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Fig. 1

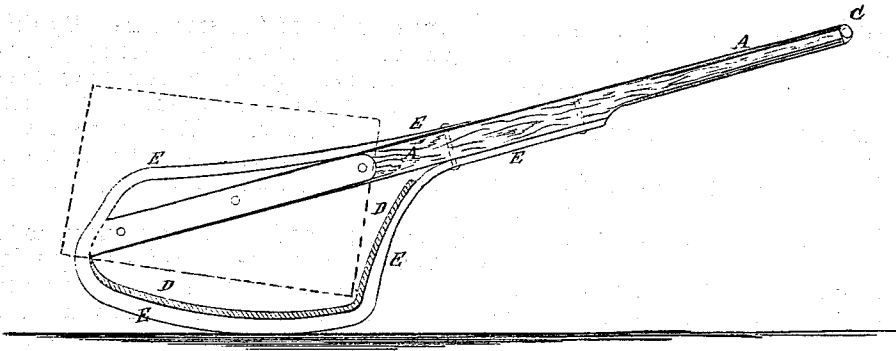
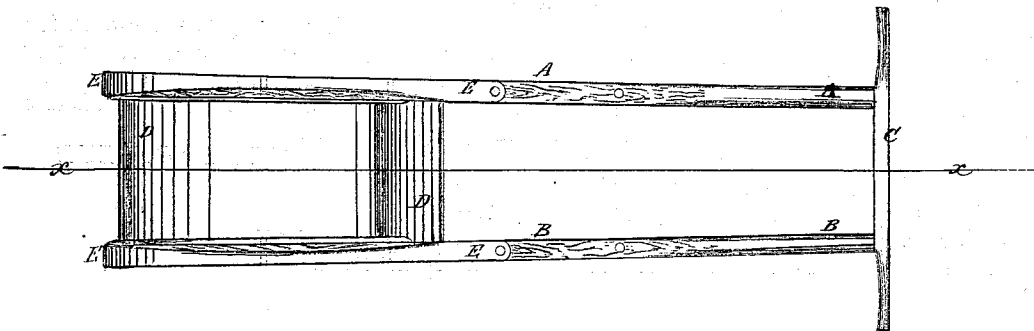


Fig. 2



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## IMPROVEMENT IN ICE-CARRIERS.

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Specification describing a new and Improved Ice-Carrier, invented by LOUIS TOWNSEND, of Terre Haute, in the county of Vigo and State of Indiana.

Figure 1 is a detail longitudinal section of my improved ice-carrier taken through the line *x x*, Fig. 2. Fig. 2 is a top view of the same.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

My invention has for its object to furnish a neat, simple, and convenient device for carrying or moving blocks of ice about in the ice-house when storing it; and it consists in the device constructed as hereinafter more fully described.

A B are two bars connected at their rear ends by a cross-bar, C, which serves as a handle in operating the device. To the forward part of the bars A B is attached a metallic plate, D, which is made somewhat in the form of an earth-scraper, but with its forward edge turned up, as shown in Fig. 1. E are metallic straps, one end of which is attached to the lower side of the bars A B. The straps E pass around the lower side of the plate D near its ends to serve as runners in moving the device from place to place. The other part of the straps E are bent or curved to stand up from the bars A B, and their ends are secured

to the upper sides of the said bars. By this arrangement the upwardly-projecting part of the straps E serve as guides to keep the blocks of ice in place, and also serve as runners when the carrier is turned over. The inner sides of the bars A B are faced or plated with metal to prevent the said bars from being worn by the ice.

The carrier is made of such a width as to receive two blocks of ice placed side by side. The carrier is designed to be placed beneath the lower end of the chute, through which the ice is introduced into the ice-house, so as to receive the blocks of ice from said chute. The carrier is then drawn to the place where the ice is to be packed, where it is slipped from beneath the ice, leaving it in the proper place.

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

The ice-carrier, formed by the combination of the bars A B, cross-bar C, metallic body or plate D, and straps E, with each other, substantially as herein shown and described, and for the purpose set forth.

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