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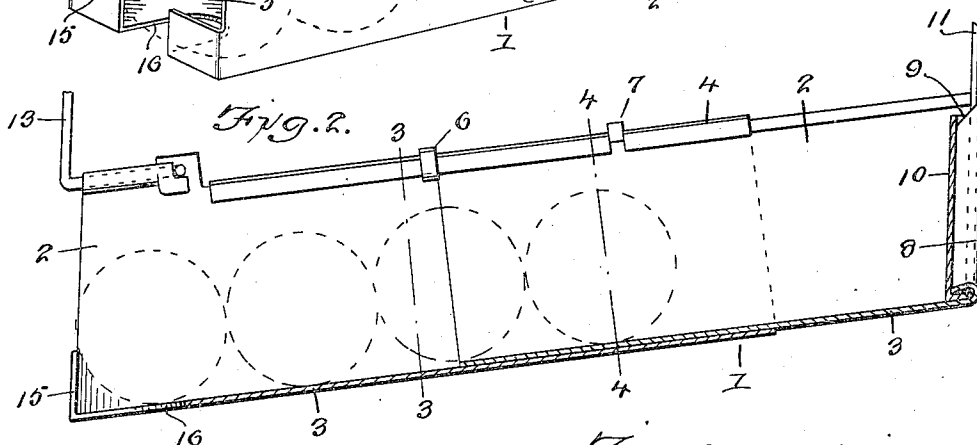
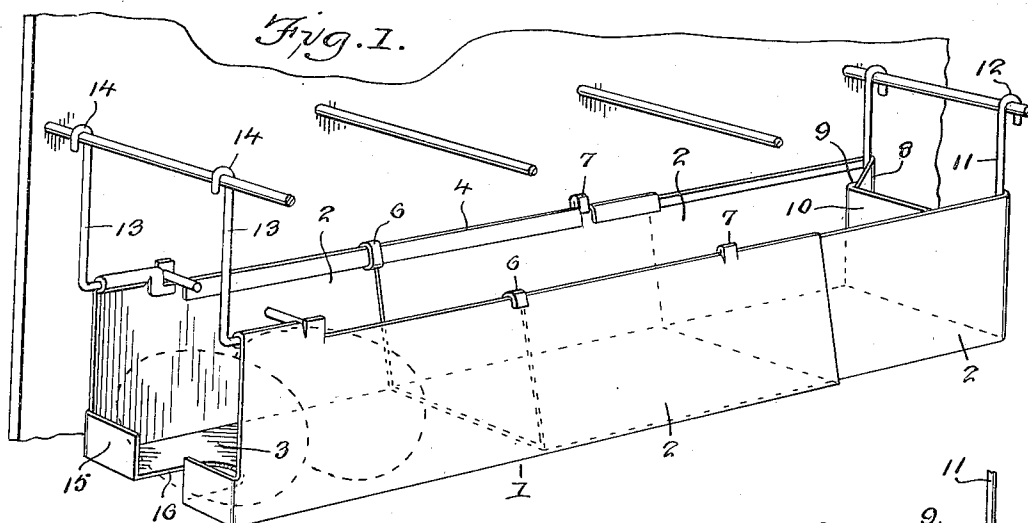
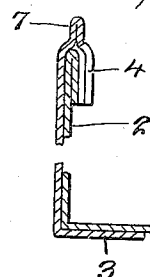
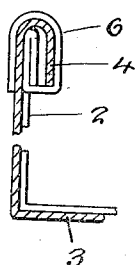
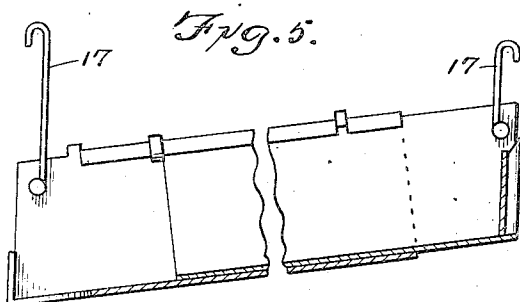


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This invention relates to containers for eggs and more particularly to a rack readily mountable in a refrigerator or like device for supporting a number of eggs in such a manner that the eggs may be quickly and conveniently obtained one at a time and which will protect the eggs against breakage and may be readily removed into an extremely compact device when not in use so storage thereof will require only a limited space and which also facilitates shipment of such devices in large numbers.

With these and other objects in view, this invention consists in certain novel features of construction, combination and arrangement of parts to be hereinafter more fully described and claimed.

For a complete understanding of my invention, reference is to be had to the following description and accompanying drawing, in which Figure 1 is a perspective view showing a rack adapted to a refrigerator shelf and constructed in accordance with my invention.

Figure 2 is a longitudinal sectional view illustrating the latter.

Figure 3 is a transverse sectional view taken on the line 3-3 of Figure 2.

Figure 4 is a transverse sectional view taken on the line 4-4 of Figure 2.

Figure 5 is a view similar to Figure 2, showing the modified form of my invention.

Referring in detail to the drawing, the numeral 1 indicates a rack in the form of a trough including side walls 2 and a bottom 3. The trough is composed of telescopic sections whereby the length of the rack may be varied. One of the sections at its upper edges is provided with flanges 4 to slidably receive the other section and the latter-named section has formed thereon hooks 6 which engage over the flanges 4 and operate between stops 7 for limiting the sliding movement of the sections of the trough relative to each other. One end of the trough has inwardly extending flanges 8 formed thereon and which engage with flanges 9 formed on a removable end wall 10. The flanges 8 also support to the rack a substantially U-shaped hanger 11, the ends of which are bent to form hooks 12 adapted to engage over a bar of a refrigerator shelf. After the removal of the end plate 10 the hanger 11 may be folded down into the rack. The side

walls 2 of the trough, adjacent the end opposite to the end wall 10, have journaled thereto supporting elements 13 terminating in hooks 14 to engage over a bar of the refrigerator shelf. The supporting members 13 are of a greater length than the supporting member 11 so that the rack will be disposed at a desired inclination and the lowermost end of the rack has formed thereon spaced flanges 15 to act as stops for preventing eggs positioned on the rack from passing therefrom by gravitation. Said last-named end of the rack is equipped with a slot 16 to permit a person to readily obtain a grip on the under side of an egg as well as the upper side for facilitating the removal of the egg from the rack. The supporting members 13 being journaled to the rack may be folded upon each other within the rack when desired and the sections of the rack may be moved towards each other and thereby provide a very compact device which may be stored in a limited space or may be readily shipped.

Referring to my modified form of invention, supporting members 17 are pivoted to the rack adjacent each end and the supporting members of one end are shorter than the members of the other end for the purpose of supporting the rack in an inclined position when adapted to a refrigerator shelf or like device.

Having described the invention, I claim:

1. An egg container comprising a trough-like rack having side walls, supporting means at one end of the rack, a pair of supporting members slidably and pivotally mounted on the rack at its opposite end, and a stop carried by each side wall, each supporting member having a portion disposed at substantially right angles to the side walls of the rack and engaged by said stops when the members are in supporting position and adapted to be slid clear of said stops to permit folding of the members to inoperative position.

2. An egg container comprising a trough-like rack having side walls and a bottom, a pair of opposed inwardly extending flanges on said side walls at one end thereof, a removable end wall engaging said flanges, a substantially U-shaped supporting hanger pivotally carried by said bottom and frictionally supported between said flanges and side walls, and supporting means at the other end of the side walls.

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