

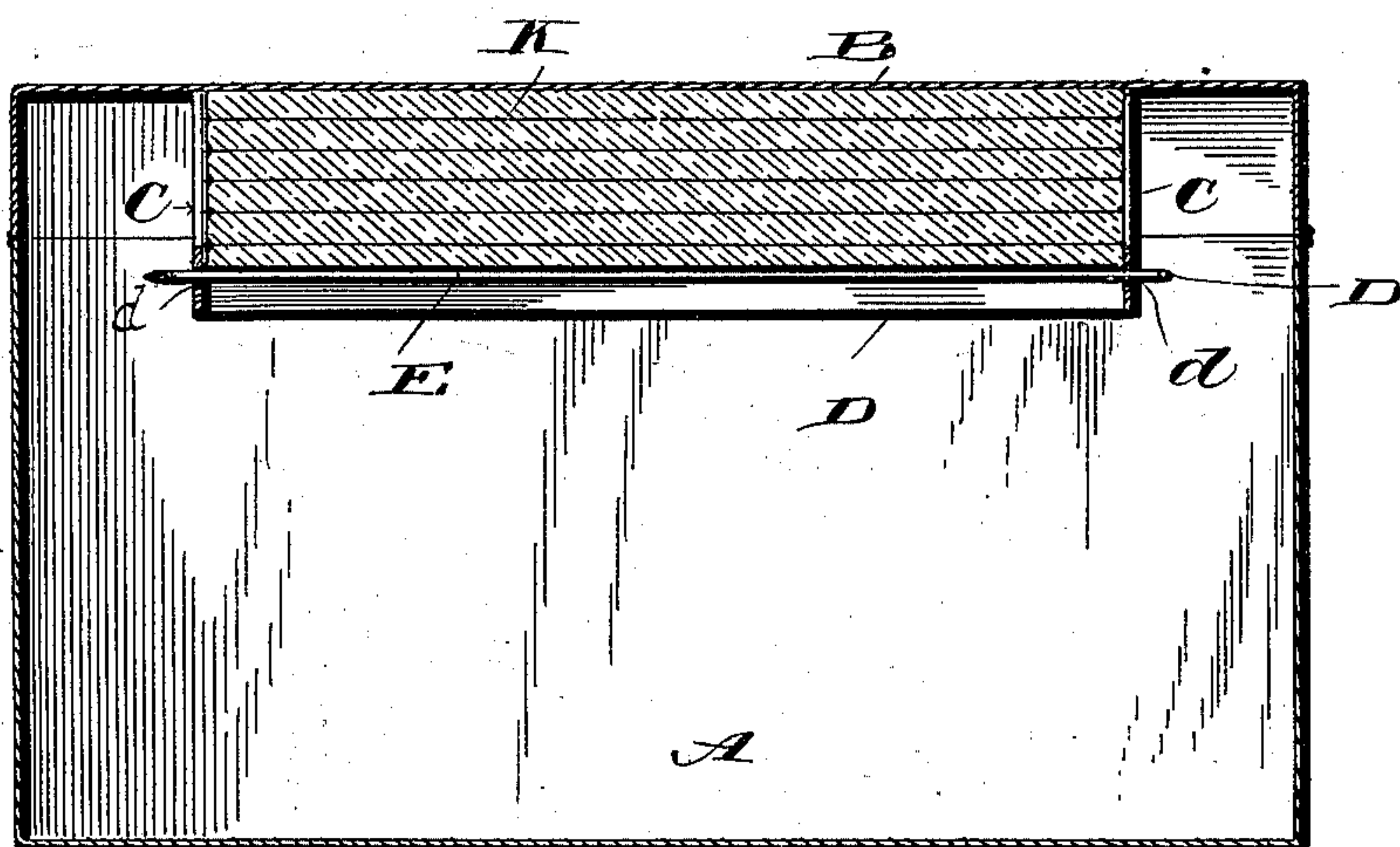
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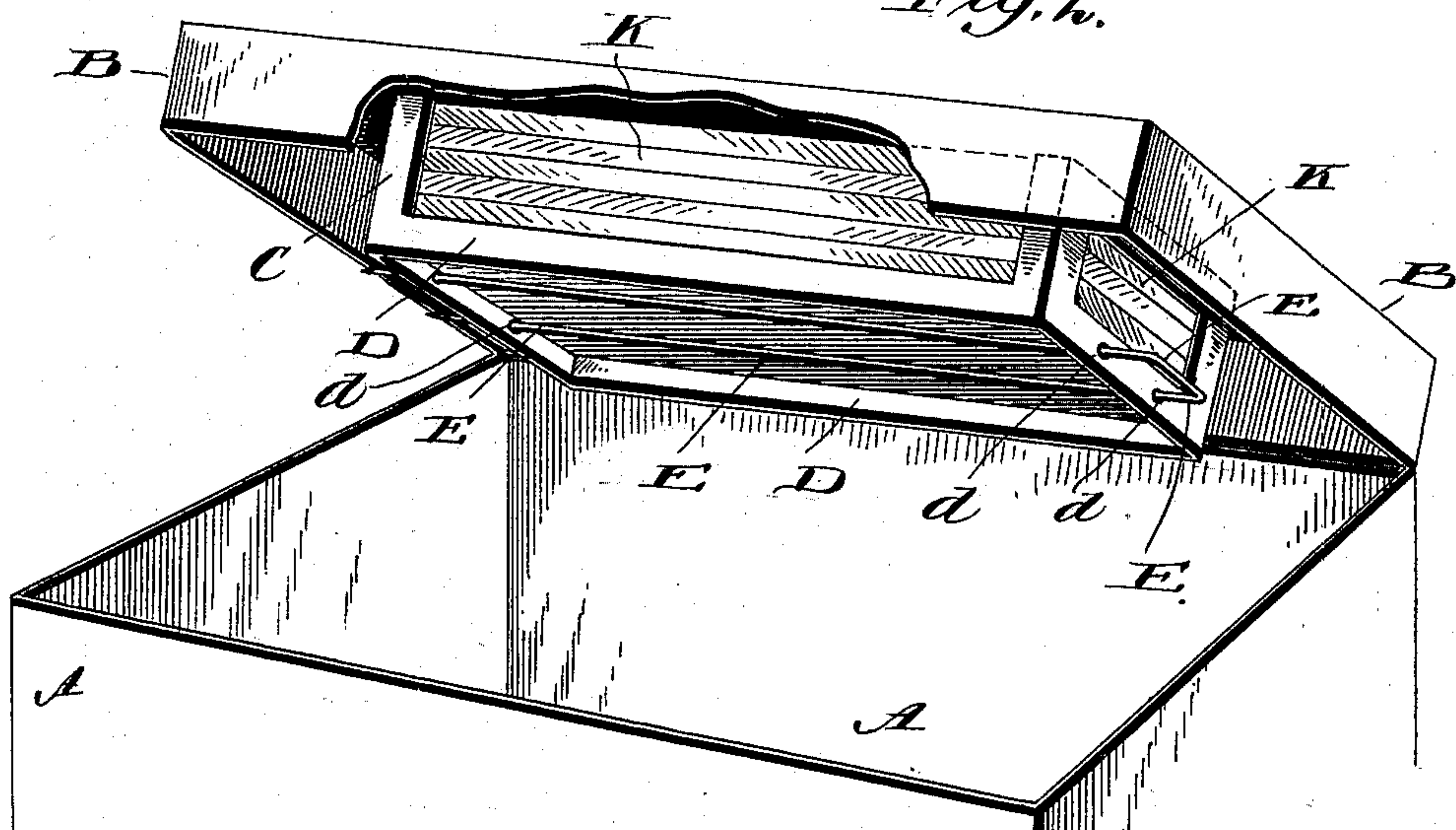
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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



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## BREAD-BOX.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN D. MENG, a citizen of the United States, residing at Rochester, in the county of Monroe and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bread-Boxes; and I do 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, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in bread-boxes, and especially to a box in which provision is made to keep the contents of the box soft by the evaporation of water held in pads which are held within the receptacle, which may be easily and quickly replaced and remoistened without disturbing the contents of the box.

A further object of the invention resides in the construction of a cover for the box, which has a rack secured to its under side provided with bars which are carried at the lower end of the rack and adapted to hold the saturated pads in such a manner as to allow the moisture to escape into the interior of the box on five sides of the pads.

To these ends and to such others as the invention may pertain the same consists in the novel construction, combination, and adaptation of the parts, as will be hereinafter more fully described, and then specifically defined in the appended claim.

I clearly illustrate my invention in the accompanying drawings, which, with the letters of reference marked thereon, form a part of this specification, and in which drawings similar letters of reference indicate like parts in both views, in which—

Figure 1 is a vertical longitudinal section through the box and cover carrying the racks. Fig. 2 is a perspective view, the cover being partly raised, showing the pads carried in a rack secured thereto.

Reference now being had to the details of the drawings by letter, A designates the box or receptacle, having a cover B, to the under side of which is secured the rack, consisting of the posts C, supporting at their ends the rectangular frame D. The end pieces of said frame are perforated at *d*, and E is a rod bent upon itself and is of such a length as to extend from end to end of the said rack and rest in the apertures *d*, so as to hold the pads K, which may vary in number and which before inserting in the rack are saturated with water.

From the description shown it will be seen that as but one broad side of the pads is covered the moisture will freely pass off from the pads and necessarily keep the contents of the box from drying up.

I am aware that it is common to construct provision-safes and other receptacles, as cigar boxes and cases, with a means for keeping the contents thereof moist, and hence I make no broad claim for such a construction.

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

As an improved article of manufacture a receptacle for keeping bread, or other contents thereof, moist, consisting of a box, combined with a cover thereto, a rectangular frame D having apertures in its ends, posts secured to the under side of said cover to support the frame, the bent rod carried in apertures in the ends of said frame, and the pads carried within the frame and resting on the said rods, substantially as shown and described.

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

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