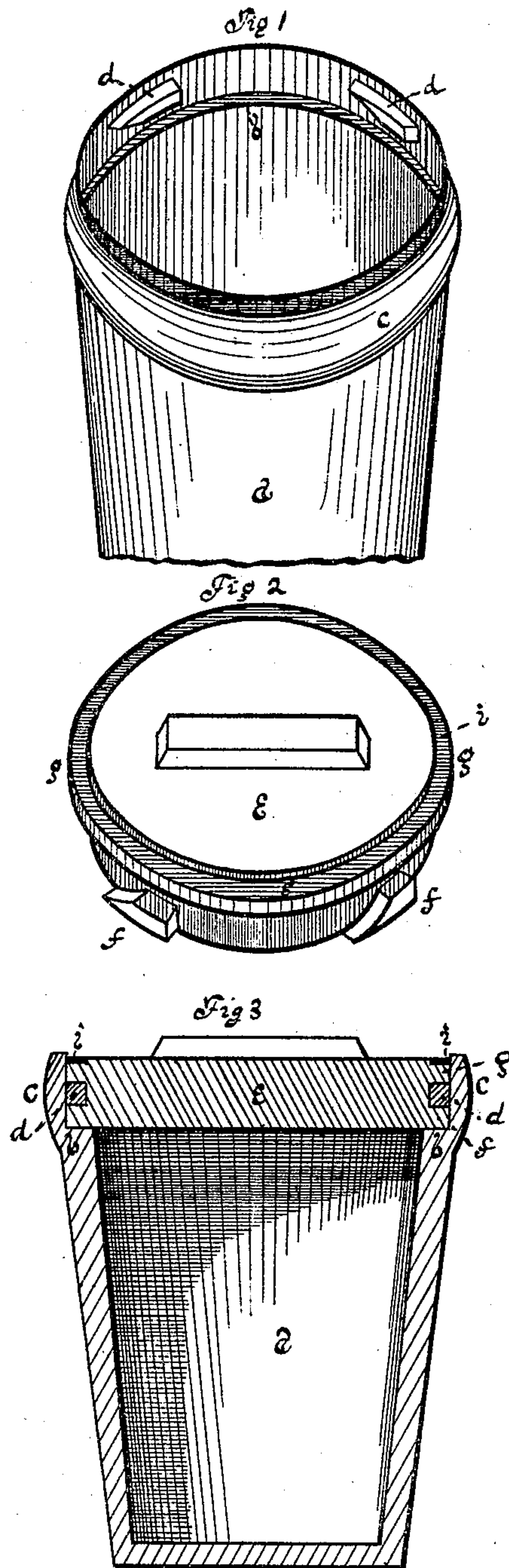


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IMPROVEMENT IN BUTTER-PACKAGES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WALTER B. WHITE, of New Britain, in the county of Hartford and State of Connecticut, have invented certain new and useful Improvements Pertaining to a Butter Package, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, where—

Figure 1 is a view of the top of the jar. Fig. 2 is a view of the cover. Fig. 3 is a central vertical section of the jar closed and sealed.

This invention is a package or jar more particularly intended for sending butter to market, though it can be used for other canned goods.

The common fruit-jar almost always makes use of a rubber sealing-ring for getting a tight joint between the jar and its cover. Now, butter is one of the most sensitive things as to smells and odors. All makers of good butter jealously isolate the milk, the cream, and the butter from all possible contact with any odors whatever.

I have found that if good butter is packed in a jar, sealed by means of a rubber cap or ring, it surely tastes of the rubber down for a considerable depth into the jar.

Again, all fruit-jars with which I am acquainted have a neck or mouth smaller than the body of the jar, and if butter be packed in them it is with some difficulty gotten in, and upon taking out must be dug out with a knife in unsightly lumps.

I am aware that a butter-pail has been patented which has a tapering body, largest at the top; but I do not claim such a construction separate from the other features specified in the combination claimed hereinafter.

I am also aware that a barrel has been patented having its cover fastened in place by flange-sections on the cover meshing with flange-sections in the barrel—the same, so far as it goes, as the method employed by me herein; but I do not claim such a construction separate from the other features specified in the combination hereinafter claimed.

My jar cures all these troubles. It is so constructed that in the place of rubber a sealing compound—as, for instance, and preferably, sweet bees-wax, or bees-wax and butter—can be used to make a tight joint, and not only so, but the construction of my jar is such that but a small quantity of the sealing compound is needed.

Again, I not only make the neck or mouth as large as the body of the jar, but even larger, the jar growing regularly less in diameter from top to bottom, so that the butter can be started out by a gentle rap, and a slice shaved off as wanted for use.

The jar consists of the downward-tapering body *a*, the ledge or shoulder *b* at the top, and the flange *c*, rising above the cover, bearing the interior wedge-shaped flange-sections *d*. The cover *e* lies upon the ledge *b*, covering the whole of the opening into the butter-containing part of the jar, having the exterior wedge-shaped flange-sections *f*, which lock under the interior flange-sections *d*, and also bearing the flange *g*, overlying and covering up the flange-sections, so that the sealing compound cannot get into them. On the top of this flange *g* is an annular groove, *i*, for the reception of the sealing compound, which, if it lay above the level of the top of the cover, might be accidentally scraped off at one or more points, while by lying in this groove it is prevented from such accidents.

I claim as my improvement—

The jar, having the tapering body *a*, ledge *b*, flange *c*, rising above the cover, and flange-sections *d*, in combination with the cover *e*, having flange-sections *f*, flange *g*, overlying the flange-sections, and the annular groove *i*, all substantially as described, and for purposes set forth.

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