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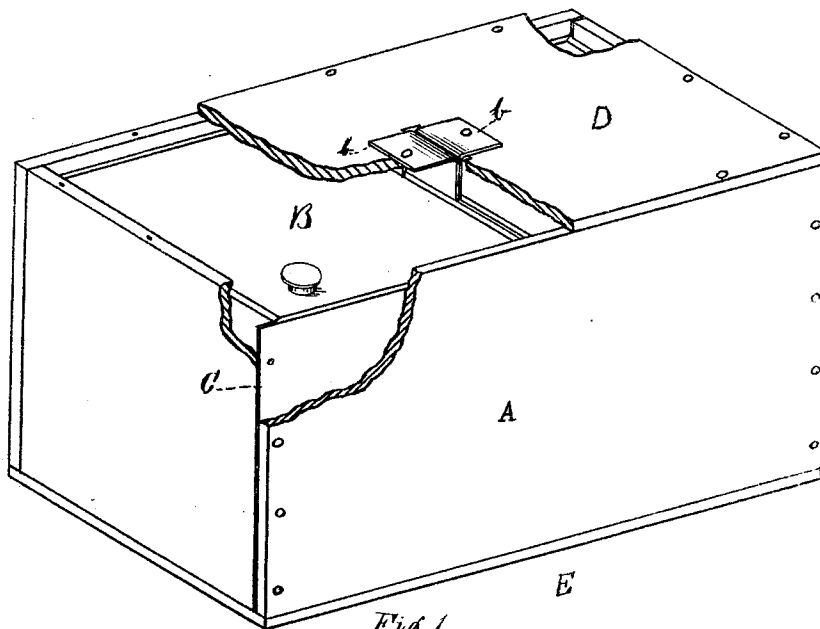


Fig. 1.

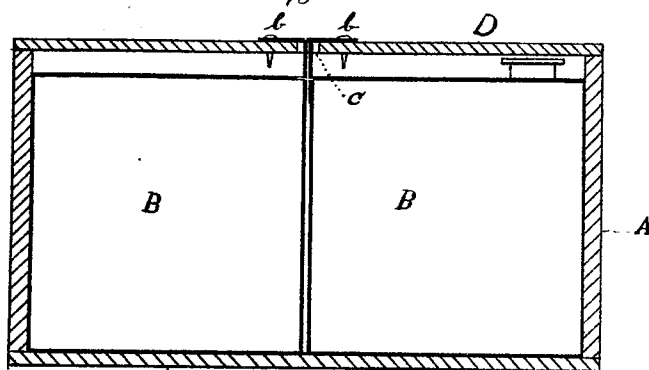


Fig. 2.

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IMPROVEMENT IN SHIPPING CANS AND CASES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EBEN C. QUINBY, of St. Louis, county of St. Louis, and State of Missouri, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Shipping Cans and Cases, which improvement is fully set forth in the following specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

The object of my invention is to construct spirit-shipping cans, one, two, or more of each to be placed within a single wooden box or case, with provision on each can for its attachment by nailing to the wooden case so guardedly that the removal of one or both of the cans from the case necessitates its disability for subsequent use, while either can, if removed from its case, will, by another provision, show in its proper place a portion of the Government stamp attached thereto.

Each can is secured to the incasement by an extension of the metal of one side of each can beyond its cube, which extension is deep enough to allow the entrance of the projecting portion of metal into any two of the four end joints of the case, which are diagonally opposite each other, and these projecting portions should, in incasing the cans, become an integral portion of at least two joints in the case by the nailing required to hold the joints together. I also attach, by soldering, to the side and top edge of the contact-surfaces of each can a strip of tin, which, when the cans are placed in position in the wooden case, stand upright through the cover-slit and in contact with each other. These strips are intended, when laid down, to present a flat wide surface on the top of the case-cover, a transverse slit in the cover permitting the strips to extend through it.

When the cover is properly secured and

the cans safely incased, the tin strips are to be bent down in diverse directions, and the stamp placed thereon, one-half of which, when cut apart at cancelment, belongs to either can, the nails used for fastening the strips down passing as well through the stamp.

The case and the cans in position are illustrated in detail in the perspective view in Fig. 1 of the accompanying drawing, and in Fig. 2 by vertical longitudinal section through the center of the wooden case and the cans.

A, wooden case; B B, containing-cans; C, extension of the metal of the can into the case-joint; D, lid or cover of case; *c*, slit in cover, through which the tin strips *b b* reach the upper surface of cover, they being shown bent oppositely for reception of United States stamp. In the diverse line cancelment is effected by cutting the stamp in halves. E, bottom of case.

I claim as my invention—

1. The method herein described of securing tin shipping-cans to the required wooden cases, which consists in extending one or more of the sides of the can outward beyond its body, and securing the extension between the joint or joints of the wooden case by the means used to fasten together the sides of the case, as set forth.

2. The combination of one or more cans, each having one or more sides secured, as described, in the joint or joints of a packing-case, with one or more straps secured to the can or cans, passing through a slot in the cover, and bent over the same, as and for the purpose set forth.

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