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BUTTER-PAIL COVER.

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Fig. 1

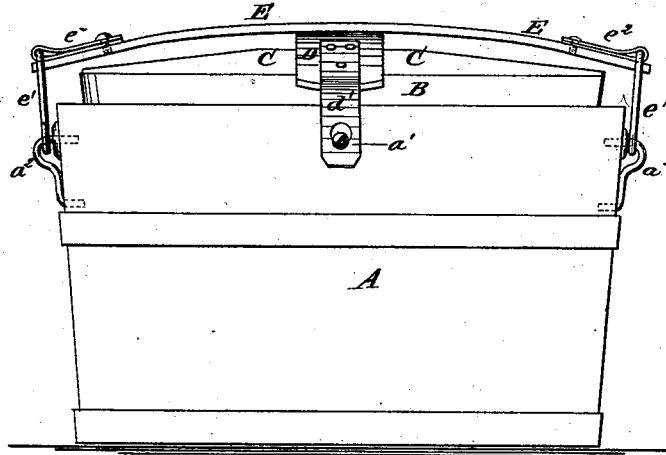
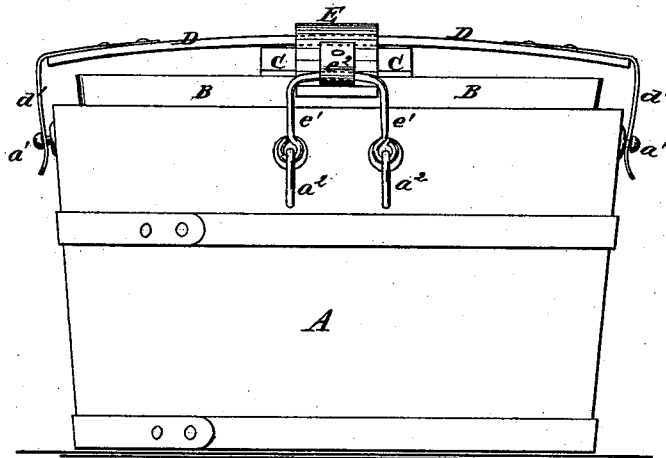


Fig. 2



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IMPROVEMENT IN BUTTER-PAIL COVERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH G. FISHER, of Grand Rapids, in the county of Kent and State of Michigan, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Butter - Pail Cover, of which the following is a specification:

Figure 1 is a side view of a butter-pail to which my improved cover has been applied. Fig. 2 represents the same turned one-quarter around.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The invention will first be described in connection with the drawing, and then pointed out in the claims.

A represents an ordinary butter-pail, and B is its cover. The edge of the cover B may have a bevel a little greater than the inclination of the pail A. To the upper side of the cover B is attached a cross-bar, C, to strengthen it, keep it from splitting, and serve as a handle in handling it. D is a spring, made of ash or other suitable elastic wood, the center of which crosses the center of the bar C, and its ends project sufficiently to allow the metal straps *d'*, attached to its said ends, and having elongated holes formed in their free ends, to be passed over the heads of small knobs or screws *a'*, attached to the sides of the pail A, so that the cover B may be held securely in place by the elasticity of the spring D.

When greater security is required, a second spring, E, may be used, crossing the spring D at right angles, and the ends of which project sufficiently to be passed through wire loops or handles, *e'*. The ends of the loops or handles *e'* are pivoted to the sides of the pail A by double-pointed tacks *a''*, or other suitable means, so that the said loops or handles *e'* may hang down along the sides of the pail A, when detached from the ends of the spring E. The loops or handles *e'* may rest in transverse grooves formed in the upper side of the ends of the spring E, or light metal straps *e''* may be bent around them, and their ends secured to the said spring E by small screws or tacks.

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

1. The combination of knobs *a'* on the pail, loop-straps *d'*, and spring D, with the cross-bar C attached to the upper side of the cover, as and for the purpose set forth.

2. The combination, with the spring D, of the cross-spring E, pivoted loop-handle *e'*, straps *e''*, and double-pointed tacks *a''*, as shown and described.

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