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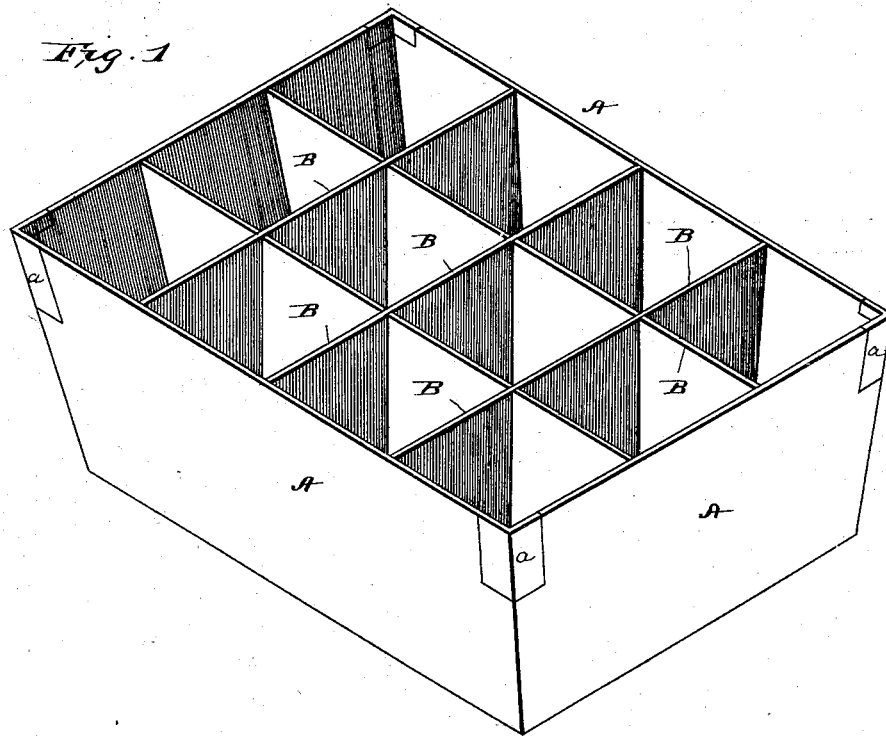


Fig. 2.

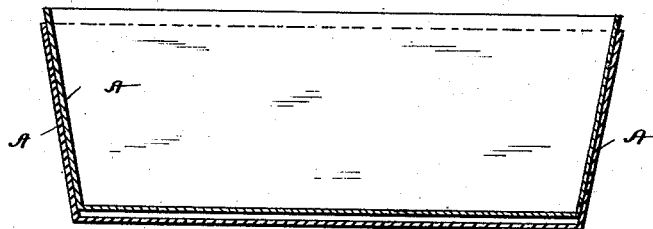
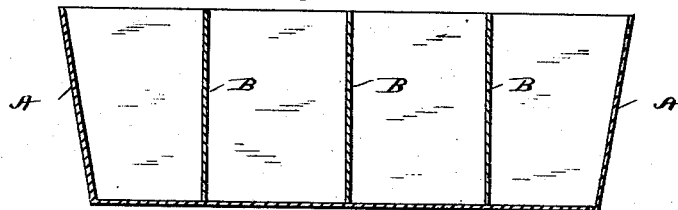


Fig. 3.



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EGG CASE OR BOX.

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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 Cases or Boxes; and I 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 object of my invention is to construct a flaring-sided egg-box of pasteboard, or the equivalent thereof, having interlocking partitions, which are adapted to be folded flatly, and which have beveled ends, the whole constituting a new and improved article of manufacture, which will prevent eggs from being crushed in transportation. These objects I attain by the devices illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 represents a perspective view of one of my improved boxes, showing the partitions in place therein. Fig. 2 represents a vertical sectional view, showing two of the boxes nested with the partitions removed; and Fig. 3 represents a vertical sectional view of one of the boxes with the partitions.

The letter A indicates the body of the box, the sides and ends of which are so constructed as to flare outwardly from the bottom to the top. The said box may be constructed of any suitable material, but is preferably formed of pasteboard, as usual. The edges at the top are secured together by strips *a* of fibrous material pasted on the corners, as indicated in Fig. 1, so as to cause the box to permanently retain its form.

The letter B indicates the movable partitions, which cross each other, and are secured together, as usual, in such manner that they may be folded flat or opened out, so as to form a series of pockets for the reception of the eggs when in place in the box. The ends of the partitions are cut at an angle corresponding

to the flare of the sides, so that they may be readily inserted and properly supported when placed in the box. The flaring sides permit the boxes to be packed in nests after they are put up, thus economizing space in transportation and enabling the said boxes to be immediately used when unpacked, without having to be set up. The flaring sides also prevent the boxes from being crushed in the crates, and the consequent injury to the eggs, as the upper edges above come in contact with the sides of the crate or with each other, and consequently there is comparatively little pressure upon the sides of the box.

I do not claim a square-sided box having removable partitions forming cells to receive eggs. Neither do I claim a flaring-sided box or frame for receiving fruit-baskets.

My improvement consists in the combination of a flexible flaring-sided box and a number of interlocking partitions which form braces for the sides, and also interior cells for the eggs, said partitions being so constructed that they can be folded flat.

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

1. An egg-box constructed with flaring sides A, united near their upper corners by the strips *a*, in combination with the removable partitions B, constructed with flaring ends, substantially as and for the purposes specified.

2. The new article of manufacture consisting of a flexible flaring-sided paper box having flexible interlocking partitions and braces, the ends of which are beveled and form abutments for the flaring sides of the box, as herein shown and described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature, in presence of two witnesses, this 10th day of December, 1881.

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