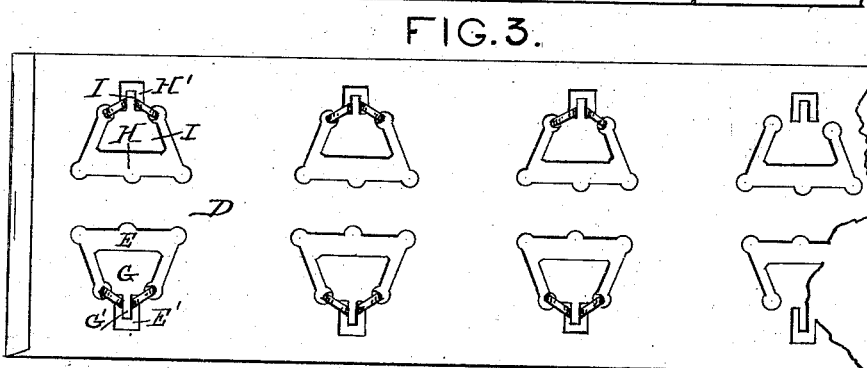
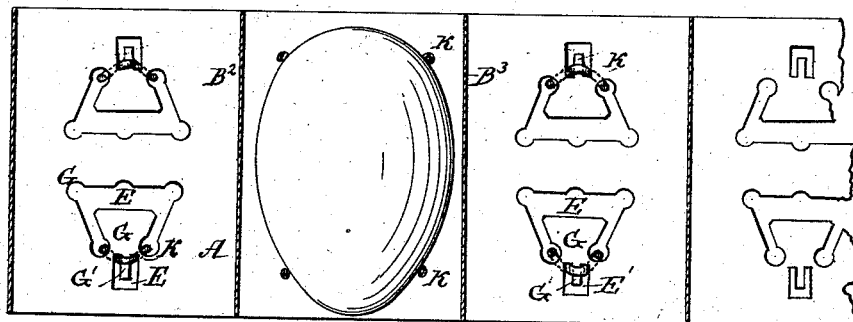
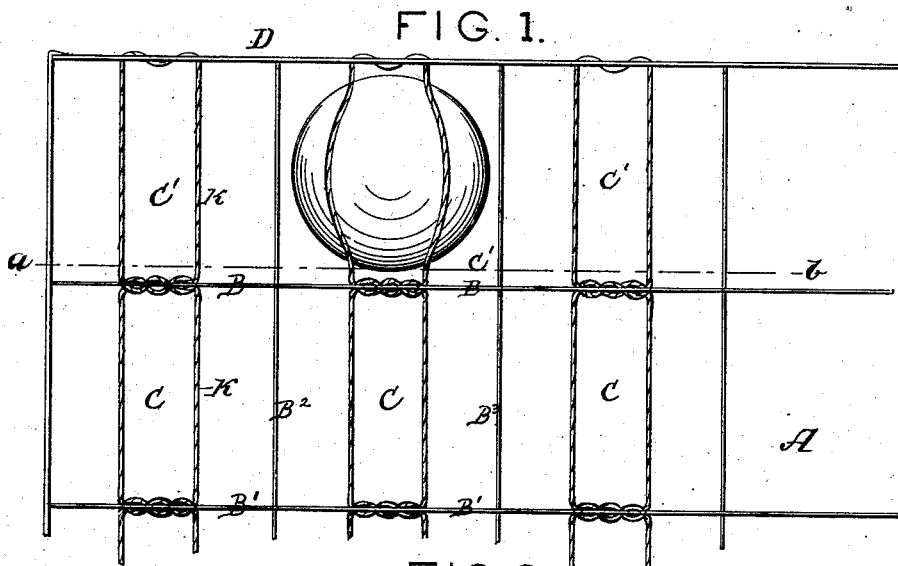


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IMPROVEMENT IN EGG-CARRIERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALEXANDER D. ROCK, of Eureka, county of Eureka, and State of Nevada, have invented an Improvement in Egg-Carriers.

The following description, taken in connection with the accompanying plate of drawings, hereinafter referred to, forms a full and exact specification, wherein are set forth the nature and principles of the invention, by which the same may be distinguished from others of a similar class, together with such parts thereof as are claimed as new and are desired to be secured by Letters Patent of the United States.

The object of my invention is to provide an apparatus for the transportation of eggs which shall be safer, cheaper, more durable, and more easily cleansed than those now in use.

The invention consists in dividing the usual tray or slide into a number of cells, each cell large enough to contain one egg, and in which the egg is suspended and kept in place by two rubber bands passing from one side to the other of the cell, one of which bands supports the egg, while the other, embracing the upper end of it, keeps it in position and prevents it from being broken by contact with the sides of the cell.

In the accompanying drawings, in which similar letters of reference indicate like parts, Figure 1 is a top view of portion of tray constructed according to my improvement. Fig. 2 is a transverse sectional view taken on the line *a b*, Fig. 1; Fig. 3, outside view, showing shape and position of the apertures and tongues.

A is a slide or tray, (being one of any number of such trays intended to be placed one over another, in the usual manner, in a packing-box,) formed of metal, wood, or any suitable material, but preferably of tin, as being lighter, cleaner, and less bulky. In this tray, by the partitions B B' and the cross-partitions B'' B''', are formed the cells C C', each cell, as before stated, being large enough to contain one egg.

In the outer wall or side, D, of the tray, near its lower edge, are formed the apertures E E', with the tongues G G', and in the same

wall, near its upper edge, and above the former apertures, are formed the apertures H H', with the tongues I I'. The shape and position of these respective apertures and tongues are shown in Figs. 2 and 3.

In the opposite partition, B, of the same cell C are formed similar apertures and tongues, corresponding to those above described as being in the outer wall of said cell, and so on in each partition to the end of the series.

One end of the rubber band K is passed outward from the cell C, through the aperture E, and over the tongue G, then into the cell again, through the aperture E', and over the tongue G', by which it is engaged and securely held. The other end of the rubber band is passed outward from the cell C into cell C', through the aperture in the partition B corresponding with aperture E, over the tongue corresponding with tongue G, thence into cell C again, through aperture corresponding with aperture E', and over the tongue corresponding with tongue G', by which it is engaged and held, and so for the whole length of the row of cells. Similar rubber bands are then in like manner passed through the other tier of apertures of each cell, the result being that there are two rubber bands in each cell, one above the other, the lower one, as before stated, intended to support the egg, and the upper to keep it in position that it may not be broken by contact with the sides of the cell.

What I claim is—

1. A cellular egg-carrier in which two opposite sides of the cells have the apertures E E' and the tongues G G', as and for the purpose described.

2. The sides of the cell having the apertures E E' and the tongues G G', in combination with rubber bands, as and for the purpose described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 12th day of May, 1879.

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