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Fig. 1.

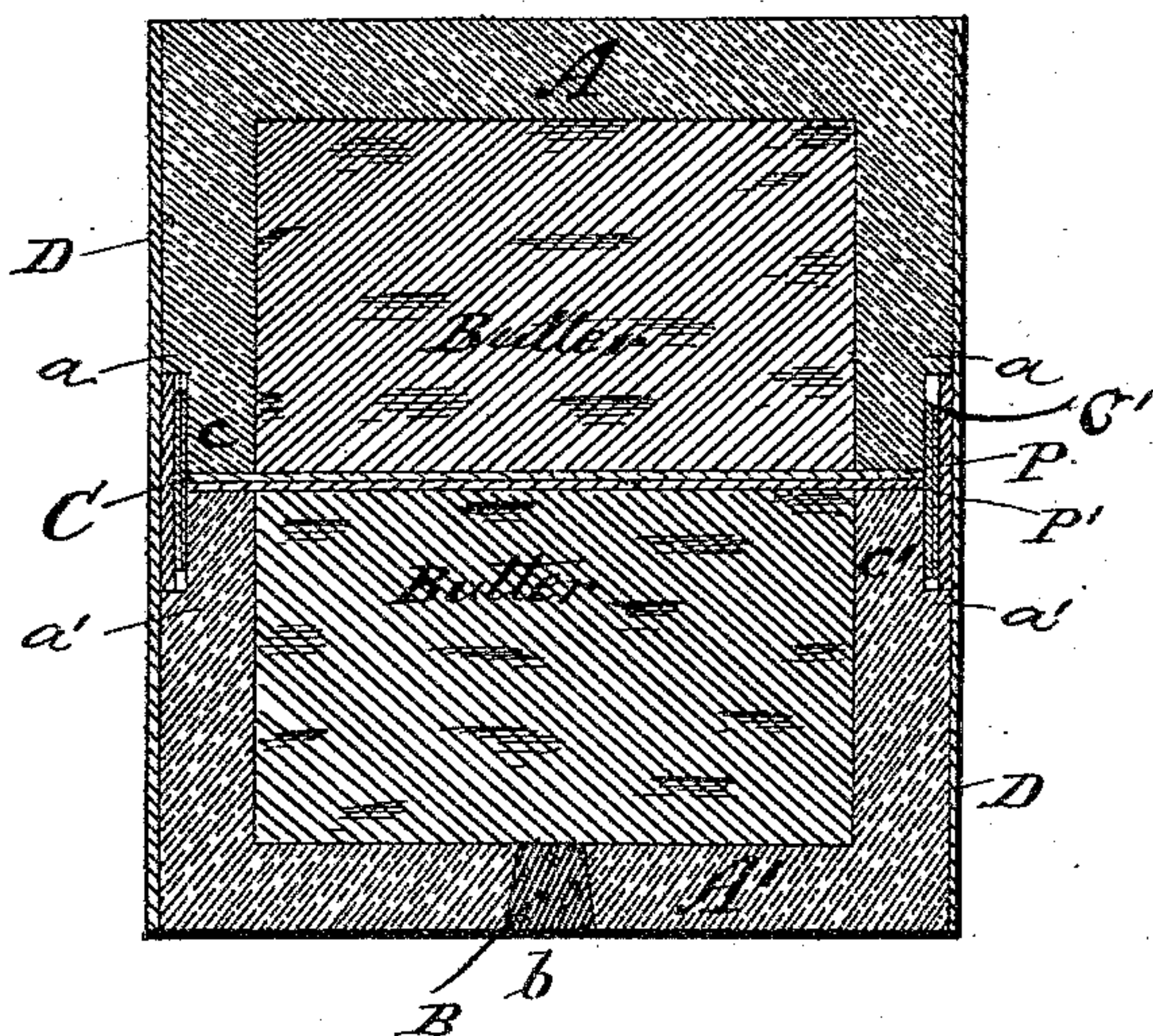
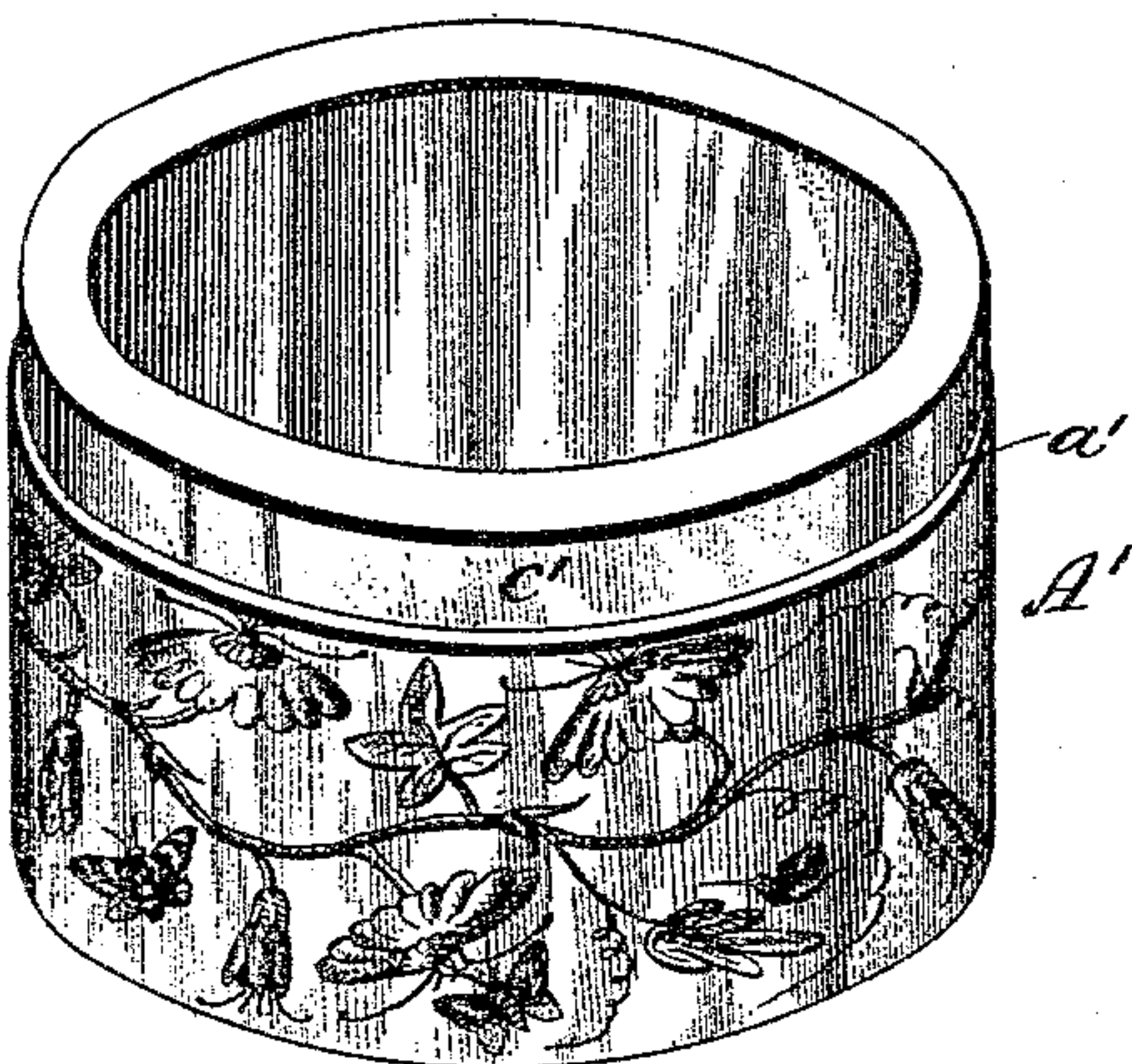


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALFRED EDWARDS, of New Haven, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in a Combined Butter Dish and Package; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 is a longitudinal sectional view of my combined butter dish and package; and Fig. 2 is a perspective view of one-half part of the package without its contents, said half forming the butter-dish.

Like letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in both the figures.

My invention contemplates certain improvements in air-tight butter-packages, by which I provide means for testing or sampling the butter without breaking open the package or otherwise marring its appearance; and I also so construct the package that when broken by the purchaser or consumer it will form two neat and convenient butter dishes or receptacles adapted to be placed on the table, all substantially as hereinafter more fully described and claimed.

My improved butter-package consists of two parts, A and A', made exactly alike, and preferably, but not necessarily, cylindrical in shape. They may be made of wood, glass, metal, earthenware, paper, or any other suitable material, glass, however, being preferred, each part having an offset or shoulder, *a a'*, and one or both parts having an opening, *b*, in its bottom, into which a cork or other suitable removable stopper, B, is inserted. The parts A and A' should be of such a size as to contain each, when filled to the rim, a given quantity of butter—say half a pound, one pound, or any other given quantity. The parts having been filled, say, with half a pound of butter each, which should be pressed in, a piece of paper, muslin, or any other suitable material is cut to the exact size and placed on top of the butter in each of the

halves or sections, as shown at P and P', after which these are placed together, as shown in the drawings, and united by cementing a strip, C, of paper or muslin around the flanges *c* and *c'* of the parts of the package, the strip being wound a sufficient number of times around said flanges to bring another strip, C', which is wrapped around the cementing-strip, flush with the sides of the part of the package. Finally, an ornamental label, D, is pasted around the entire package, said label containing directions for opening the package, and quantity of butter contained in each part or section, with such other printed matter as may be appropriate or desirable.

The quality of the butter may be tested by a purchaser by removing the stopper B and taking out a small quantity of the contents of a package on the point of a knife or other suitable instrument, after which the stopper is reinserted. The package is easily cut in halves by cutting the sealing strip or band C at the point where the sections A and A' are united, when each part will form a neat and convenient butter-dish containing half a pound of butter or more. Thus it will be seen that all handling of the butter is avoided from the time it leaves the packer or creamery until it is placed upon the table of the consumer.

Having thus described my invention, I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States—

A package for butter, consisting of two parts, each adapted to contain a given quantity of butter, the package having a groove around its middle formed by reduced flanges at the meeting edges of each part, united by a band cemented in said groove, covered by an additional strip filling the groove, and one or both of the said parts of the package having an opening at its bottom provided with a stopper, as and for the purpose shown and set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereunto affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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