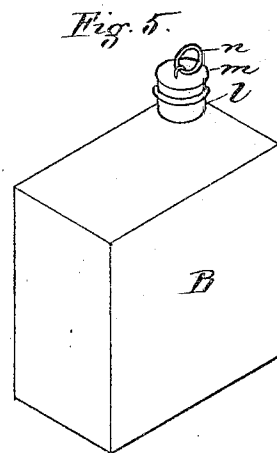
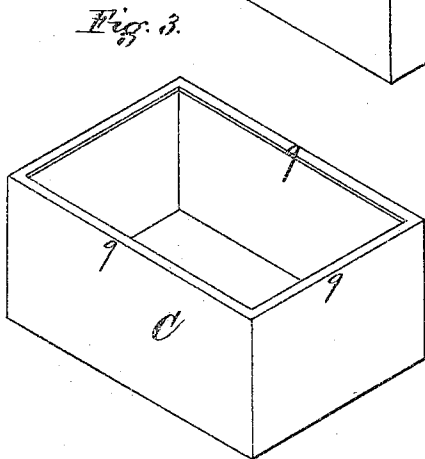
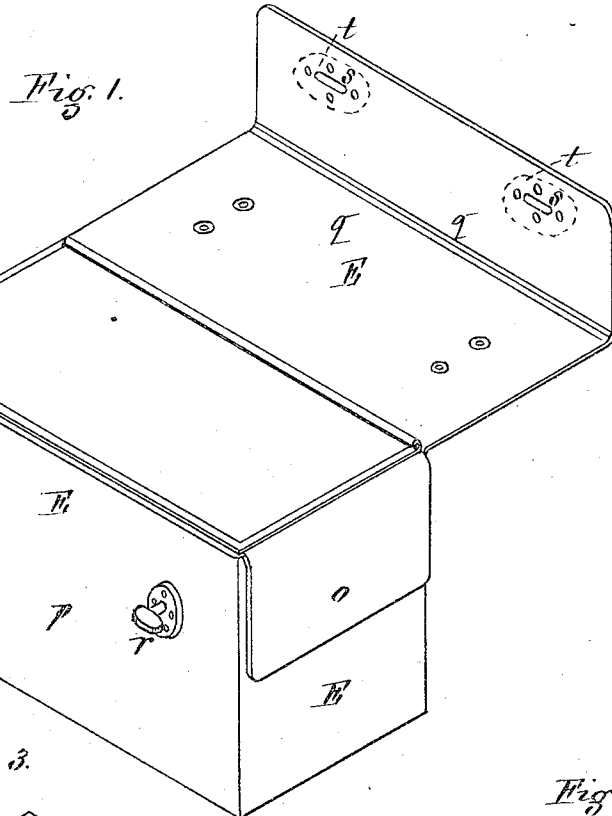


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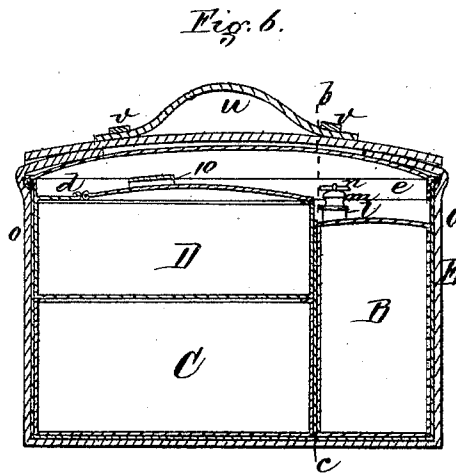
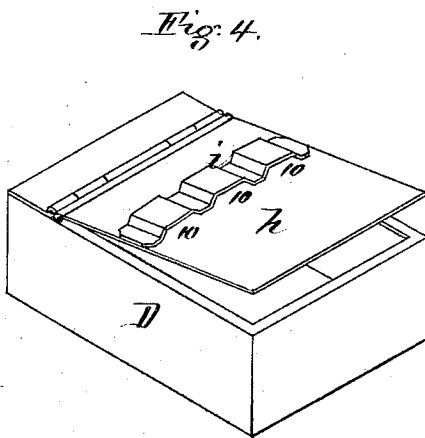
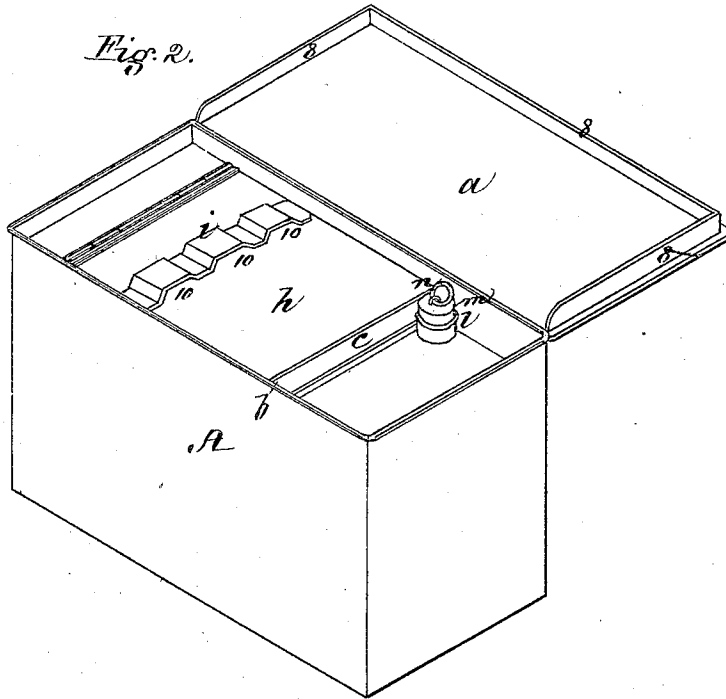
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES C. COBLEIGH, of Brighton, in the county of Middlesex and State of Massachusetts, have invented a Combined Lunch-Box and Shopping-Bag, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my shopping-bag when open in a position to show its construction. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of my lunch-box with its lid thrown back to show the arrangement of the food-receptacles therein. Fig. 3 is a perspective of one of the food-receptacles removed from its box. Fig. 4 represents another of the food-receptacles. Fig. 5 represents the canteen or receptacle for containing the beverage to be used. Fig. 6 is a longitudinal vertical section through the center of the shopping-bag with the lunch-box therein, and having the food-receptacles in place ready for traveling.

To provide a simple, compact, and convenient lunch-box and shopping-bag for the use of travelers, excursionists, and parties living so far from their business as to find it difficult to return home at every meal—and also to inclose the said lunch-box within a package of unique and presentable form, which may be carried with or without the lunch-box, when shopping, for depositing parcels therein—is the object of my invention, which consists in the construction and arrangement of the several parts, as hereinafter explained.

To enable others skilled in the art to understand and use my invention, I will proceed to describe the manner in which I have carried it out.

In the said drawings, A is the lunch-box and shopping-bag of rectangular form, and of tin or other sheet metal, galvanized or nickel-plated, and provided with a lid or cover, *a*, having flanges 8 fitting snugly against the sides of the top of the box. Within grooves *b* in opposite sides of the interior of the box, and to one side of the center thereof, fits a thin strip of metal, which forms a partition, *c*, for separating the food-compartment *d* from that, *e*, containing the beverage-receptacle B, this partition being readily drawn up and re-

moved when required. C is an open rectangular receptacle for holding one kind of food, and it is intended to snugly fit into and rest on the bottom of the lunch-box, being provided with horizontal flanges 9 projecting inward from its sides, by means of which the fingers may be conveniently applied thereto when it is to be lifted out of the lunch-box. Upon the top of the receptacle C rests another food-receptacle, D, provided with a hinged cover, *h*, within a strap or strip, *i*, of metal secured to the outside of the top of which are formed openings 10, for the reception of a knife, fork, and spoon, not shown. The receptacle B for holding the beverage, as well as the food-receptacles C D, fit snugly within their compartments, whereby all rattling of the parts when the lunch-box is carried is avoided. The orifice or spout *l*, through which the liquid is poured out, is placed at one corner of the receptacle B, so that it may be emptied when desired by removing the stopper *m* on the application of the finger to the ring *n*. E is a leather bag of rectangular form, and of a size just sufficient to receive the lunch-box, the sides *o* of the bag being of greater length than its front *p*, in order that they may fold over the cover of the box, and conceal the upper edges of its ends from view, the back and top of the bag being made in one and the same piece, *q*, of sufficient length to allow of the top to fold over the sides *o* of the bag, and over the cover of the box, and to extend down over the upper portion of the front of the bag, in which position it is securely held by buttons *r* projecting from the front *p*, fitting into and turning around within slots *s* formed in plates *t* riveted to the portion of the piece *q* overlapping it. *u* is a strap, which slides in loops *v* riveted to the top of the bag, and serves as its handle. The construction of the various receptacles is such that access may be had to readily wash and wipe their interiors, and they are intended to fit snugly in place, and be provided with close covers, so that tight joints will be insured, and all possibility of the escape of the odors of their contents be prevented.

If desired for use while shopping, the several receptacles B C D, and partition *c*, may be removed from the bag, and the lunch-box re-

main in place, if moist or other articles liable to soil the bag are to be carried therein. But if parcels of dry goods or other articles not calculated to soil or injure the bag by contact therewith are to be carried a still lighter bag may be furnished at a moment's notice, by simply removing the lunch-box.

By making the bag, as above described, of rectangular form, and dispensing with the ordinary pivoted frame, more stowage-room is provided than in a bag of equal size of the usual construction, and a combined box and bag constructed and arranged as above described is extremely useful and convenient on various occasions for the purposes mentioned.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A lunch-box and shopping-bag, consisting of the rectangular bag E, the box A, the food-receptacles C D, and the receptacle B for liquids, separated by the removable partition c, all constructed and arranged substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

Witness my hand this 25th day of July,
A. D. 1873.

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In presence of—

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