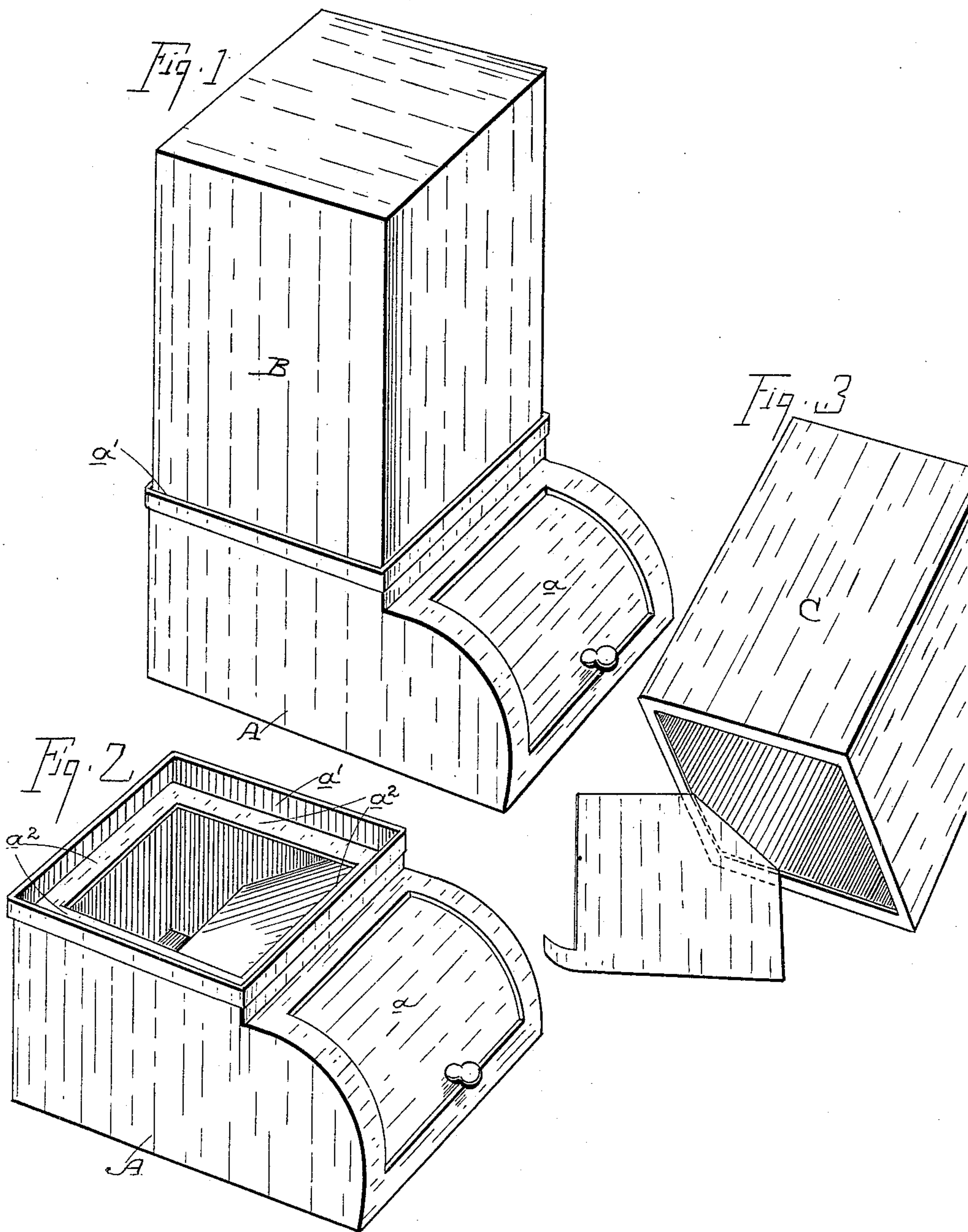


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CORNELIUS TOOHEY, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city and county of San Francisco, State of California, have invented an Improvement in Grocers' Caddies; and I hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same.

My invention relates to that class of receptacles serving as reservoirs from which to draw materials, such as tea, coffee, &c., said receptacles being in use by grocers and known to them as "caddies."

My invention consists in the novel base for the caddy, and also in connection therewith of the removable and independent top therefor, as I shall hereinafter fully describe, and specifically point out in the claim.

The general object of my invention is to provide a caddy which by reason of the independence of its base and top will enable the grocer to use the base portion constantly, and to fit thereto any number of successive tops.

The special object is to provide for the utilization of the linings of tea-cases, which for this purpose will preferably be made of tin. The manner in which this object is attained will be better understood after the description of the caddy.

Referring to the accompanying drawings for a more complete explanation of my invention, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my caddy complete. Fig. 2 is a view of the base portion. Fig. 3 is a view of one of the tin linings of a tea-case, the lower end being torn open, said lining forming the top of the caddy, as shown in Fig. 1.

A is the base of the caddy, consisting, as usual, of a hollow casing having in its front a suitable door *a*, here shown as of the curved swinging type. The upper back portion of the base is formed with an opening *a'*, in which is adapted to be fitted the removable top B. The opening may be made in any suitable manner to receive and support the top. It is here shown as having a ledge *a*²,

upon which the top is fitted. The top B is a receptacle of any suitable shape or material. It is here shown as a box or case, and it is readily fitted to and is easily removable from the aperture or opening *a'* of the base. When so fitted its bottom is of course open to permit its contents to pass down into the base A. The top B may contain any material to be dispensed, such as coffee, tea, &c.

The general advantage of this caddy is that the grocer need have but a single base, such as A, and to it he can successively fit as many tops as he may desire. The tops themselves are the casings in which he receives the goods, and he does not, therefore, have to empty the material from the original packages into the caddy, as is now done, but he uses the original package itself for the top of the caddy. The ordinary caddy is made with a top or receptacle inseparable from the base, and the material has to be removed from the case in which he buys it and placed in the caddy-top. With my caddy he need buy but the base, and he can use with it the cases of the original packages, thus effecting a saving in cost and also in time, as he does not have to change the contents. This general advantage of using the cases of the original packages as successive tops for the caddy-base leads to the special advantage in the handling of teas. Tea, as brought to this country, is packed in lead-lined cases. This lead lining, besides being regarded as injurious to the tea, is of no subsequent value, as it cannot be utilized for any purpose whatever. If, however, the tea should be brought in tin-lined cases, it would be better for the tea and the lining could be utilized. I have shown in Fig. 3 such a lining, (designated by C,) and in making it I would soft-solder one or both ends, enabling either end to be readily torn open, as I have shown in said figure. Now this lining, which the grocer necessarily gets when he buys his case of tea, can be utilized to form the top B of the caddy. He simply tears the end completely off and then sets it up in the base A of the caddy to form the top B of Fig. 1.

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

5 As a new article of manufacture, a grocer's caddy consisting of a base having an open top and provided with a horizontal ledge surrounding its inner walls below said top, and a removable top B, having its lower end adapt-

ed to enter said opening and rest upon said ledge, substantially as herein described. 10
In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand.

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