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EGG CARTON.

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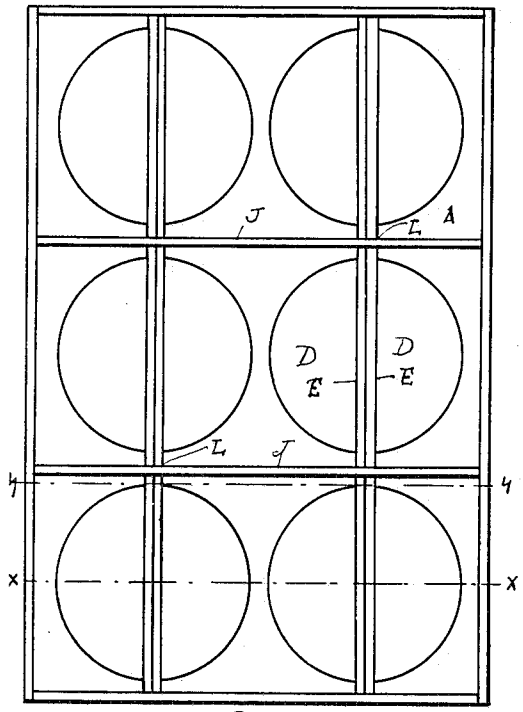



Fig. 1.

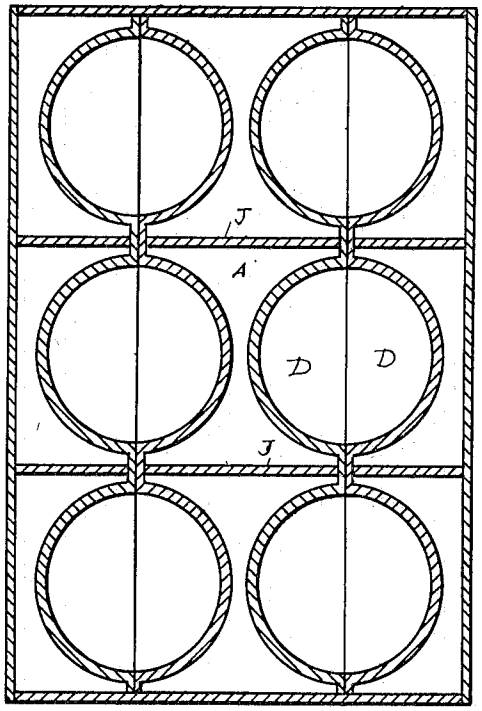



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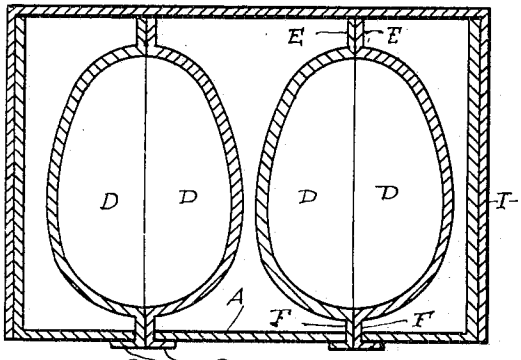



Fig 2.

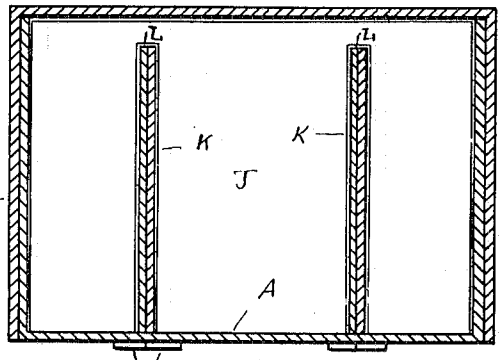



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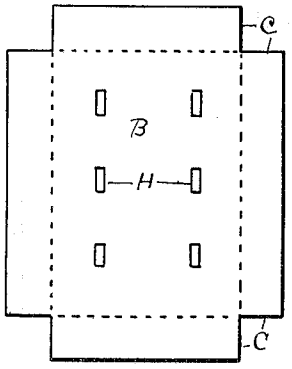



Fig. 3.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, EDWARD M. LAWRENCE, a citizen of the United States, and resident of Lubec, in the county of Washington and State of Maine, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Egg-Cartons, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in egg cartons designed specially for use in parcel post. Its object is to provide a carton which may be cheaply constructed, conveniently filled and in which the eggs are not liable to be broken in transportation.

In the drawing herewith accompanying and making a part of this application, Figure 1 is a plan view of the carton with the cover removed; Fig. 2 is a transverse vertical sectional view of a complete carton taken on a line corresponding with the line *x*—*x* Fig. 1; Fig. 3 is a plan view of the blank from which the body of the carton case is formed; Fig. 4 is a vertical transverse sectional view of a complete carton taken on a line corresponding with the line *y*—*y*, Fig. 1, and Fig. 5 is a horizontal section of Fig. 1 taken on a line midway between the top and bottom thereof.

Same reference characters indicate like parts in the several figures.

In the drawing A is a case of suitable dimension formed of cardboard or other suitable substance, from a blank B having substantially the form shown in Fig. 3, the sides and end of the box being formed by the upturning of the parts. The vertical corners C are unattached. Secured to the bottom of the case are egg holders in pairs, provided with registering egg receiving cells D formed therein spaced apart from the top and bottom edges thereof. The tops E and bottoms F of each pair are adapted to bear against each other and are of sufficient extent to support the cell portions away from the top and bottom of the carton to protect the egg in the cell from jar on the top and bottom of the carton. The holders may be formed of slightly resilient material and the bottom edges are flexible and attached to the bottom of the case in any convenient manner as by tongues G formed integral with the holders and inserted through slots H in the bottom of the case, as seen in Fig. 2. The carton case may have any desired cover I which may telescope, as seen in Figs. 2 and 4. To protect the carton from lateral pressure midway the ends, struts J may be placed in the carton between adjacent cells, said struts being provided with recesses K which permit the struts to straddle the holders, and the tops being provided with recesses L, as seen in Fig. 4, the ends of the struts engage the sides of the case. Each egg cell may be separate or a series of cells may be formed in a holder. The cells may be lined with elastic material, long fiber felt or other equivalent material which will stretch somewhat to admit the egg and hold it suspended so that it will not touch the walls of the cell proper.

To load the carton, separate each pair of holders and place the eggs in the cells. When the eggs are in the cells, place the struts in position and bring the sides and ends of the case into vertical position and place the cover thereon. The cells may be formed in the holders by dies or molds and any holders which are attached to the case and are separable at the top without being removed therefrom are within the spirit and scope of my invention.

Having thus described my invention and its use, I claim:

1. An egg carton comprising a case having its sides and ends adapted to open outwardly and vertically positioned two-part egg holders having their lower edges secured to the bottom of the case and having their upper edges adapted to separate to admit the eggs.

2. An egg carton comprising a case having a bottom, and side and end flaps formed integral with the bottom and adapted to open outwardly, and vertically positioned two-part egg holders having their lower edges attached to the bottom of the case and adapted to open outwardly at the top to admit the eggs.

3. An egg carton comprising a case having a bottom, and side and end flaps adapted to open outwardly, the bottom of said case being provided with slits, and two-part egg holders adapted to separate at the top to ad-

mit the eggs and provided at the bottom with tongues adapted to interlock in said slits.

4. An egg carton comprising a case having sides and ends adapted to open outwardly and provided with two-part egg holders pivotally attached to the bottom of the case and adapted to separate at the top to admit the eggs.

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