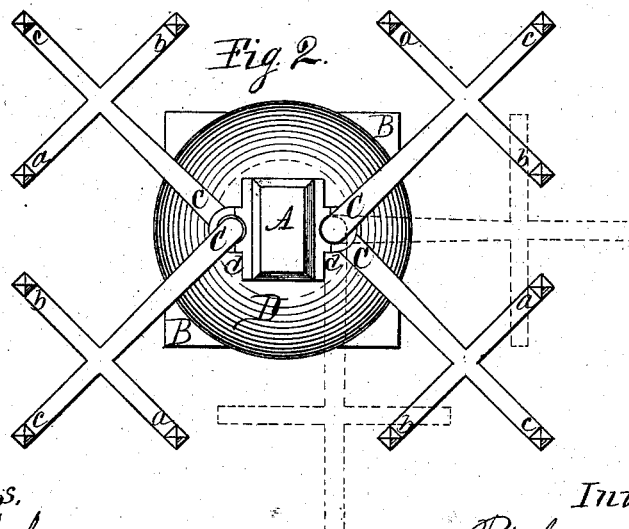
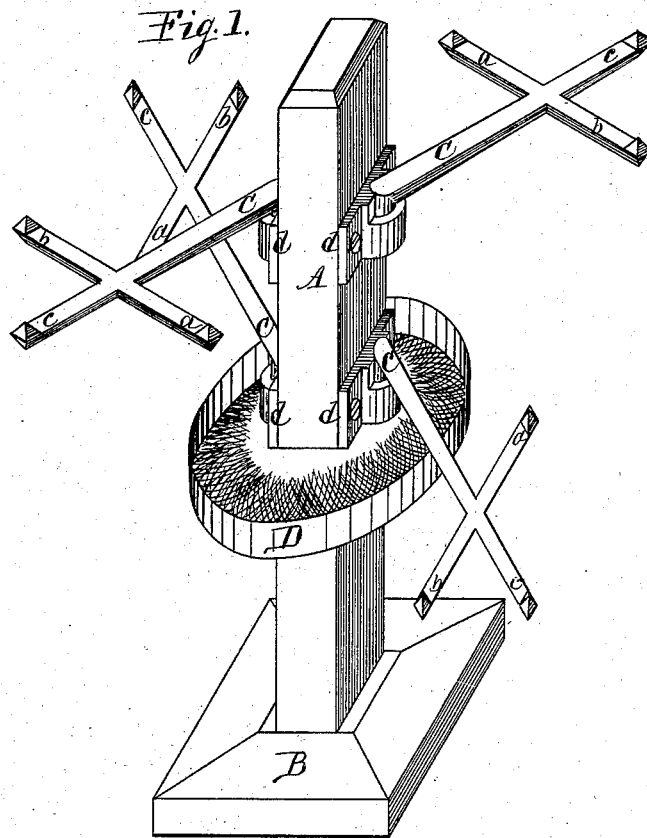


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## IMPROVEMENT IN MILK AND PROVISION RACKS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, RICHARD A. BASSETT, of the city of Rockford, in the county of Winnebago and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Milk and Provision Racks, of which the following is a specification:

This invention relates to that class of milk and provision racks designed to receive the milk-pans or other articles on arms radiating from a center post provided with vermin-protectors.

The object of my invention is to provide a conveniently-arranged rack for the reception of milk-pans, fruits, meats, and other similar articles placed thereon, rendered easy of access, and which will preserve them from the ravages of vermin.

To this end I have designed, arranged, and constructed the milk-rack represented in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is an isometrical representation of my improved milk and provision rack, of which Fig. 2 is a plan view.

In the figures, A represents a center vertical support or post, of any suitable material and of proper size, fixed into a foot-piece, B.

C are crane-like arms, provided with cross-arms toward their outer ends, and are of such length and placed at such a distance from the outer end of the main arms that the three outer branches thereof, *a*, *b*, and *c*, shall be about of equal length.

The extreme outer ends of the several branches of the crane-like arms are provided with upward-projecting points, and are designed to receive the milk-pans to prevent them from sliding from the arms. These arms, at their inner ends, are provided with depending journal-arms, fitted to oscillate in vertical bearings in ear-plates *d*, which are secured in position to the sides of the center vertical post.

The ear-plates *d*, supporting the oscillating

crane-like arms, may be secured to the sides of the center post at any proper intervals, and by reason of their capable oscillations, as represented in dotted lines, may be placed much closer to each other than would be practicable in a rack having fixed arms.

The several crane-like arms, when loaded, may be swung either to the right or left to expose the pan under it for any purpose.

D is a vermin-protector, secured to the center support under the crane-like arms. Its under side is concave, having its outer edge lower than its center, and is provided with a vertical rim rising from its outer edge, which forms a trench on its outer edge to receive any suitable fluid to prevent creeping insects or vermin from ascending the center post, and thus protecting the articles placed on the swinging crane-like arms.

In this instance I have represented the center post of my improved milk-rack as framed into a foot-plate; but the foot-plate may be dispensed with when my improved rack is placed in a fixed position to a permanent support; and in such position, where the upper end of the center post is connected to a building or other fixture affording vermin access to the rack, a vermin-protector, substantially the same as above described, and shown at D, may be employed on the post above the crane-like arms.

I claim as my invention—

The combination, substantially as herein described, of the vertical post, the crane-like arms pivoted thereto and capable of a horizontal oscillation, and the vermin-protector to protect the contents on the rack, these parts constructed, arranged, and operating substantially as and for the purpose hereinbefore set forth.

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