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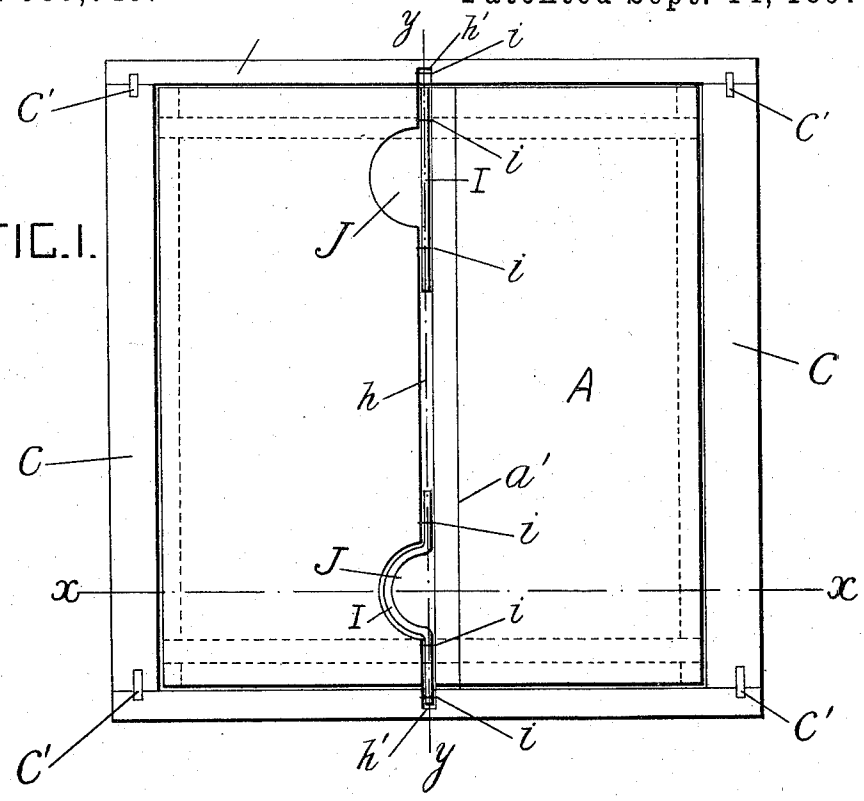
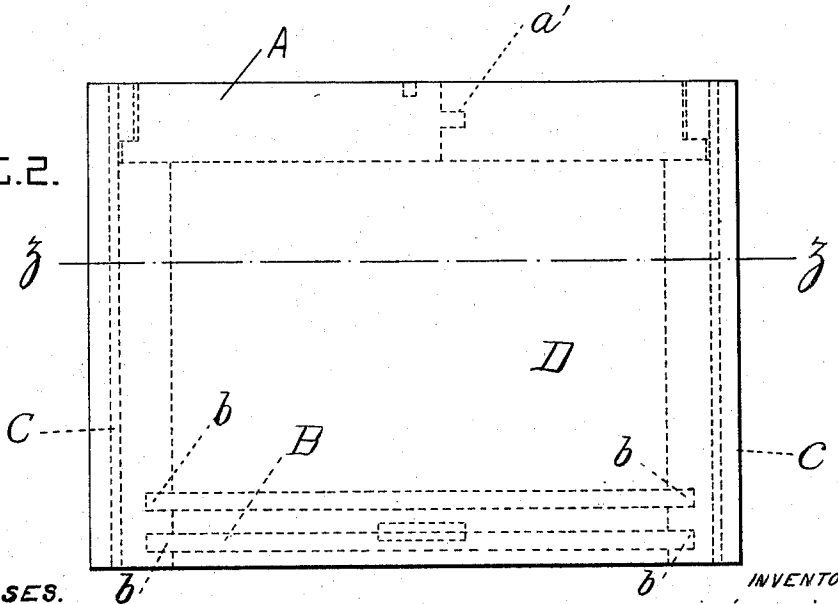


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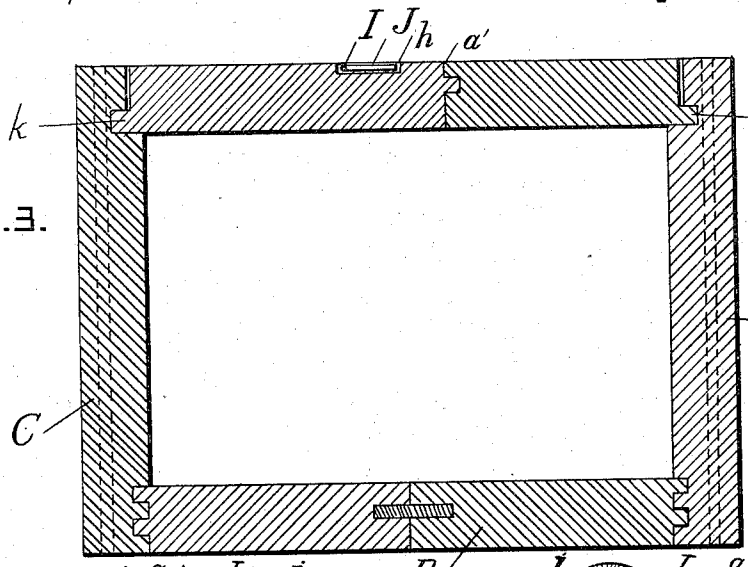


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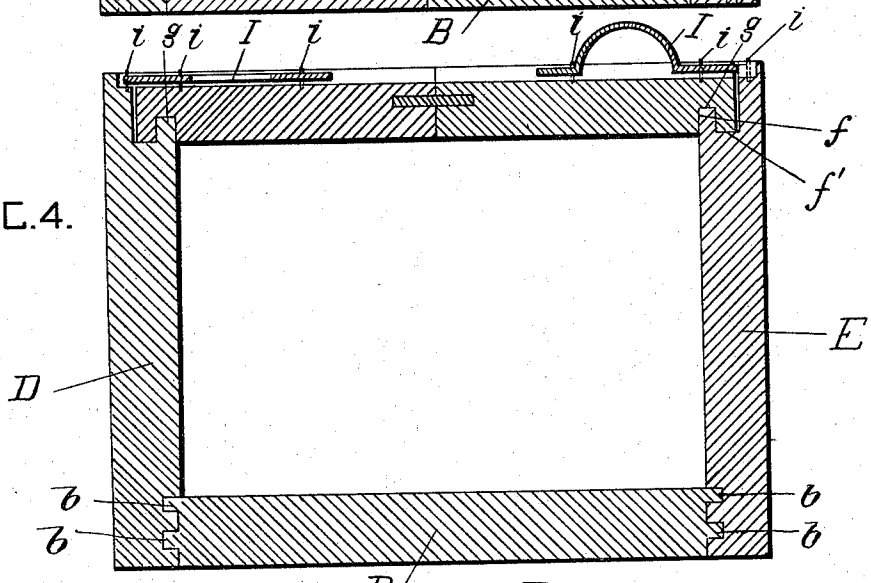
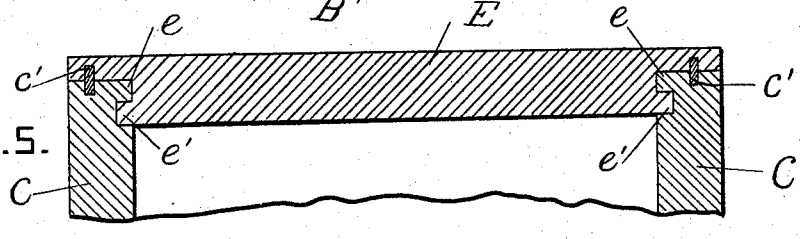


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BUTTER-BOX.

SPECIFICATION forming part of Letters Patent No. 589,948, dated September 14, 1897.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SIMÉON PICHÉ, a citizen of Canada, residing at Ste. Anne de la Perade, in the county of Champlain and Province of Quebec, Canada, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Butter-Boxes; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to butter-boxes; and it consists in the novel construction and combination of the parts hereinafter fully described and claimed.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a plan view of the butter-box. Fig. 2 is a front view of the same. Fig. 3 is a cross-section taken on the line *x x* in Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a cross-section taken on the line *y y* in Fig. 1. Fig. 5 is a partial plan view taken in section on the line *z z* in Fig. 2.

A is the top of the box.

B is the bottom, and C are the sides.

D is the front, and E is the back, of the box.

The bottom B is provided with two tongues *b* extending all around it and engaging with grooves in the front, back, and sides.

The back E is provided with end grooves *e* and tongues *e'*, and the sides C have grooves for the tongues *e'* to engage with.

C' are loose tongues driven into meeting grooves in the back and sides. When any moisture gets to the tongues C', they swell and make the joints solid.

The front D is connected to the sides by tongues and grooves in a similar manner to the back E.

The cover or top of the box is formed in two parts coupled together by a tongue-and-groove joint *a'*. If desired and when the box is small, the parts of the cover can be made of single pieces, or they can each be made of two pieces connected by tongues *a'*. The front and back have tongues *f* and grooves *f'* in their tops, and the cover has grooves *g* in its under side which engage with the tongues *f* when the cover is pressed down. The cover has tongues *k*, which engage with grooves in the sides before the cover is pressed down. The cover has a straight groove *h* across its top, and the sides have corresponding grooves *h'* in their top portions. Staples or eyes *i* are secured in the grooves *h* and *h'* of the cover and sides, and I are handles pivoted in the said staples. These handles are slidable longitudinally in the staples, and when slid into engagement with the staples which project from the sides they secure the cover to the sides. The cover also has semicircular locking-grooves J for the handles to engage with when pressed down after they have been slid into engagement with the staples which project from the sides, so that the handles cannot slide back until raised out of the grooves J.

This box is put together without any glue or other adhesive material and without nails or screws, and it is specially adapted for transporting butter.

What I claim is—

In a butter-box, the combination, with the sides provided with grooves; of a cover formed in two parts connected by a tongue and groove and provided with tongues *k* for engaging with the said grooves in the sides, and grooves *g* in its under side; and a back and front provided with tongues *f* and grooves *f'* in their tops, said tongues *f* being adapted to engage with the said grooves *g*, substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

SIMÉON PICHÉ.

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