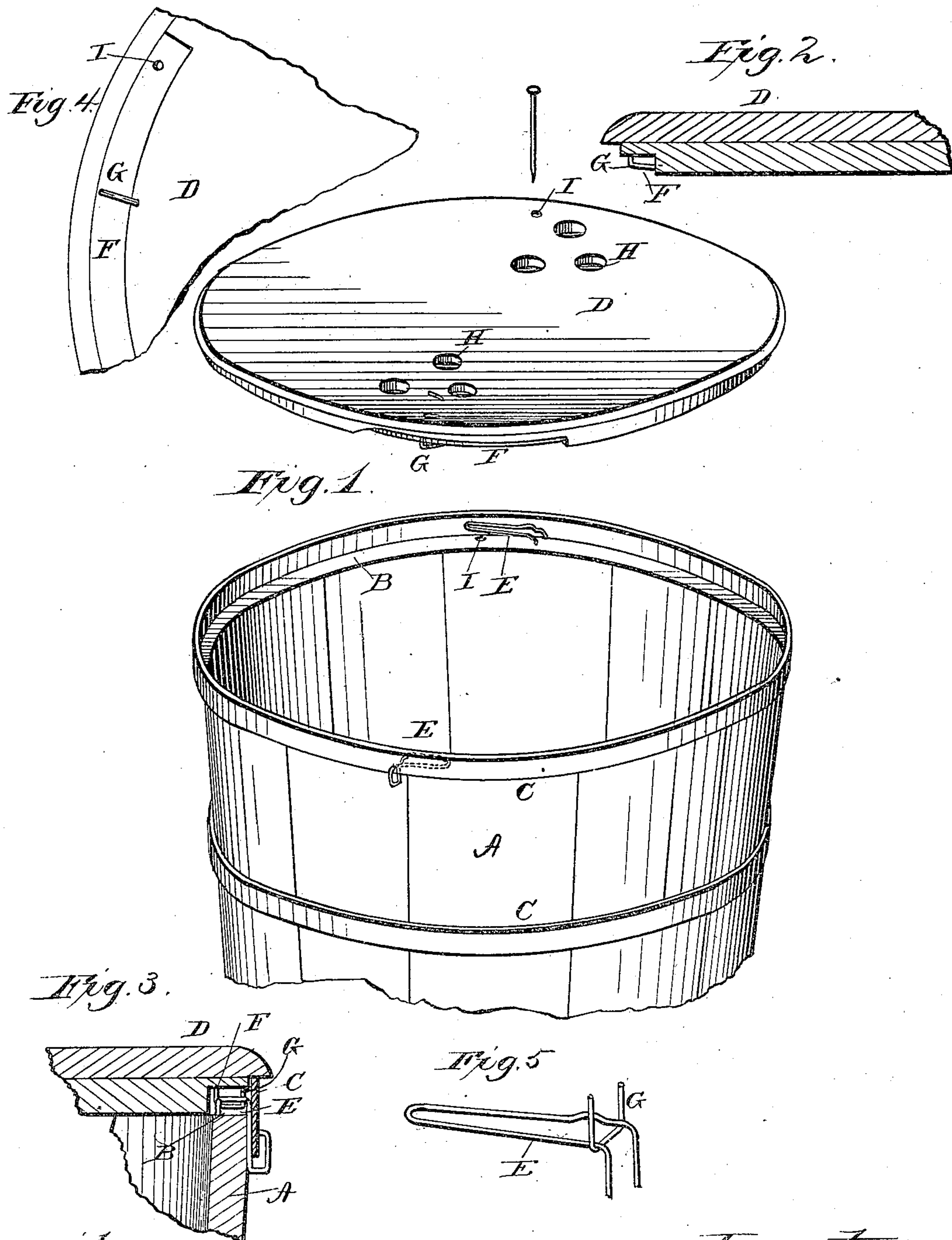


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LOUIS D. GOODWIN, of Sweetsburg, in the county of Missisquoi, Province of Quebec and Dominion of Canada, have
5 invented certain new and useful Improvements on Butter-Tubs, of which the following is a specification.

The invention consists in the formation of a recessed seat at the top of the tub by placing
10 the top hoop so that it projects about three-eighths ($\frac{3}{8}$) of an inch above it. Into this recess a cover composed of two thicknesses of about three-eighths ($\frac{3}{8}$) of an inch wood, placed crosswise, glued, nailed, screwed, or tacked firmly
15 together, is so fitted that the lower thickness fills the recess and the upper thickness projects over the top edge of the hoop, thus having a double bearing. Spring hooks or catches are placed on the recessed seat, and staples to match
20 are placed in semicircular recesses cut in the edge of lower thickness of cover, in such a manner that when the cover is turned to the right it is securely fastened, and when turned to the left it is opened.

25 The object of this invention is to furnish an improved butter-tub which shall be so constructed that it can be firmly, tightly, and almost instantaneously closed by simply giving the cover a quarter-turn to the right.

30 Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved butter-tub with the cover raised. Fig. 2 is a sectional view of a portion of the cover. Fig. 3 is a sectional view of a portion of the tub and cover. Fig. 4 is a view of a portion
35 of the cover, showing the lower side thereof; and Fig. 5 is a perspective view of the fastening devices detached.

A is a butter-tub, the top edge of which is made square.

40 C C are hoops, which are driven on from the bottom, and which are placed at equal distances on the tub A. The top hoop is so placed that about three-eighths ($\frac{3}{8}$) of an inch of it projects above the top edge of the tub, forming with it the recessed seat B for the reception of cover
45 D, which is constructed of two thicknesses of about three-eighths ($\frac{3}{8}$) inch lumber, with the grain placed crosswise, and firmly secured together, as aforesaid, in such a manner that the
50 lower thickness fits accurately into the recessed seat B and the upper thickness projects over the top edge of top hoop, C.

Two or more spring catches or hooks, E, are placed diametrically opposite each other in the

recessed seat B, with their points raised to
55 nearly the top of the upper hoop, C. These catches or hooks are made of spring-wire, either brass or steel, and they may be galvanized, tinned, nicked, or plated, and of the
60 shape shown in Fig. 2. The inner of the free ends of catch or hook is driven into the top edge of the tub A, and the outer or longer end is driven between the outer edge of the tub A and the
65 top hoop, C, and turned up or clinched over the said hoop C.

Semicircular recesses F F, Figs. 1, 3, and 4,
70 are formed in the edge of lower half of cover D, for the reception of staples G G, in such a manner that when the points of the spring-catches E have passed through the staples G, which are
75 driven in rather more than flush with the lower surface of cover, they are forced downward and outward by the two inclined planes formed by the aforesaid semicircular recesses F F, thus
80 drawing the lower surface of the cover D tightly down upon the top edge of the tub A, and the flange formed by the upper thickness of cover D upon the top edge of the top
85 hoop, C. Thumb and finger holes are formed through the upper thickness of the cover D at H H, by means of which the necessary rotary motion to fasten and unfasten is obtained. Small holes are formed through both thicknesses of the cover D and in the top edge of the
90 tub A, directly underneath the spring-catches at I, to admit of a wire, screw, nail, or pin passing through the spring-catch E, securely locking the tub for transit to long distances.

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

1. The combination, in a butter-tub, of the recessed seat B with the spring catches or
100 hooks E and the staples G G, placed in the semicircular recesses F F of the cover, and the locking device, passing through a hole in the cover and into a recess in the tub, substantially as herein shown and described.

2. The combination, with the tub A and the raised hoop, forming a seat, B, at the top edge
105 of the tub, of the cover D, provided with finger-holes H, the staples G, secured in recesses formed in the inside of the cover, and the hooks adapted to engage said staples, substantially as specified.

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