its depression 15 either by the fingers, a knife or any other suitable tool.

The shelves 14 are braced with respect to one another through the medium of vertical transverse partitions 18.

Suitably secured to the top wall 7 of the casing is a suitable handle 19 to facilitate the carrying of the casing. Each end wall 9 at the top of the casing is extended upwardly and then bent upon itself to provide a transverse rib 20. At the bottom of the casing, each end wall 9 is extended below the bottom of the casing and offset inwardly as at 21, the offset portion being bent upon itself to provide a reinforced rib 22 extending transversely of the casing.

It will be seen that when two or more casings are disposed one above the other ribs 22 of the uppermost casing are supported on the top wall 7 of the lower casing to contact the inner faces of the ribs 20 provided at the top of the lower casing whereby the uppermost casing will be supported and retained against longitudinal movement relative to the lowermost casing. Thus two or more casings arranged one above the other may be utilized as a show case when desired.

When the casing is used as a carrier, for carrying pies or the like from one place to another, it will be seen that the tins for the pies being placed within the depression 15 will be suitably supported and arranged within the casing against casual displacement so that the casing may be carried about without danger of the pies shifting their position, thus insuring the pies being kept from crowding one another resulting in dam-

age and otherwise rendering the pies unsalable.

Even though I have herein shown and described the preferred embodiment of the invention, it is to be understood that the same is susceptible of changes, modifications and improvements coming within the scope of the appended claim.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new is:

A shelf provided with a depression for receiving a pie plate, and an indenture extending inwardly from one edge of the shelf, and having an inclined bottom merging with the bottom of the depression, said indenture constituting a knife guide whereby an end of the knife will be guided downwardly and inwardly to engage the under side of the pie plate to thereby raise the pie plate upon rotation of the blade with the edge of the shelf acting as a fulcrum for the blade.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

JAMES W. HARBISON.