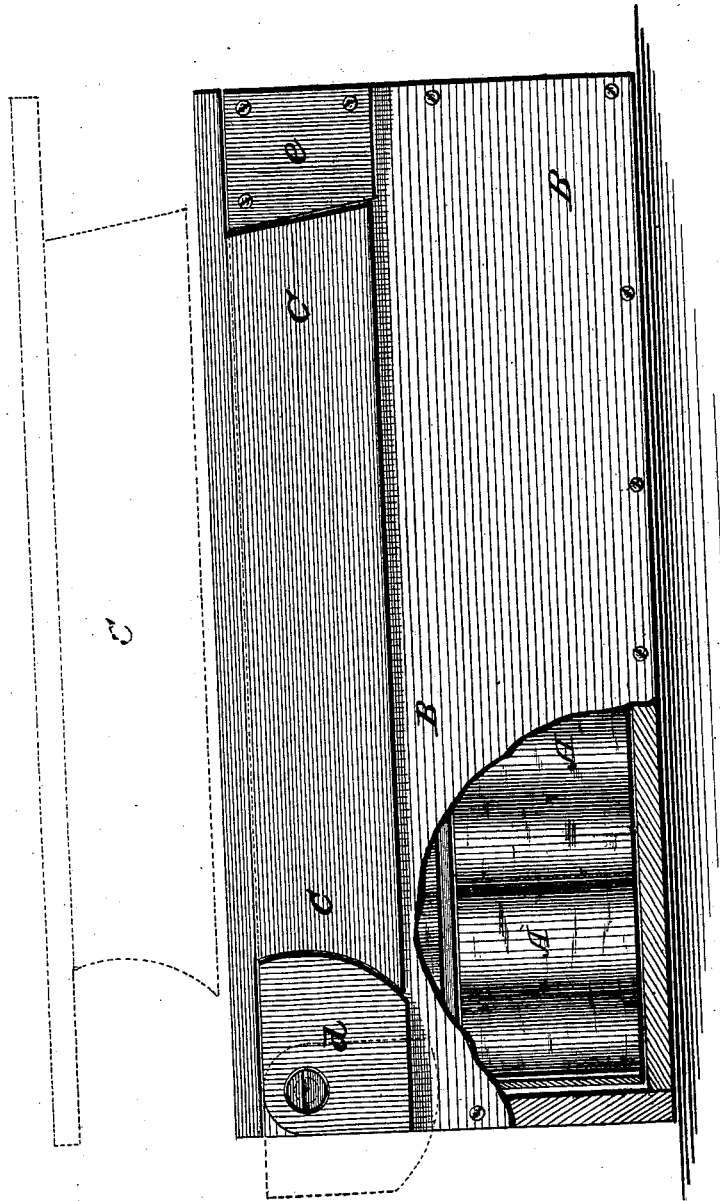


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IMPROVEMENT IN FASTENINGS FOR EGG-CARRIERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, NOAH C. AMSDEN, of Dubuque, in the county of Dubuque and State of Iowa, have invented certain new and useful improvements in Fastening for Egg-Carriers; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof which will enable others skilled in the art to which they appertain to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, and to the letters of reference marked thereon which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to a fastening for egg-carriers, having for its object to improve the construction of the same; and it consists in the construction and arrangement of parts, as will be hereinafter more fully set forth.

In the annexed drawing, the figure represents a side elevation of a device embodying my invention, one portion being broken away, showing the trays, and the cover shown raised by the dotted lines.

A represents trays, which may be of any desired or known form. B represents the box or case in which the trays are packed. The body of this box is provided on two of its ends, upon opposite sides, with buttons *d d*, said buttons being pivoted to the box, and having one of their sides cut in an arc of a circle.

On the two opposite ends of the box are placed pieces *e e*, said pieces being rigidly attached to the box, and having their inner edge cut at an angle extending from the top

downward toward the outside. On two sides of the top of the box, extending downward therefrom, are formed pieces *C C*, having one end cut in the arc of a circle, and the other cut at an angle in an opposite direction from those shown on the pieces *e e*. By this construction, when the top is placed on the box and the buttons turned in proper place, and the angles upon the pieces *e e* and *C C* engage, the top and body of the box are held firmly together.

The manner of fastening the top to the body of the box, dispensing with nails, whereby the box may be used again, is of the greatest importance, as neither the cover nor the box is damaged, and the means employed allow the cover to be easily put on and secured in place.

Having thus fully described the invention, what is claimed as new, and desired to be secured by Letters Patent, is—

The box B, having pieces *C C*, buttons *d d*, and pieces *e e*, whereby the top and body may be securely held together without the use of nails, and the trays may be easily placed in and removed, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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