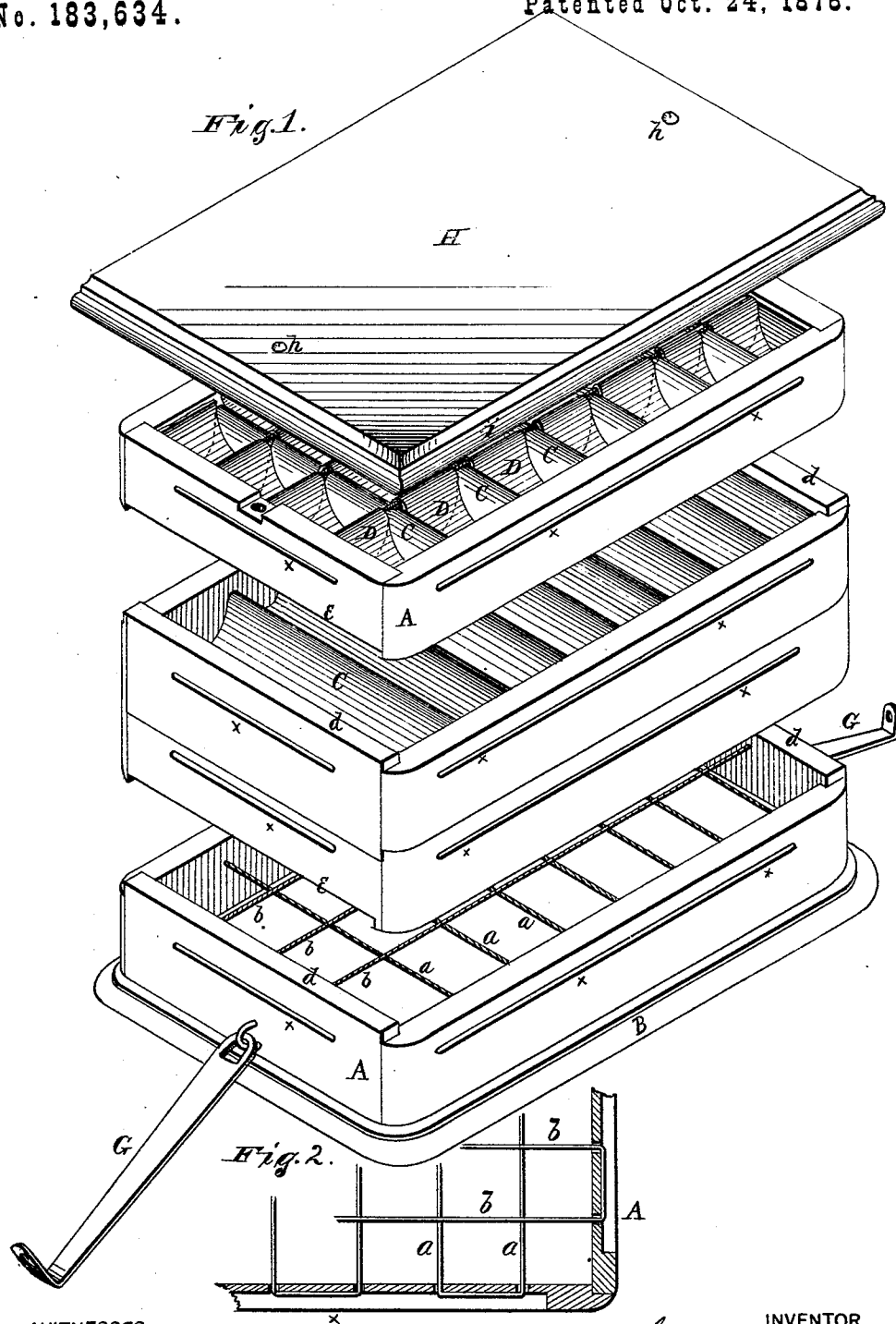


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IMPROVEMENT IN EGG-CARRIERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, GEORGE BULL, of Winfield, in Cowley county and State of Kansas, and JOHN W. WOODRUFF, of Bloomington, in the county of McLean, and in the State of Illinois, 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 our 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 our invention appertains to make and use the same, we will now proceed to describe its construction and operation, referring to the annexed drawing, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of our egg-carrier, the sections being detached from each other. Fig. 2 is a detailed view of one of the sections.

Our egg-carrier is composed of a series of sections placed one on top of the other, each section formed of a frame, A, of any suitable dimensions. The bottom section has a bottom, B, to which the frame is permanently attached. Each frame is provided with a number of pockets to receive the eggs—one in each pocket. These pockets are made by first drawing cords *a* from side to side through holes made for that purpose. A piece of muslin or other cloth, C, is then laid over the cords *a*, and folded in between them to receive the eggs. Other cords *b* are then strung lengthwise in the frame, immediately above the covered cords *a*, and strips of cloth D the width of the pockets are put in, as shown, and folded down between the strings, forming the complete pockets. It will be seen that these pockets are thus made double, so as to be strong and durable, and yet be perfectly flexible, and capable of accommodating themselves to the eggs placed therein. The frames A A are

made with elevations *d* on one side, fitting into corresponding depressions *e* on the other side, or in the next section, in such a manner as to prevent the sections from slipping or moving when the lid is put on and fastened. At each end of the bottom section is loosely attached a metal strip, G, the upper end of which is bent inward, and lies in a recess in the top edge of the upper section, and is covered by the lid H, said lid being fastened by a screw, *h*, at each end, which screws pass through the inwardly-bent ends of the strips G G. The lid or cover H is provided with a flange, *i*, around its edges, which flange shuts over the edge of the upper section, preventing it from moving about. This cover is also used to put over the top of each section when the eggs are to be removed. The lid is placed over the section that is to be emptied, and the section turned bottom upward, leaving the contents of the whole section in the lid, and the eggs are kept from rolling off by the flange *i*. Each frame A is provided with any desired number of ventilating-openings, *x x*, of suitable size and shape.

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

The combination, in an egg-carrier, of a series of sections, each composed of a frame provided with cross-cords *a* at intervals, a single sheet, C, of cloth, connected to each end of the frame, and loosely passed over the cords, so as to fall down between, the longitudinal cords *b*, passed over the cloth C and cords *a* at intervals, and having cross-strips D, so as to form double thickness of cloth in each pocket, substantially as set forth.

In testimony that we claim the foregoing we have hereunto set our hands this 2d day of August, 1876.

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