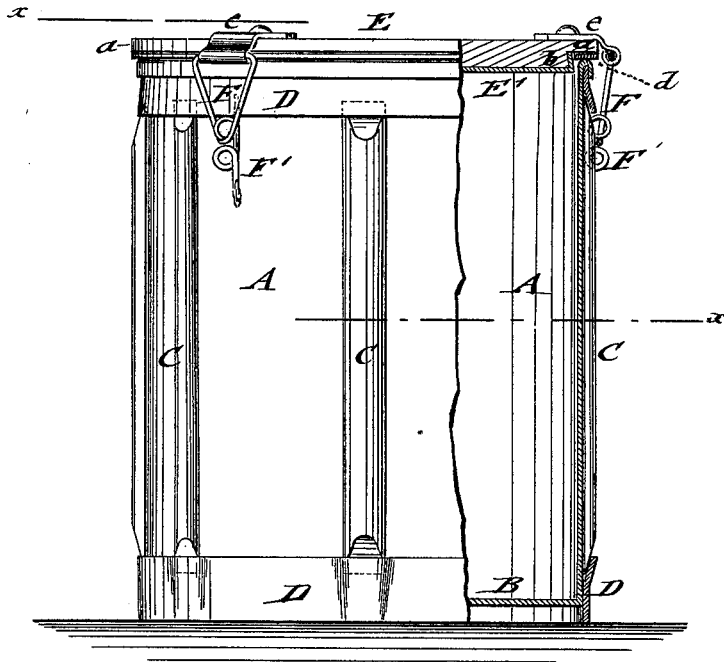


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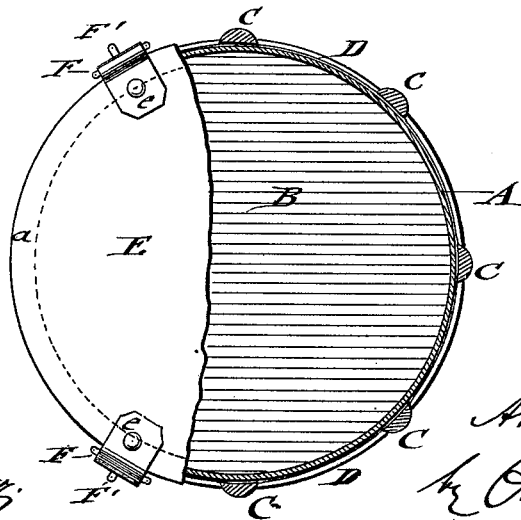
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*Fig: 1.*



*Fig: 2.*



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## IMPROVEMENT IN BUTTER-PACKAGES.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ABEL G. STILSON, of Cobleskill, in the county of Schoharie and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Butter-Packages, of which the following is a specification:

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a side elevation, partly in section, of my improved butter-package; and Fig. 2 is a top view of the same, partly in horizontal section, on line *x x*, Fig. 1.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

This invention relates to an improved butter-package of strong and durable construction, in which the butter may be inclosed hermetically and retained in superior manner, the box or package being conveniently opened and closed for use, and shipped to any distance; and the invention consists of a butter-package, with a sheet metal or other body, having exterior double-eyed catches, to which the cover is attached by means of wire clasps hinged to fixed loops or straps of the cover, as will more fully appear from the specification and claim.

Referring to the drawings, A represents the body of my improved butter-package, which body is made of cylindrical or other shape, and of any suitable size, according to the quantity desired to be shipped therein. The body A is made of sheet metal and provided with a metallic bottom, B, that is soldered or otherwise secured thereto. The body A is protected and strengthened by exterior wooden stays or staves C and by top and bottom bands, preferably of metal, overlapping the beveled ends of the staves, or over sheet-metal strips inserted into the ends of the staves. Bands D and F are riveted or soldered to the body A. The upper edge of the body A may be turned outwardly and downwardly over the band F, and outwardly and upwardly over the band D, so as to furnish a stiffening-ring at the top and bottom of the body A. The body A is closed by a cover, E, which is made of wood, and arranged with a recess at the circumference, so as to form a shoulder, *a*, that bears on the top rim of the body A. The

under side of the cover E is faced with sheet metal, which protects the wooden cover against warping, and furnishes with the sheet-metal body and bottom a metallic inclosure for the butter on all sides. The facing E' is retained on the cover E by being spun over the inwardly-beveled circumferential edge of the thicker part of the cover, as indicated at *b* in Fig. 1.

A rubber ring or gasket, *d*, is interposed between the shoulder *a* of the cover and the top rim of the body A, so as to obtain thereby, when the cover is attached to the body, the hermetical sealing of the package.

The cover E is attached to the body A of the package by wire clasps F, which are hinged to metal fastenings *e* of the cover. The wire clasps F are sprung over wire or other catches F' of the body A, the elastic nature of the gasket exerting a kind of spring-action on the cover and clasps that locks the clasps firmly to the catches. The catches F' are bent of wire, with two round eyes, the ends being soldered to the body, and the upper ends furthermore inserted below the top band, so as to be retained thereby. The clasps F are introduced into the space between the eyes of the catches and then locked onto the upper eyes, as shown clearly in Fig. 1.

Two or more fastening-clasps and catches may be used, according to the size of the package.

The cover may be readily removed from the body by pressing with one hand on the top of the cover and releasing with the other hand the catches from the wires.

By the double-eyed catches the hinged wire clasps are guided in convenient manner into the space between the eyes when sufficient pressure is exerted on the cover, the rubber gasket retaining by its spring-action the clasps on the upper eyes of the catches. The clasps may also be released with equal facility from the catches, the lower eyes serving as guards, while the upper eyes serve to retain the wire clasps.

The cover is thus removed entirely for taking out the butter, and in the same manner replaced for closing the packages and pro-

protecting the butter against dust and deterioration. For return shipment the cover is replaced on the body, and thereby a handy, durable, and superior packing for shipping and preserving butter obtained.

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

In a butter package, the combination of a sheet-metal body, A, having exterior double-eyed wire catches F', with a cover, E, having

wire clasps F, hinged to fixed loops or straps e of the cover, substantially as specified.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have signed my name in presence of two witnesses this 24th day of October, 1878.

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