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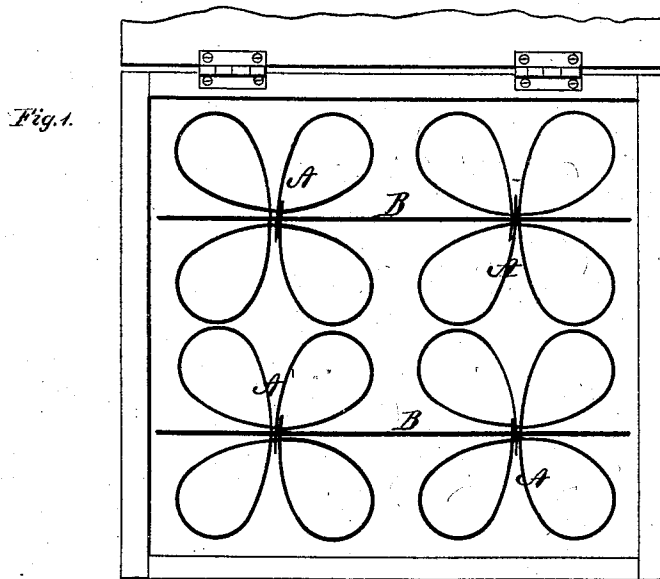
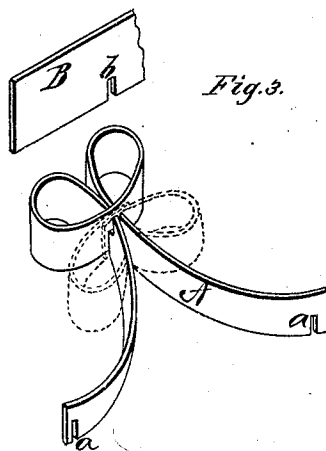
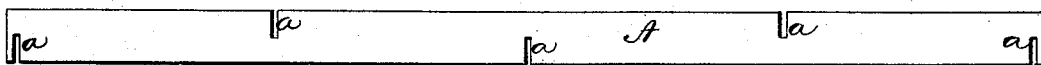


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN EGG-CARRIERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WM. A. LAVERTY, of Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and in the State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Egg-Carriers; and do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings and to the letters of reference marked thereon, making a part of this specification.

The nature of my invention consists in the construction and arrangement of an egg-carrier, as will be hereinafter more fully set forth.

In order to enable others skilled in the art to which my invention appertains to make and use the same, I will now proceed to describe its construction and operation, referring to the annexed drawing, in which—

Figure 1 is a plan view, showing one layer of pockets. Fig. 2 shows one of the strips of which the pockets are made, and Fig. 3 shows how said strips are put together.

A represents a strip of pasteboard, of suitable length, to form four pockets. This strip need not necessarily be of pasteboard, but may be made of paper, rubber, thin sheet metal, or any other suitable material that will answer the purpose. In the strip A are made five slots, *a a*, extending half the width of the strip; one of these slots is in the center and one near each end, extending all from the same edge inward, while the remaining two slots are from the opposite edge inward and midway between the former slots, as shown in Fig. 2. One, two, or more of these strips A are used in connection with another strip, B, of pasteboard or other suitable material, which is provided with one short slot, *b*, extending upward from the lower edge, for each

of the strips A used. Each strip A is then bent and interlaced, in the manner shown in Fig. 3, or in any other suitable manner, to form four pockets. The strip B is then passed down over said pockets, the slot *b* passing over parts of the strips A so as to leave two pockets on each side of the strip B. The pockets thus formed are made nearly round, conforming to the shape of the egg, and they are about one-half the depth of the egg so that the eggs are exposed to view and can be more easily handled and removed. The strip B is so much higher than the pockets that the tray above will rest upon said strips and not touch the eggs, thus preventing breakage. The strips B also extend beyond the pockets at the ends, thereby protecting the pockets from striking the ends of the box.

The advantages of this egg-carrier are mainly as follows: A part of the egg is exposed when packed in the pockets; it is simple and easy of construction; possesses great durability, and is light and cheap. The pockets can be taken apart and packed by strips in a small space for shipment.

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

The strip A, slotted as described, and bent and interlaced to form four pockets, in combination with the straight strip B, substantially as and for the purposes herein set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 20th day of June, 1873.

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