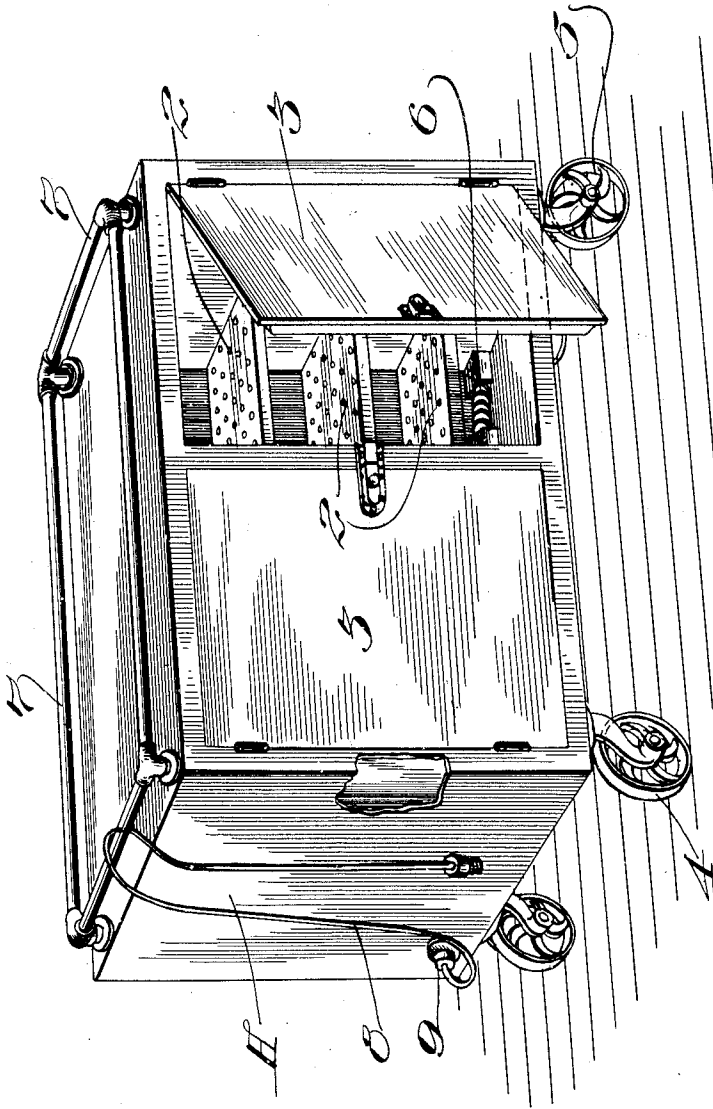


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOSEPH HUGHES, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city and county of San Francisco and State of California, have invented new and useful Improvements in Food-Carriers, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a device for conveying food, and is particularly applicable to such a conveyance for carrying food from the kitchen to various rooms of a hospital, where a considerable amount of travel from one point to the other is necessary, and in which it is desirable to maintain the food in a properly heated condition.

My invention consists of a case mounted upon wheels and having suitable electrical connections and resistance whereby the heat within the case may be maintained at any desired temperature.

It also comprises details of construction which will be more fully explained by reference to the accompanying drawing in which the figure is a perspective view of the food carrier.

The case A may be made of sheet metal, or other suitable material, and has double walls with an interspace for a non-conductor such as air. Within the case are any desired number of shelves 2, and doors are provided, as at 3, through which access may be had to the case.

The front wheels 4 may be fixed parallel with each other and in the direction of desired travel. The rear wheels 5 may be swiveled in such a way that a slight push will turn the apparatus in any desired direction and also enable it to be properly guided through the halls and sinuosities over which it must travel. Either or both pairs of wheels may be swiveled.

Within the case is fitted a suitable resistance as at 6, through which an electrical current is passed, and the device is thus heated to any desired degree. Upon the top of the case are posts, supporting the rails, 7, a sufficient distance from the top of the case so that when a tray or like support, not shown, for butter and similar articles, is placed upon the rails, the space beneath the

latter will provide a circulation of air and thus prevent the undue heating of the articles carried by the tray and which articles it is desired to keep cool.

Articles which are to be heated are placed upon the shelves 2, or otherwise suitably placed within the case, and the door may be closed. For the purpose of heating, I have shown wires 8 forming an electrical circuit and properly connected with plugs, as at 9, through which the current may be carried to the interior and through the resistance 6. These plugs are adapted to receive connections from any other suitable plugs, as for instance one in the kitchen. Connection may be made with a local plug which will allow the current to pass through the apparatus and raise and retain the temperature at any desired degree.

When the carrier is to be moved to some other locality, such as a distant room, the wires are disconnected from the local plug and the apparatus is then transferred to the point where it is needed and connection is again made with a plug at that point. The current then passing through the apparatus will maintain the heat of its contents at any desired temperature and as long as may be desired.

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

A food carrier, including a case having non-conducting walls, wheels upon which it may be transferred and steered, an electrical heating unit located within the case having circuit wires connected therewith, means for connecting said wires with an exterior circuit, posts, and a support carried thereon above the top of the heater to support articles not to be heated, and provide a circulation of air between the support and the heater.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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