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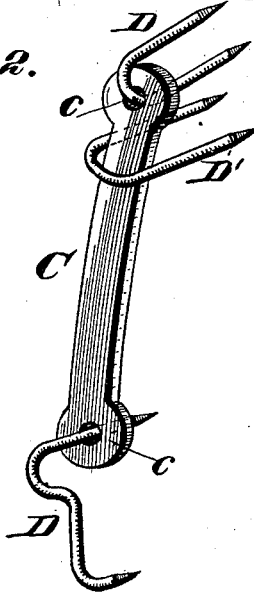
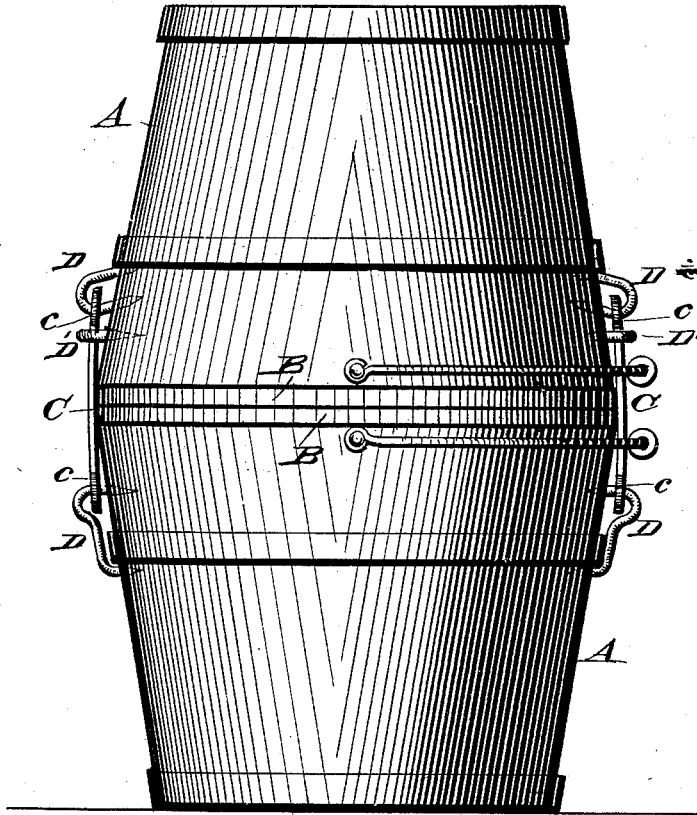
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Fig. 1.



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## MERCHANDISE-PACKAGE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that we, GEORGE A. SPROSS and ROLLA MEEKER, of Toledo, in the county of Lucas and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Merchandise-Packages; and we 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 pertains to make and use the same.

Our invention relates to merchandise-packages, the object being to secure together two buckets or pails in such a manner as to greatly facilitate their handling and transportation.

The invention consists in the devices hereinafter described for securing two merchandise-buckets together, and in the combinations of parts set forth, and pointed out in the claim.

In the drawings, Figure 1 represents an elevation of a package, showing our improvement; and Fig. 2 illustrates the securing devices detached.

A A represent counterpart buckets containing butter, lard, or other product, and each provided with a cover, B, tightly secured by nails or equivalent means. One of the buckets is inverted, so that the two covers B B will rest in close contact.

C C represent links formed at both ends with eyes *c c*. These links are secured at diametrically-opposite points to the buckets by staples D D. These staples may be of any preferred form, and one prong of each staple

enters an eye of one of the links C, and both prongs are then driven into the pails. We prefer to secure one link C permanently to each pail, to facilitate the joining of the two. The staples are preferably bent outwardly at a point adjacent to the prong which secures the link, to enable the latter to be moved freely on the staple.

The links C C may be made of wire having the eyes formed by bending the ends of the wire.

It will be understood that the pails may be readily separated by withdrawing two of the four staples employed.

D' D' represent staples secured below the upper staples, D D, and embracing the links to prevent the pulling out of the staples D D.

Having fully described our invention, what we claim as new, and desire to have secured by Letters Patent, is—

A merchandise-package consisting of two covered pails, one inverted upon the other, secured together by perforated links, and staples driven through the links and into the pails, substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof we have signed this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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