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BUTTER PLATE.

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Fig. 1.

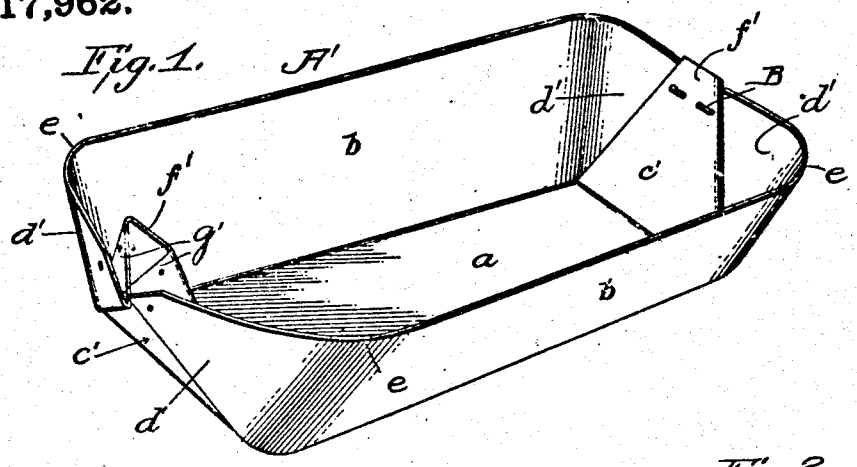


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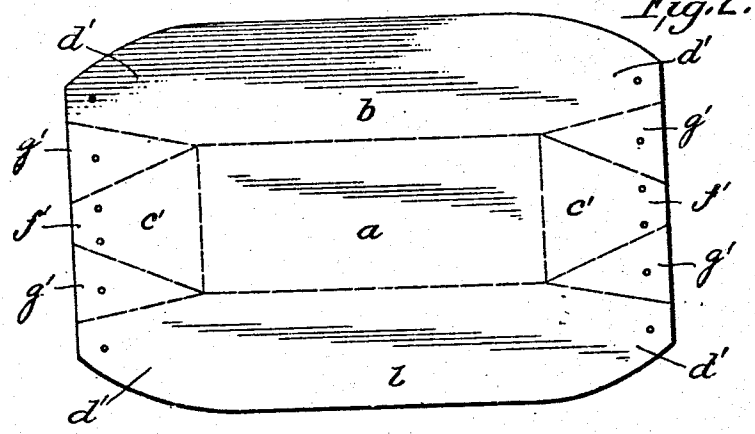


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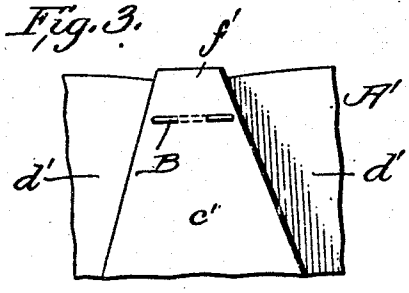
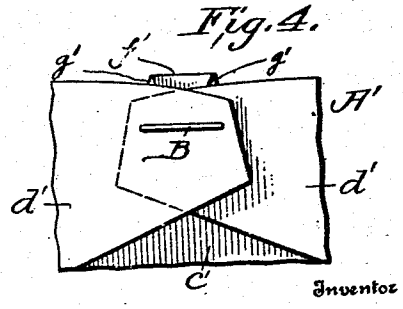


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE L. MORRISON, citizen of the United States, residing at Hudson, in the county of Lenawee and State of Michigan, have invented new and useful Improvements in Butter-Plates, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to butter plates such as are formed of a single piece of pasteboard reduced to a dished shape and secured in such shape by end fasteners of wire; and it contemplates the provision of a butter plate, of the kind stated, embodying such a construction that its end portions are materially stiffened and increased in strength.

The invention will be fully understood from the following description and claim when the same are read in connection with the drawings, accompanying and forming part of this specification, in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view illustrating my novel butter plate as partly formed. Fig. 2 is a view of the blank of paper or cardboard of which the plate is formed. Fig. 3 is a detail elevation of the inner side of one end of the plate. Fig. 4 is a detail elevation of the outer side thereof.

Referring by letter to the said drawings: A' is my novel plate as a whole; the same comprising a major portion of paper, cardboard or other suitable material, and end fasteners B, of wire, one of which is shown in Figs. 1, 3 and 4.

The major portion of the plate is made up of a rectangular bottom *a*, side walls *b* inclined outwardly and upwardly from the longitudinal sides of the bottom, and end walls *c'*. The said end walls *c'* are identical in construction and therefore a detailed description of the one shown at the right of Fig. 1 and in Figs. 3 and 4 will suffice to impart a definite understanding of both. The said end wall *c'* comprises outside portions *d''* intermediate which and the side walls *b* are rounded corners *e*, and an inside stiffening and strengthening portion *f'* between which and the outside portions *d'* are folds *g'*; the said inside portion *f'* being tapered or gradually reduced in width upwardly to enable the same and the folds *g'* to receive the prongs of a short fastener B. The outside portions *d'* are lapped back of the inside stiffening and strengthening portion *f'*, and the inner of the portions *d'* rests between the two folds *g'*. This arrangement gives increased strength to the end portion of the plate, and, at the same time, enables each prong of the fastener B to extend through both outside portions *d'*, both folds *g'* and the inside portion *f'* which also contributes to the strength of the end portion of the plate. It will further be noted that the relative arrangement of the portions *f'* *d'* and *g'* admits of the employment of a short wire fastener B which lessens the cost of producing the plate.

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

The herein described butter plate, consisting essentially of a major portion, formed of a single piece of suitable material, and comprising a rectangular bottom, side walls inclined outwardly and upwardly from the longitudinal sides of the bottom, and end walls each having an inside stiffening and strengthening portion *f'* tapered or gradually reduced in width from its lower end to its upper end, outside portions *d'* lapped one over the other back of and opposite said inside portion *f'*, and folds *g'* each connecting one of the outside portions *d'* and the inside portion *f'*, and one arranged between the inner of the portions *d'* and the inside portion *f'*, and the other arranged between the two portions *d'*; the upper edges of said portion *f'*, folds *g'* and portions *d'* being adjacent each other, and end fasteners, of wire, each having a short, horizontal body disposed at the outer side of the outside portions *d'* and also having prongs, at the ends of said body, extending through the portions *d'*, folds *g'* and portion *f'* and terminating in end portions bent against the inner side of the inside portion *f'*, as and for the purpose set forth.

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

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