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EGG CRATE.

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Fig. 1.

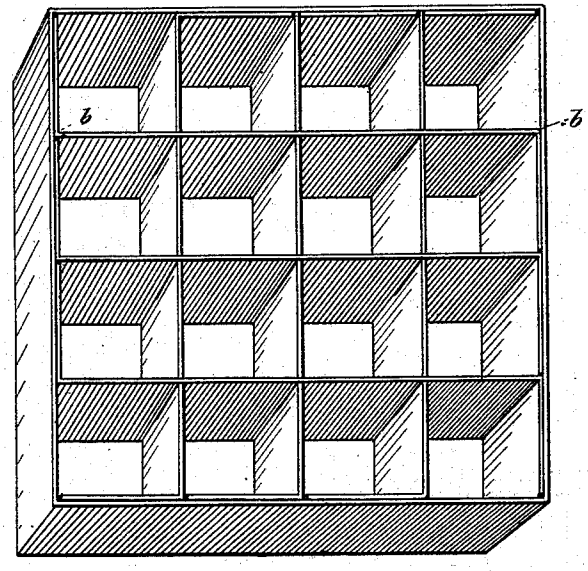


Fig. 2.

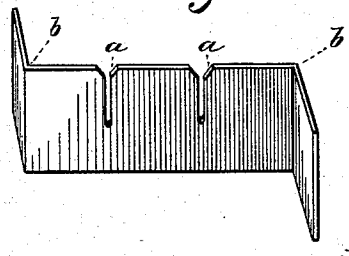


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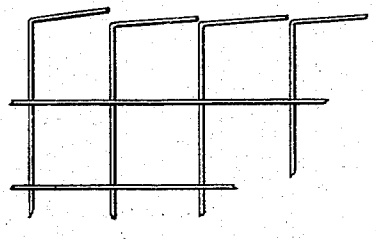
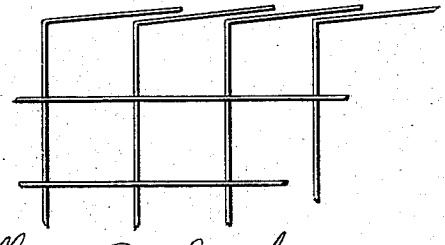


Fig. 4.



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EGG-CRATE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM O. SMITH, of Orwell, in the county of Ashtabula and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Egg-Crates; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it pertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to an improvement in egg-crates; and it consists of certain features of construction and combination of parts, as will hereinafter be described, and pointed out in the claim.

The object of my invention is to produce an improved egg-crate of the type wherein the strips forming the cells are arranged to cross and interlock with each other.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a view in perspective of an egg-crate embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a detached view of a portion of one of the strips. Figs. 3 and 4 show different ways of constructing the cells of the crate.

The body of the crate is made of two series of strips cut half-way and interlocked in the usual manner. The corners *a* are clipped off, as shown in Fig. 2, to facilitate the assemblage and interlocking of the strips, and the ends *b* are bent at right angles to the strips and constitute the side walls of the cells. In Fig. 3 these flaps are shown as extending just across their respective cells, and by attaching them to an outside band, as shown in Fig. 1, a simple and substantial crate is formed. These flaps, however, may be made longer, so as to extend beyond their respective cells and overlap each other, as shown in Fig. 4, in which case the flaps may be attached to each other. These attachments of the flaps to each other or to an outside band may be made by gluing, pasting, riveting, or in any desired manner.

What I claim is—

An egg-crate consisting of interlocking strips having their ends bent at right angles to their length and a band or strip encircling the bent ends to form the outer wall of the crate, substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I sign this specification, in the presence of two witnesses, this 20th day of February, 1883.

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