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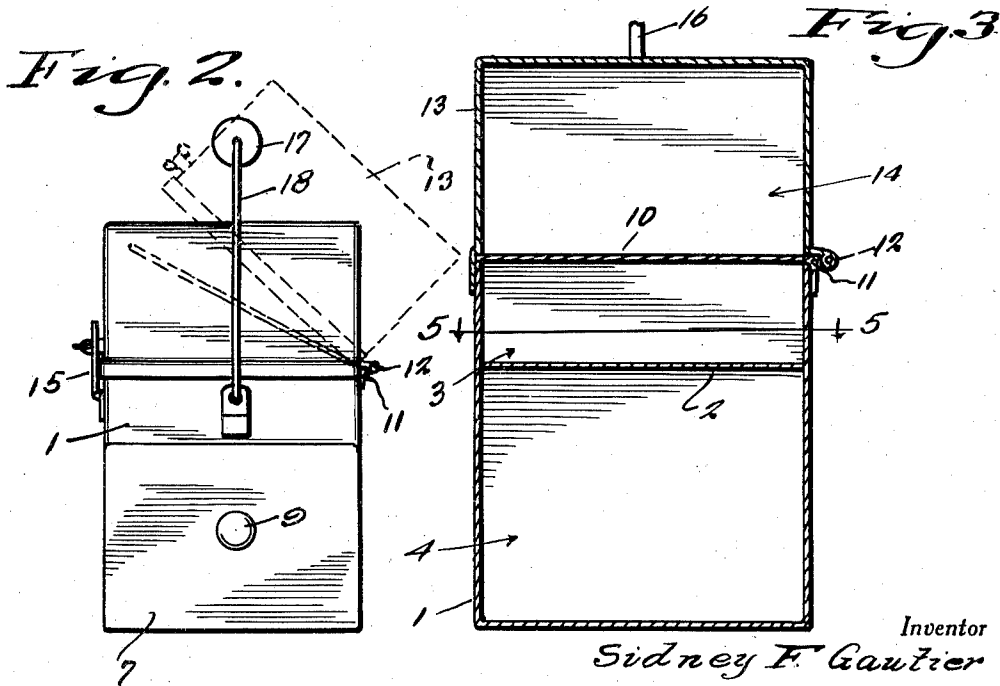
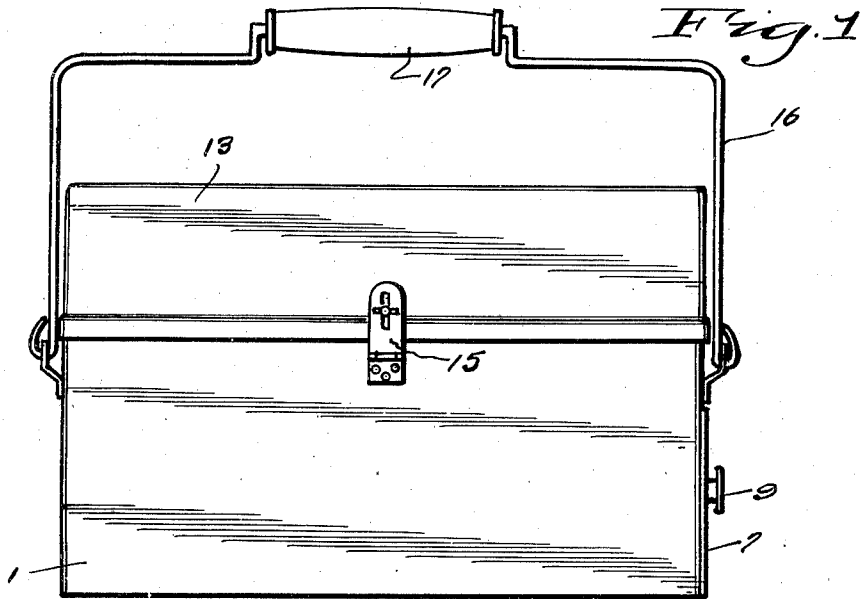
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*Fig. 4.*

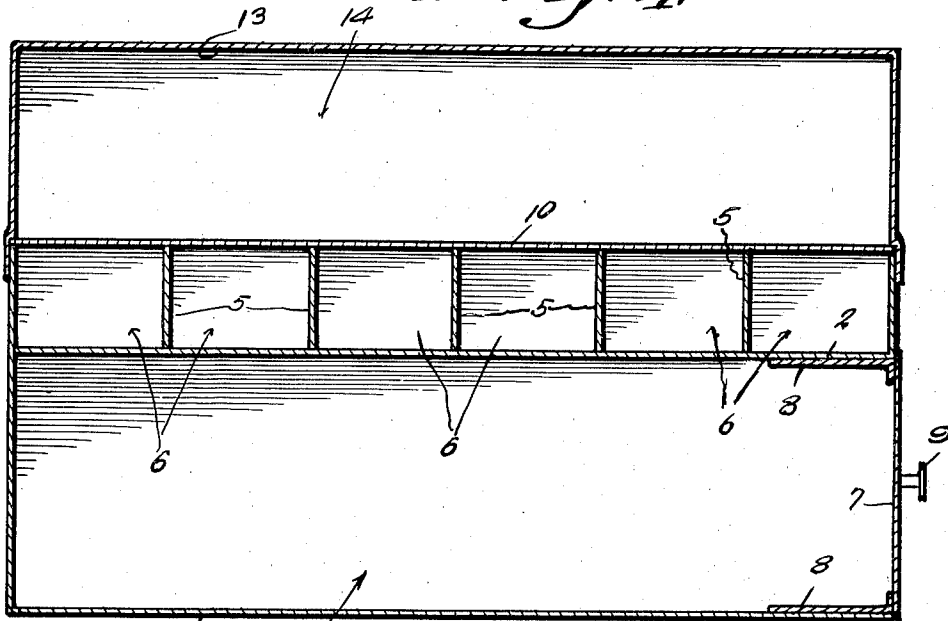


*Fig. 5.*

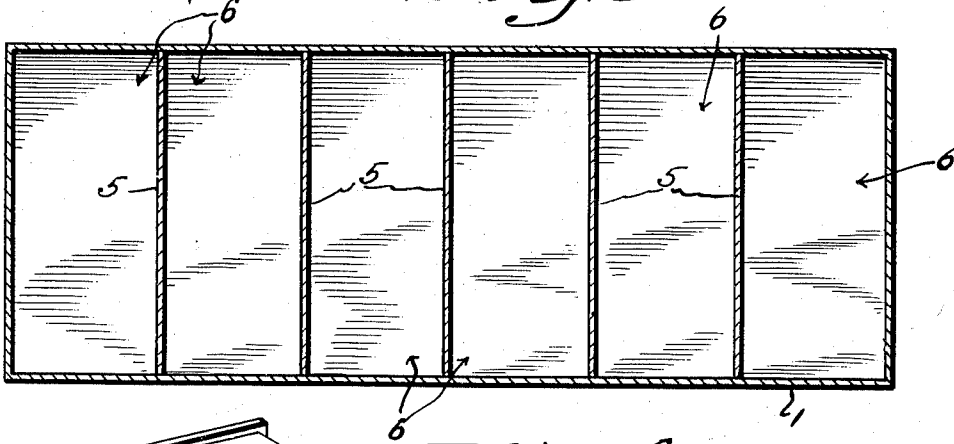
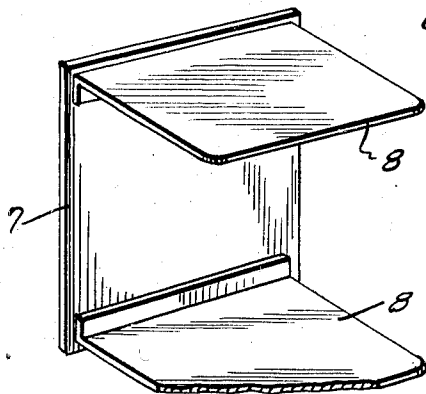


*Fig. 6.*



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## 1 Claim. (Cl. 220—20)

The present invention relates to new and useful improvements in lunch containers and has for its primary object to provide, in a manner as hereinafter set forth, a device of this character comprising a large number of compartments of a novel construction and arrangement for the reception of different foods.

Other objects of the invention are to provide a lunch container of the aforementioned character which will be comparatively simple in construction, strong, durable, sanitary, compact, light in weight, attractive in appearance and which may be manufactured at low cost.

All of the foregoing and still further objects and advantages of the invention will become apparent from a study of the following specification, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings wherein like characters of reference designate corresponding parts throughout the several views, and wherein:

Figure 1 is a view in front elevation of an embodiment of the invention.

Figure 2 is a view in end elevation of the device.

Figure 3 is a cross sectional view through the invention.

Figure 4 is a view in vertical longitudinal section through the device.

Figure 5 is a view in horizontal section, taken substantially on the line 5—5 of Fig. 3.

Figure 6 is a detail view in perspective of the closure for the lower compartment.

Referring now to the drawings in detail, it will be seen that the embodiment of the invention which has been illustrated comprises a rectangular box 1 of suitable dimensions and material, preferably metal. The box 1 is open at its top and fixed in an upper portion thereof is a horizontal metallic partition 2 dividing said box into upper and lower compartments 3 and 4, respectively.

The upper compartment 3 is subdivided by a plurality of vertical partitions 5 in a manner to provide a series of comparatively small compartments 6 (see Fig. 5) for the reception of different articles of food. The lower compartment 4 is of a size to accommodate a loaf of bread and said lower compartment is open at one end. A removable closure in the form of a metallic plate 7 is provided for the open end of the compartment 4. Projecting from the plate 7 are resilient flanges 8 which are engageable with the top and bottom of the compartment 4 for frictionally securing said plate 7 in position. A suitable handle 9 is provided on the plate 7.

The reference numeral 10 designates a metallic cover for the small compartments 6 which is hingedly mounted on the rear wall of the box

1, as at 11. Also hingedly mounted, as at 12, on the upper rear portion of the box 1 is a cover 13 which is formed to provide a compartment 14. When the cover 13 is in closed position, as seen in Fig. 3 of the drawings, the cover 10 constitutes the bottom of the compartment 14. A suitable latch or the like 15 is provided for releasably securing the cover 13 in closed position. When closed, the cover 13 rests on the cover 10 (see Fig. 3) in a manner to secure said cover 10 in closed position on the box 1. A carrying bale 16 is pivotally connected to the ends of the box 1, said bale being provided with a suitable handle 17.

In use, a loaf of bread, either sliced or unsliced, may be conveniently placed in the lower compartment 4 by simply removing the closure 7. By simply opening the covers 10 and 13, access may be had to the compartments 6 and 14. The construction and arrangement is such that the various foods in the different compartments are substantially sealed from each other.

It is believed that the many advantages of a lunch container constructed in accordance with the present invention will be readily understood and although a preferred embodiment of the device is as illustrated and described, it is to be understood that changes in the details of construction and in the combination and arrangement of parts may be resorted to which will fall within the scope of the invention as claimed.

What is claimed is:

A lunch container of the class described comprising a box open at its top, a horizontal partition fixed in the box at an intermediate point providing a compartment in the lower portion of said box, said compartment being open at one end, a closure for the open end of the compartment comprising a plate engageable with the box and resilient flanges projecting inwardly from said plate and frictionally engageable with the top and bottom of the compartment, a plurality of vertical partitions in the upper portion of the box providing a series of comparatively small compartments above the horizontal partition, a cover for the second named compartments hingedly mounted on the box, a second cover, formed to provide a compartment, hingedly mounted on the box and, when in closed position, resting on the first named cover for securing said first named cover in closed position, the first named cover constituting the bottom of the third named compartment when the covers are in closed position, and means for releasably securing the second named cover in closed position on the box.

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