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LUNCH BASKET.

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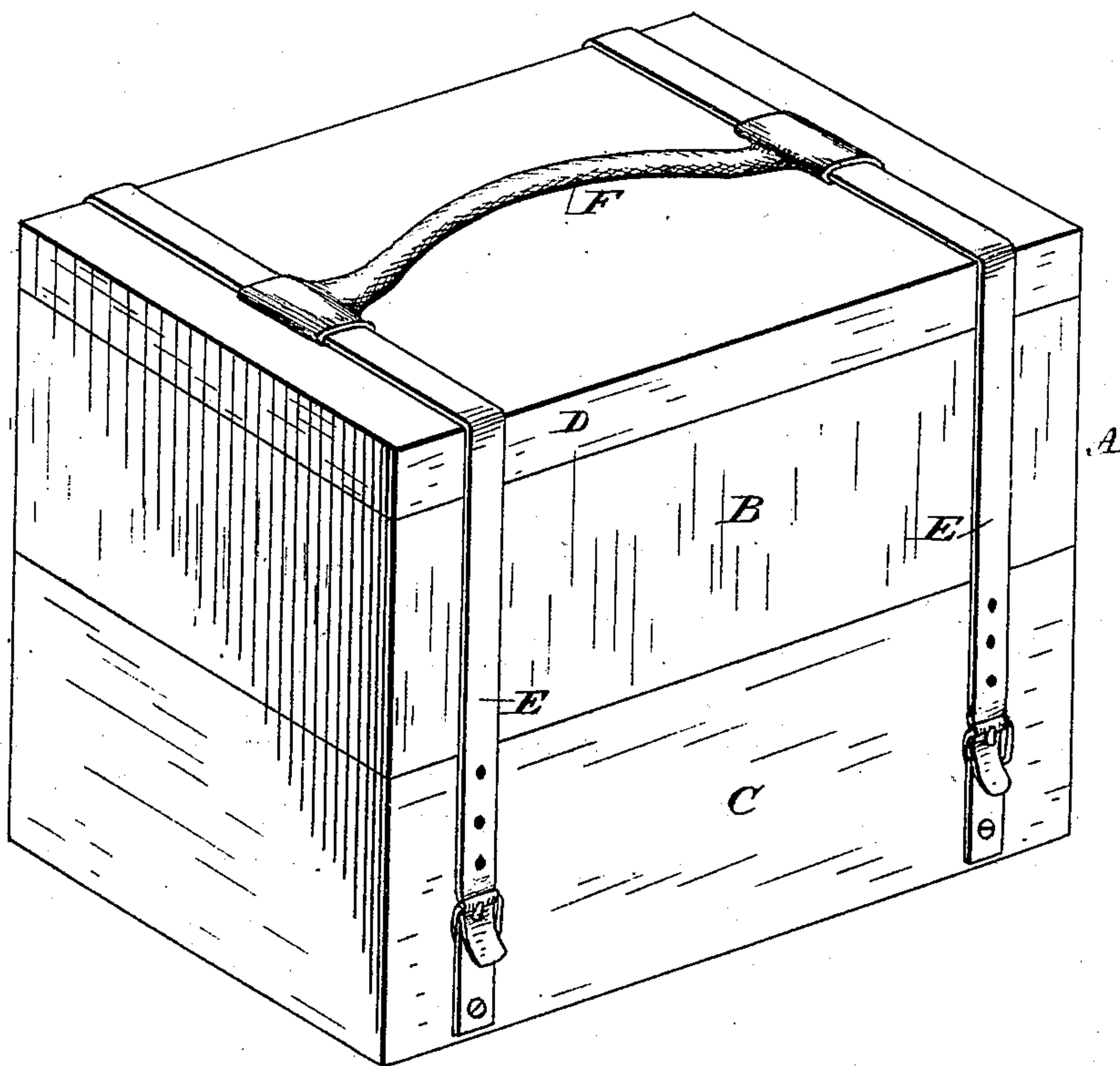
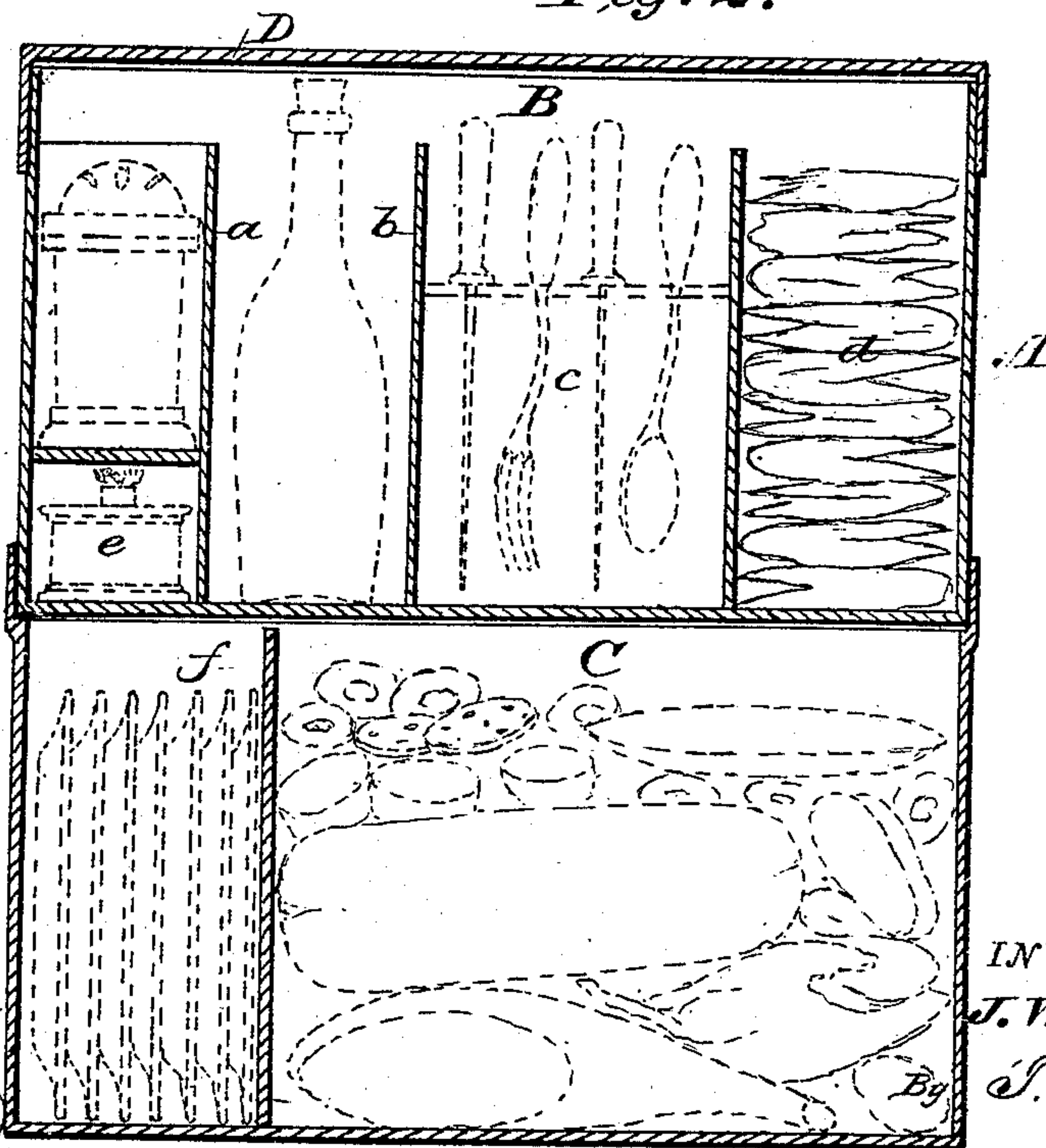


Fig. 2.



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LUNCH-BASKET.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN W. BOTELER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Washington, in the District of Columbia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Lunch-Baskets; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to that class of lunch-baskets in which two or more trays are employed, which fit into or upon each other, and are provided with suitable compartments for dishes, napkins, knives, &c., and having a removable lid or cover, and fastening-straps with a handle for carrying the basket; and the object is to simplify such baskets and arrange them in a more convenient manner.

The invention consists in the construction and arrangement of parts, as will be more fully described in the following specification, and specifically pointed out in the claim, reference being had to the accompanying drawings and the letters of reference marked thereon.

Like letters of reference refer to like parts in the different figures of the drawings, in which—

Figure 1 represents a perspective view of my improved lunch-basket ready for transportation. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal section of the same.

In the drawings, A represents the shell or body of the basket, which may be of wood, tin, wicker-work, or any suitable material, and may be made ornamental, if desired, to give it a neat and handsome appearance. It may be of different sizes, so as to meet the requirements of large or small picnic or excursion parties. This body A is made in sections B and C, of which there may be two or more, and these fit into or upon each other. A cover or top, D, is provided, which fits over or onto the upper section. Suitable straps, E, are secured to the lower section, and extending over the top are there provided with a proper handle, F, by which it can be readily carried about. The top is made of such form as to serve as a waiter or tray, upon which the lunch can be

served in a convenient and neat manner. In the upper section of the body are arranged various partitions, the first one, *a*, serving to contain tumblers (not shown) and a salt or pepper cellar or box. The next one, *b*, may contain wine or other bottles. The adjoining one, *c*, is intended for knives, forks, and spoons; and the last one, *d*, is to be filled with napkins, towels, &c. In the lower section is arranged a partition, *f*, for containing plates or saucers, and the remaining part is intended to contain the edibles or lunch. I also arrange in the upper section a space, *e*, preferably under the pepper and salt cellars, to contain a butter-dish, spirit-lamp, or portable cooking-stove.

It will be readily seen that by this construction of lunch-basket I can arrange all the different articles required for a picnic or excursion party in a neat and very compact manner. All the articles are kept separated, and the user can get at any desired articles without disturbing the rest. The basket, as stated above, can be made to suit different numbers of persons, can be made very neat and ornamental, and can be made of wood, metal, willow-ware, rattan, or any other suitable material.

I am aware that lunch, medicine, and other cases have been provided with compartments for containing different kinds of articles, and are broadly not new; but,

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

A lunch-case the body portion of which consists of two or more trays, adapted to fit into or upon each other, and provided with suitable compartments for dishes, napkins, &c., a removable lid or cover, D, fastening-straps E, attached to the bottom tray, and the handle F, secured to the straps, all constructed and adapted to operate as set forth.

In testimony whereof I hereby affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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