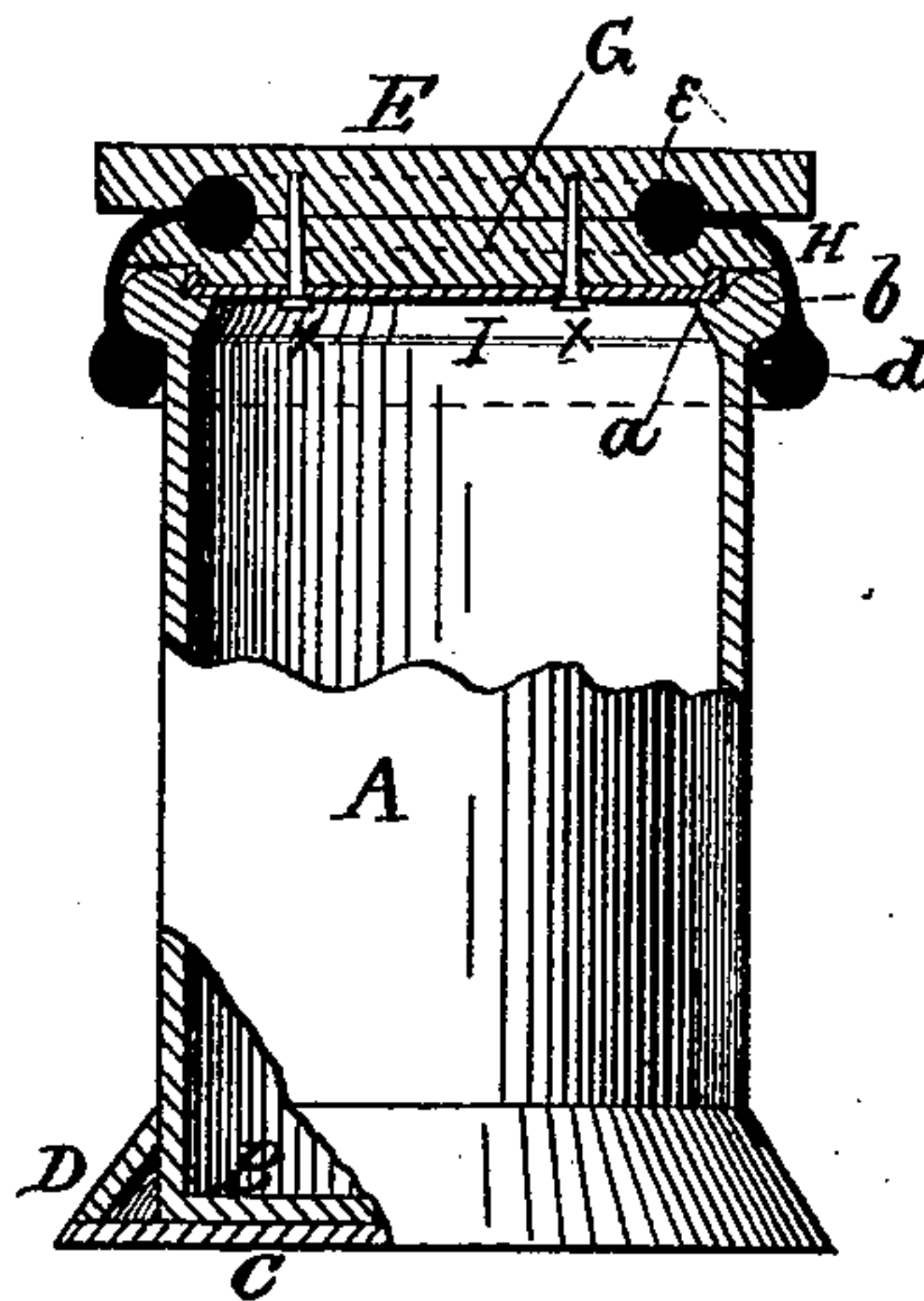


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ANDREW J. FINNEGAN, of Minneapolis, in the county of Hennepin, and in the State of Minnesota, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Butter-Packages; and do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, making a part of this specification.

The nature of my invention consists in the construction and arrangement of a butter-package, and the cover for the same, as will be hereinafter more fully set forth.

In order to enable others skilled in the art to which my invention appertains to make and use the same, I will now proceed to describe its construction and operation, referring to the annexed drawing, which represents a vertical section of my invention.

A represents a cylindrical package, of any suitable dimensions, and made of any material suitable for the purpose. B is the regular bottom of said package, under which is an auxiliary bottom, C, this latter bottom extending beyond the sides of the package for a suitable distance, and around the outer edge of said auxiliary bottom is secured an inclined flange, D, extending inward to the sides of the package. This flange protects and strengthens the bottom of the package, and prevents the package from being knocked over by any accident on a railroad train or otherwise. The upper end of the package A is formed with an interior circumferential shoulder, *a*, and an exterior bead, *b*, as shown in the drawing. The cover is formed of two wooden disks, E and G, the top one, E, of which is made enlarged, to extend beyond the sides of the pack-

age. The edges of the lower disk G are made curved, as shown, and over the same is placed a rubber, H. This rubber is made in annular form, with a rib, *e*, around the interior edge, and a rib, *d*, around the outer edge. The inner rib *e* fits in, and is held by, a groove formed in the adjoining surfaces of the two wooden disks E and G, while the outer rib *d* fits over the bead *b* on the body of package, making the same perfectly air-tight. On the under side of the cover thus formed is a metal plate, I, and the parts are fastened together by screws or nails *x x*, as shown.

With this construction of the packages they can be piled on top of each other without injuring the rubber in any way.

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

1. The annular rubber H, formed with interior and exterior ribs *e d*, in combination with the grooved cover E G, and package A, having bead *b*, substantially as and for the purposes herein set forth.

2. The combination, with a butter-package, A, having bead *b*, of the wooden grooved disks E G, the rubber H, with ribs *e d*, and the metal plate I, substantially as herein set forth.

3. A butter-package, A, with bottom B, auxiliary bottom C, and inclined flange D, substantially as and for the purposes herein set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 3d day of March, 1876.

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