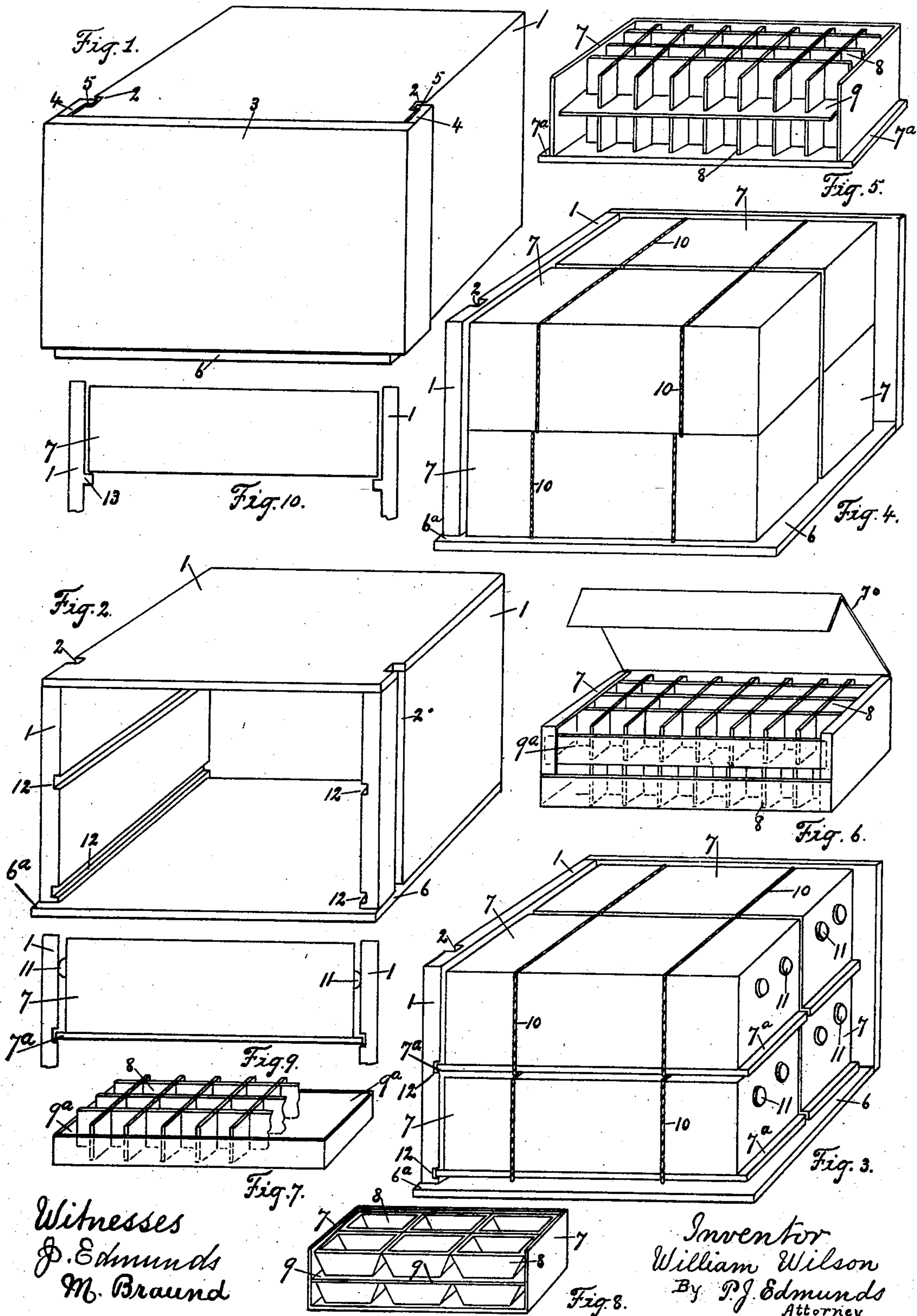


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## EGG OR FRUIT CASE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM WILSON, a subject of the King of Great Britain, and a resident of the city of London, in the county of Middlesex, in the Province of Ontario, Canada, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Egg or Fruit Cases, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to egg or fruit cases; and it consists of improvements on United States Patent No. 624,598, granted to me May 9, 1899. The essential features of these improvements will be more fully hereinafter described and claimed.

The object of this invention is to simplify the construction and arrangement of parts in such a manner as to render the device less expensive to manufacture, extend its scope and usefulness, and still sustain an equal if not greater efficiency.

Reference is had to the accompanying drawings, wherein—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of an egg or fruit case embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is another view of same, showing the front of the case and cell-holders removed. Fig. 3 is another view of same, showing the top, front, and one side of the case removed. Fig. 4 is another similar view to that shown in Fig. 3, illustrating a modification in the construction of said case and cell-holders. Fig. 5 is a detail perspective view of one of the cell-holders. In this view the front and top of the holder are removed. Fig. 6 is a perspective view illustrating a modification in the construction of the cell-holder. Fig. 7 is a detail perspective view of one of the trays and cells of Fig. 6. Fig. 8 is another perspective view of a cell-holder, showing separate and independent cells. Fig. 9 is a front view of a portion of the case and one of the cell-holders. In this view a flange on the cell-holder is held in place in a groove in the case. Fig. 10 is another similar view of same, illustrating a modification in the construction of said cell-holder and case.

In the accompanying drawings the numeral 1 designates the outer inclosing and protecting case of the egg or fruit package, and 2 designates vertical grooves formed in two opposite sides of said case and extending up-

ward completely through the top, as seen in Figs. 1 and 2.

The numeral 3 designates a removable front provided at its opposite ends with the flanges 4, which are fitted to clasp two opposite sides of the case 1, and said flanges are provided with the internally-projecting shoulders 5, which are fitted to the grooves in the case 1, and the width of said flanges 4 is equal to the distance that the grooves 2 are formed in the case 1 from the front side thereof, so that by placing the removable front 3 above and in line with the front of the case the shoulders 5 will be adjusted in a vertical line above the grooves 2. When so adjusted, by lowering said front 3 until it rests on the projection 6<sup>a</sup>, extending outward from the bottom 6, the front 3 of the case will be closed, and the frictional contact of said shoulders 5 and of said flanges 4 binding on the two opposite sides of the case 1 throughout the whole of their length will securely hold said front in place and avoid and completely prevent its accidental displacement and the sides of the case 1 from springing or spreading outward. Again, by simply sliding the front upward it may be removed. This provides an inexpensive and efficient removable front for the case, that can be readily, easily, and instantly removed and placed in position.

The numeral 7 designates a holder in which two or more series of cells or fillers 8 are safely held, and each holder is provided with a folding cover 70, as shown in Fig. 6, and said cells or fillers may be joined together, as shown in Figs. 5, 6, and 7, or formed separate, as shown in Fig. 8, and with or without a bottom, as preferred.

The numeral 9 designates a sheet of cardboard or veneer, which is placed horizontally between and separates one tier of cells 8 from the other, and if four series of cells were placed in one holder it would be preferable to place a vertical division of cardboard or veneer between each pair of cells in addition to the horizontal sheet between each tier of cells. In Fig. 7 the sheet of cardboard or veneer 9 is shown provided with vertical sides and ends, forming a tray 9<sup>a</sup> shallower than the cells 8.

The numeral 10 designates a cord or flexi-



ble band which extends around the cell-holder 7 to hold its cover tightly in place and to provide a means for carrying same, if required.

5 The numeral 11 designates rubber buffers secured to the cell-holder 7 and in such a position as to be interposed between said holder 7 and the case 1 when the former is placed in the latter, on which buffers any strain or jar  
10 to which the outer case 1 may be subjected is expended before injuriously affecting said holders 7, cells 8, or their contents.

The numeral 7<sup>a</sup> designates projections formed on two opposite ends of the holder 7,  
15 as shown particularly in Fig. 5, which projections are fitted to and slide into the internal grooves 12 of the case 1, as shown in Figs. 2, 3, and 9.

In Fig. 10 a modification is shown in which  
20 a flange or projection 13 is formed on the interior of the case 1, and in this view the cell-holders 7 are formed without the projection 7<sup>a</sup>; but in this modification said cell-holders 7 may be formed with or without said end  
25 projections, as preferred.

In the case of small fruit the quart or two-quart boxes of fruit may be fitted to and placed in cells or fillers made especially for them and to which the outside of the quart  
30 or two-quart boxes are closely fitted, and said holders 7, as well as the sheets of cardboard or veneer 9, placed between the cells 8 contained therein, may be formed of rigid or yielding material, according to the purpose  
35 for which the package is used. When formed of cardboard or thin veneer, they would give or yield slightly in order to avoid and completely prevent breaking or injury of their

contents, and said cell-holders may be ventilated by forming openings therein or they  
40 may be formed air-tight by enveloping them in waxed paper or other suitable material.

I have found by experiment that the construction herein shown and described gives the best results. At the same time, while I  
45 prefer said construction, I do not wish to limit myself to the details thereof, as they may be modified in various ways without departing from the spirit of my invention.

Having thus described my invention, I  
50 claim—

1. In a device of the character described, an outer, inclosing and protecting case, having a projecting bottom, and a removable front resting on said projecting bottom, in combination with cell-holders, a folding cover for  
55 each holder, series of cells in each of said holders, and means for separating one tier of cells from the other, substantially as and for the purpose set forth. 60

2. In a device of the character described, an outer, inclosing and protecting case, having a projecting bottom, and a removable front resting on said projecting bottom, in combination with cell-holders, a folding cover for  
65 each holder, series of cells in each of said holders, and a shallow tray separating one tier of cells from the other, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony whereof I have signed in the  
70 presence of the two undersigned witnesses.

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