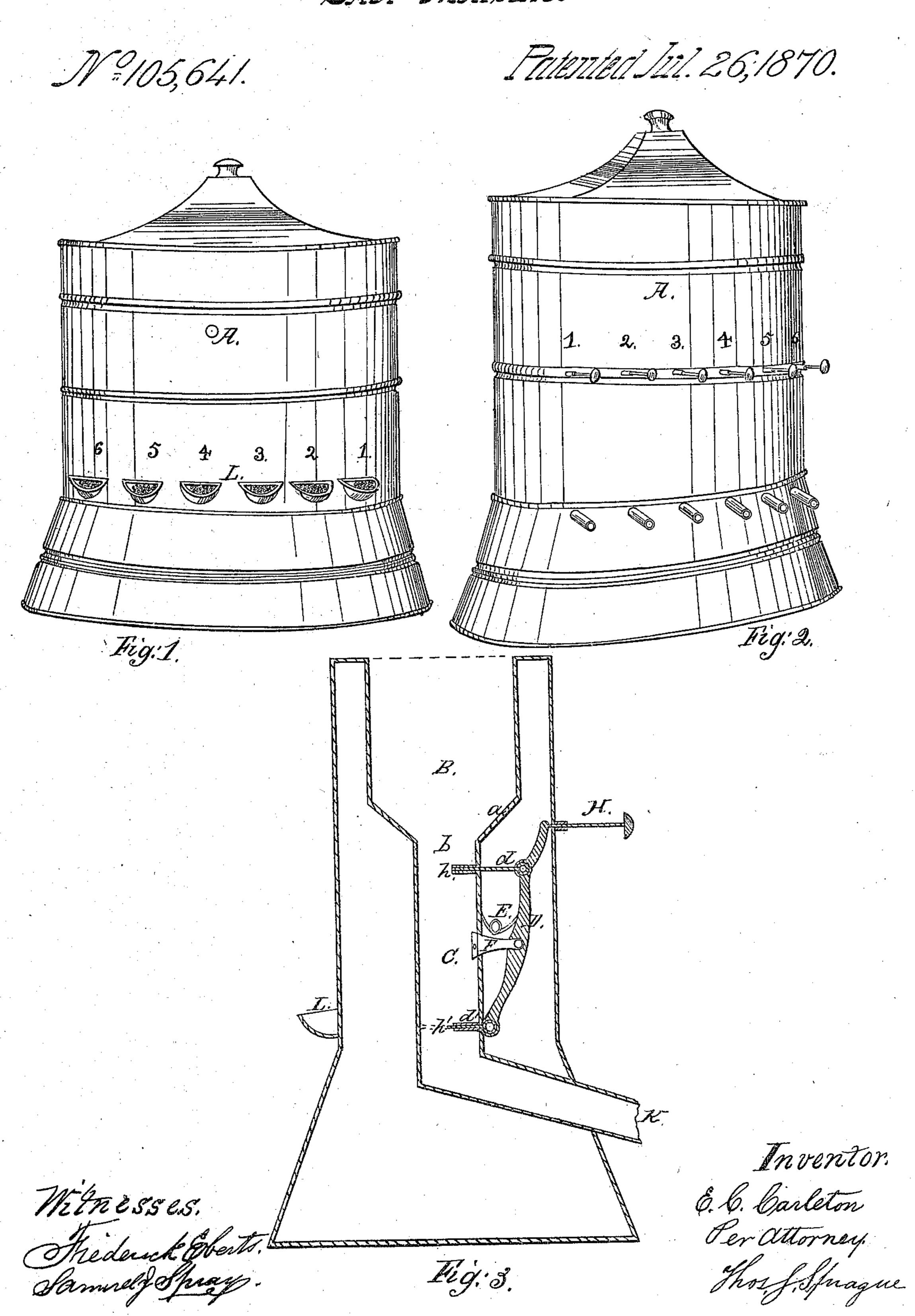
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IMPROVEMENT IN RECEPTACLE FOR MEASURING OUT SHOT.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same

To whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EZRA C. CARLETON, of Port Huron, in the county of St. Clair and State of Michigan, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Cases for Holding and Measuring Shot for Retailers; and I do declare that the following is a true and accurate description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawing and to the letters of reference marked thereon, and being a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective of the front of my device; Figure 2 is a similar view of the opposite side; and Figure 3, a transverse vertical section of the device,

on the line x x in figs. 1 and 2.

Like letters refer to like parts in each figure.

The nature of this invention relates to the construction of a case for holding and measuring shot, and is more especially designed for the use of retailers of that article.

The invention consists in a new and ingenious arrangement of the various parts for accomplishing the desired object, as more fully hereinafter explained.

In the accompanying drawing—

A represents a case, preferably of sheet metal, which may be made as ornamental or plain as desired.

Within this case are arranged, side by side, a series of compartments, B, more or less, as occasion may require, the lower portions of which are funnel-shaped, as shown at a, and terminate with an orifice, b, somewhat smaller than the tube C, into which said orifice opens.

The lower ends of the tubes C project through the

sides of the case A, as shown in fig. 2.

A lever, D, is pivoted in any suitable manner to the side of the tube C, and is connected with the valve-slides d d, which have a horizontal movement through the slots h h in the side of the tube, and which, when closed, fill the cross-section of the tube, and prevent the shot from running out.

E is a spring, secured to the side of the tube above

the fulcrum-standard F, to which the lever is pivoted, and in its operation compels the valve-slide d' to close the tube, while it withdraws the valve-slide d from the tube, until the stem H, (one end of which rests against the upper end of the lever D while the other end projects through the side of the case A, and is provided with a suitable head or button for the purpose,) is pressed inward by the operator, when the position of the valve-slide is reversed, thereby cutting off the flow of shot from the compartment B into the tube C, and allowing the shot in the tube to run out into a suitable bag at the mouth K of the tube.

The slide-valves d d' should be placed at such distances, one above the other, that the space in the tube B between said valves should hold a given weight

of shot, say, one pound, or more, or less.

The case should be provided with a proper cover, K, which, being removed, will allow the various compartments to be filled with the shot to be sold, while a small quantity of the same size should be placed in the corresponding sample-cases L, which should be covered with a glass, to prevent the shot contained therein from being mixed by careless handling.

These sample-cases or boxes are rigidly secured to the front of the case, and should be numbered or lettered, to correspond with the interior compartments B and the stems H, which project through the oppo-

site side of the case.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to se-

cure by Letters Patent, is-

The arrangement, within the case A, of the compartments B, terminating in tubes C, provided with mouths K projecting through said case, in combination with the stem H, the lever D, the spring E, and the valve-slides d d, when constructed as described and shown, and as and for the purposes set forth. EZRA C. CARLETON.

Witnesses:

SAM. J. SPRAY, FREDERICK EBERTS.