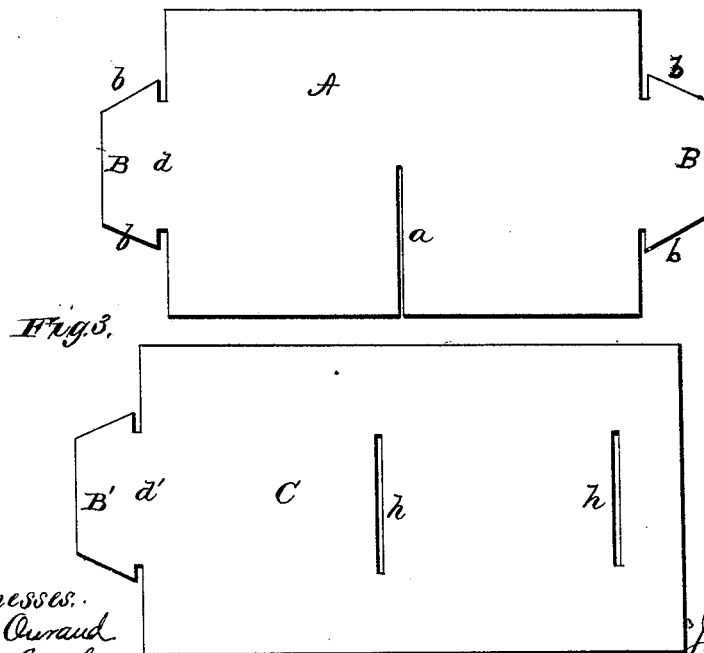
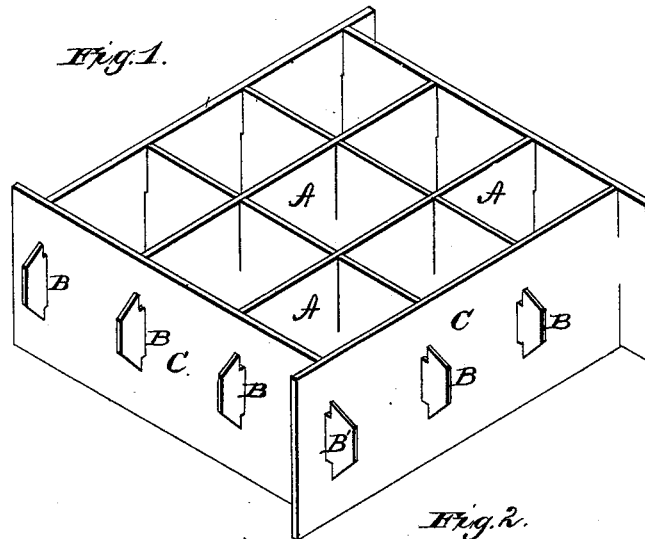


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IMPROVEMENT IN EGG-CARRIERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN L. STEVENS, of Chicago, in the county of Cook, and in the State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Egg-Carriers; and do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, 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 consists in the construction and arrangement of an egg-carrier tray, as will be hereinafter more fully set forth.

In order to enable others skilled in the art to which my invention appertains to make and use the same, I will now proceed to describe its construction and operation, referring to the annexed drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my tray for egg-carriers, and Figs. 2 and 3 show the strips of which the tray is composed.

The inside strips, A, for forming the body of the tray are formed with slits *a* at suitable distances apart, and extending from one edge one-half the width of the strip. At each end of each strip A is a central head, B, having a neck, *d*, connecting it with the strip, and the top and bottom edges *b b* of the head are beveled, as shown.

The four outside strips, C, have central slots, *h h*, at equal distances apart, and at one end only is a head, B', with neck *d'*.

The strips A A are interlocked in the usual

manner. The outside strips, C C, are then put on by passing the heads B through the slots *h*, and the head B' of each outside strip is passed through the end slot of the adjacent outside strip, thus completing the tray and locking the strips together.

It will be understood that the heads B and B' are of such size with relation to the slots through which they are passed that said heads can only be inserted by passing one end of the head in first and letting the strip C pass onto the neck of the head, and then the other end of the head can pass through, and when the strips are in place they cannot become accidentally detached.

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

An egg-carrier tray composed of the interlocking strips A, having slots *a* and a head, B, at each end, and the outside strips, C, formed with the central slots, *h*, and a head, B', at one end, the heads B B' being formed with beveled or inclined top and bottom edges *b b* and necks *d*, substantially as herein set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 27th day of May, 1879.

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