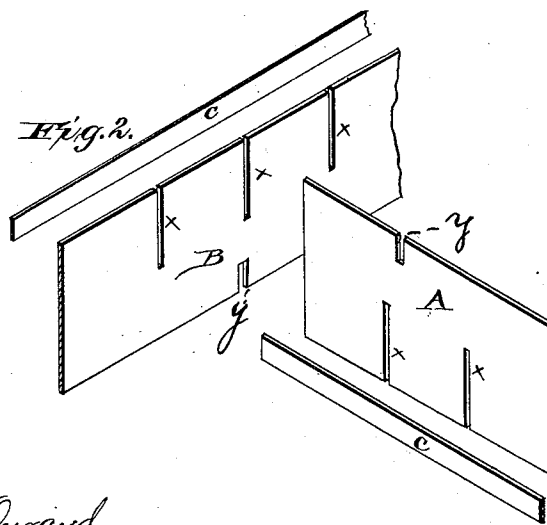
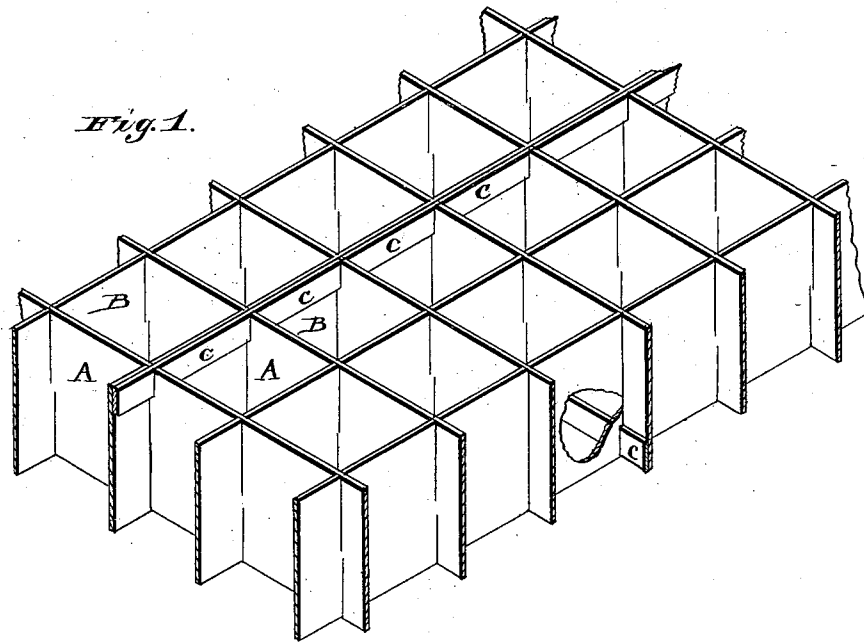


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN L. STEVENS, of New York, in the county of New York, and in the State of New York, 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 my invention relates to a mode of fastening or securing together the paper or pasteboard strips which form the cells in an egg-carrier, as will be hereinafter set forth.

To enable those skilled in the art to make and use my invention, I will proceed to describe its construction and operation.

In the accompanying drawings, making part of this specification, Figure 1 represents a perspective of the several parts of the carrier secured together; and Fig. 2, a perspective of portions of the several pieces detached.

In the figures, A and B represent pieces of thick paper or pasteboard, which are cut of suitable length and width, the width being equal to the depth which it is required to make the cells for the eggs. Each of the pieces A and B is provided with a series of slots, *x x*, which are cut half the depth of the width of the piece, and at equal distances apart, so that when the two pieces are put together the top and bottom edges of the two will be in the same plane, and a number of cells will be formed, as rep-

resented. It is necessary that these pieces should be bound together, and to effect this I use two strips, *c c*, one of which is pasted or glued, or otherwise fastened, to one of the center strips, near its edge and lengthwise of it, and the other to another of the other series of pieces, running crosswise of the first, and upon the opposite side of the frame from it. These two strips are let into slits *Y Y* in top and bottom, respectively, of the two series of pieces, and they serve to bind all of the pieces securely together in one frame.

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

In an egg-carrier tray composed of pieces A and B, having equidistant notches or slits *x* for the longitudinal and cross pieces to let into each other, the strips *C C*, secured to the pieces A and B at or near the center, upon the upper and lower sides, respectively, and crosswise of each other, and let into slits *Y Y* in said strips, for binding the several parts of the frame securely together, substantially as herein set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 19th day of December, 1877.

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