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Curbs for Packing Butter.

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Fig. 1.

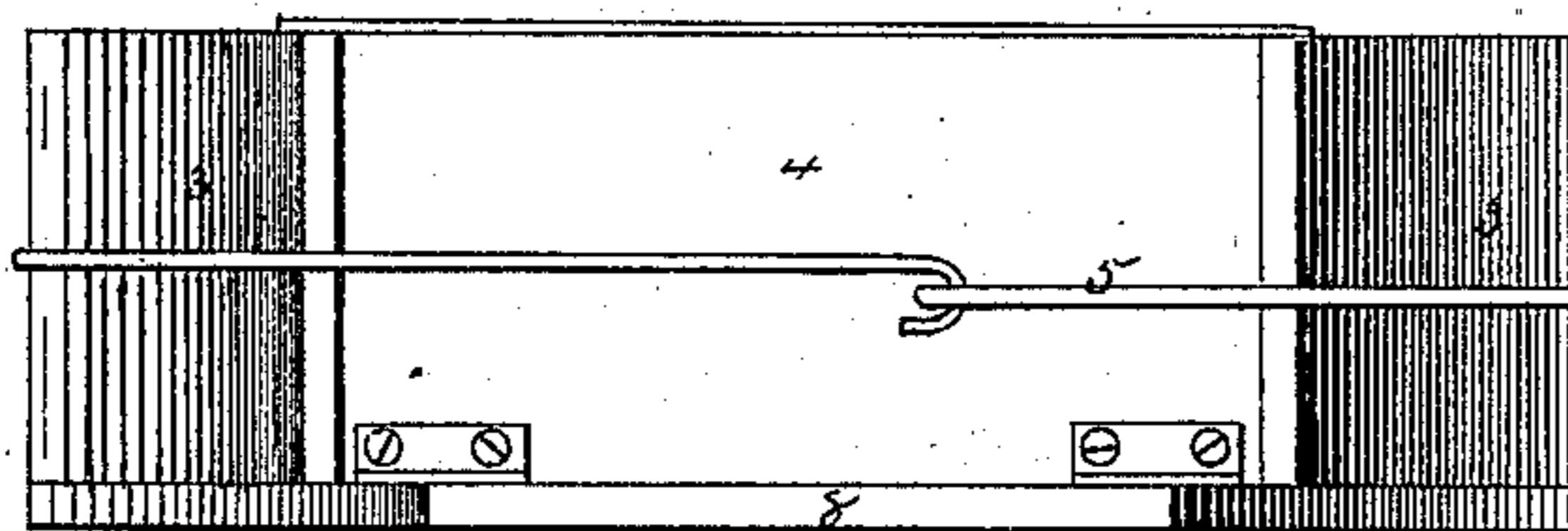
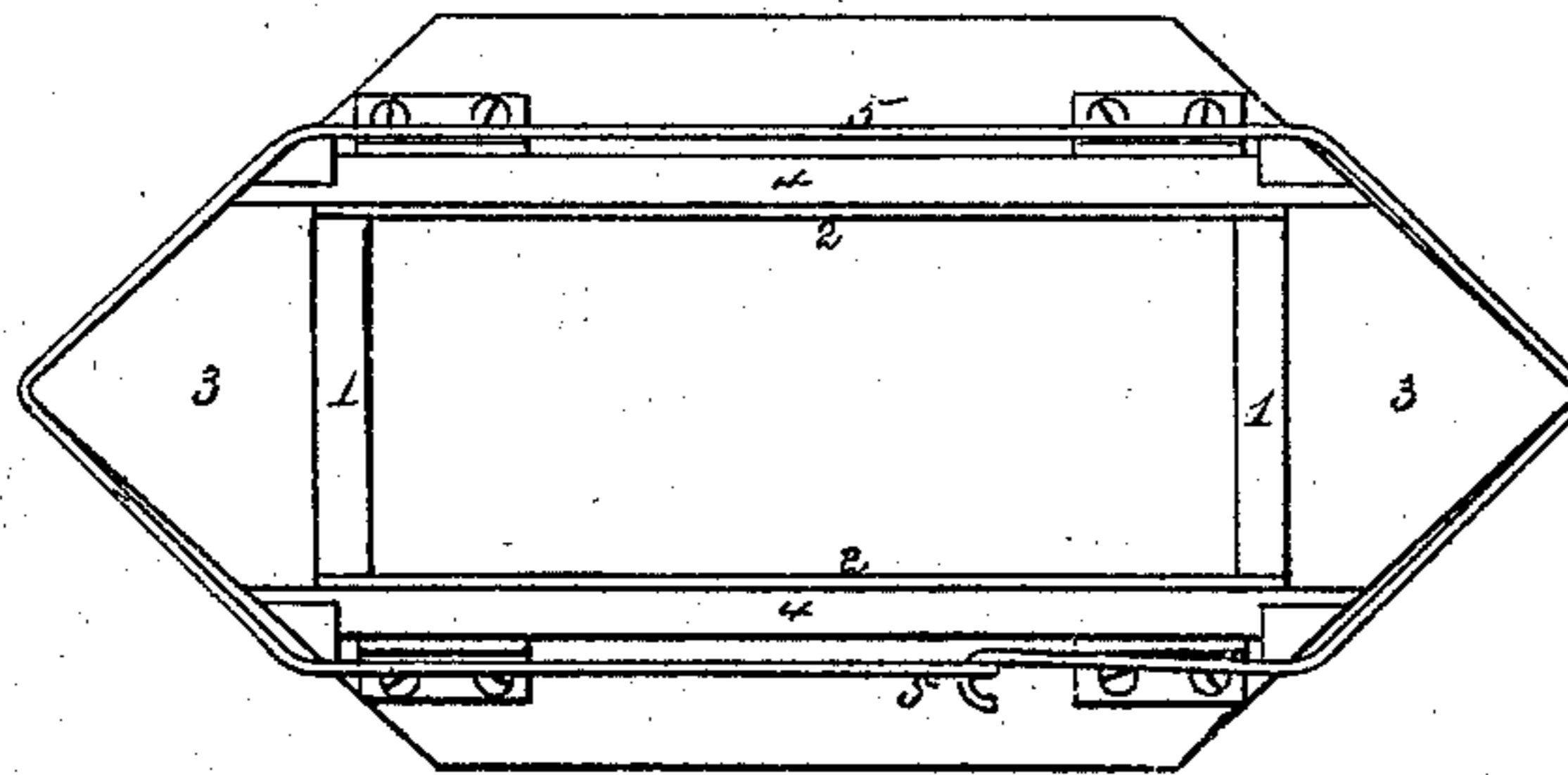


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN CURBS FOR PACKING BUTTER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, STEPHEN F. SPAULDING, of Jericho, Windham county, Connecticut, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Curbs for Holding and Packing Butter-Boxes, when made of veneers or flexible stuff, of which the following is a specification:

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a side elevation of my curb for holding and packing butter-boxes. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the same, with the butter-box placed in the curb ready for packing with butter.

My invention consists chiefly in a stiff curb for holding and packing butter-boxes made of veneers or other thin flexible stuff; and, secondly, in the combination of an easily-removable hoop with such curb.

My curb for butter-boxes is intended for use with boxes constructed of veneers or flexible pieces of stuff, four of which form the sides, top, and bottom of the box, as seen at 2, Fig. 2. These veneers are to be nailed to thicker end pieces, as seen at 1, thus forming a very light and convenient box. But for convenience and economy of transportation the boxes are to be nailed together or finished after being sent from the factor to the dairyman.

My curb for packing the above-described boxes is constructed with a stiff bottom piece, 8, to which are hinged two side pieces, 4, which may be easily folded upward or let down, thus closing or opening the curb. I prefer to make the end pieces 3 triangular and block-like, so that the hoop 5 may be readily dropped into place, as seen in Fig. 1, or removed, in order to open the curb.

In packing butter the box is to be put into the curb, as seen in Fig. 2, without the bottom veneer or the cover. Then the butter is packed into the box, which is to be carefully filled, so the cover will exclude the air from the butter. After opening the curb, the filled box is turned over, and the bottom examined and filled carefully, so the bottom veneer will also exclude all air.

As these boxes will not bear rough handling they are to be packed in a stronger outer box for transportation, and if desired the butter boxes may be laid upon or beside each other in the outer box, which may also have partitions, if desired. It is well to put a little fine salt in the packing-box around the butter-box, to exclude the air, and thus preserve the butter.

The above-described curb may be somewhat varied without departing from my invention.

Having described my invention, I claim—

1. A curb for holding flexible or veneer boxes while being packed with butter, substantially as described, consisting of the bottom 8, ends 3, and hinged sides 4, as and for the purposes specified.

2. In combination, with the packing-curb, constructed substantially as described, of the metallic hoop 5, as and for the purposes specified.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I hereby affix my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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