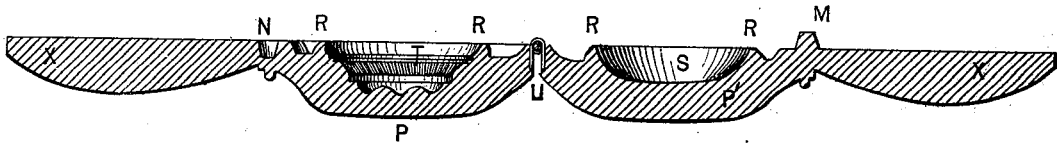


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Butter Mold.

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IMPROVEMENT IN BUTTER-MOLDS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HORACE A. REES, of Lowville, county of Lewis, State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Hand-Compress for Preparing Butter for Market, which improvement is fully set forth in the following specification and accompanying drawing, which is a sectional view longitudinally through the center of the compress.

P P' are the two parts of the apparatus, hinged together at the point U. These companion depressions are of the same diameter, but may have any initial device, monogram, or other ornamentation cut therein, as may be desirable. Around these depressions, which we may term the "molds," the wood of each of the halves of the compress is channeled out, leaving a stout but sharp rim, R R, encircling the depressions. The ends of the press X X opposite the hinge U are fashioned into convenient handles for properly manipulating the same, and when the two parts are brought together the guide-pin M, dropping into the seat N, insures the proper juxtaposition of the respective parts of the mold.

The mold is so constructed, by actual experiment, that each individual package or "ball" of butter, as it comes from the press, shall have a definite weight—say one pound, pound and a half, or two pounds, as may be desired.

In use the practical working of my invention is this: The butter is taken, in such suitable quantity as experience may indicate, and placed in the depression S, the compress being wet with cold water, and the part P is brought over and approximated toward its fellow P', the mass of butter filling the other depression, and as the parts are brought forcibly together, the surplus is forced out into the channel, and is cleanly cut from the package or ball by the rim R R. Upon opening the compress the ball is easily removed and the surplusage returned to the stock. We thus get the butter in a tasty package, of a known weight, and in an attractive form for the market.

I claim—

A compress and mold for forming balls of butter of a definite weight, consisting of the two parts P P', connected together at one end by the hinge U, each part having a depression, S T, which conjointly constitute the mold, the respective depressions being surrounded by the rim and channel R, substantially as shown and described.

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