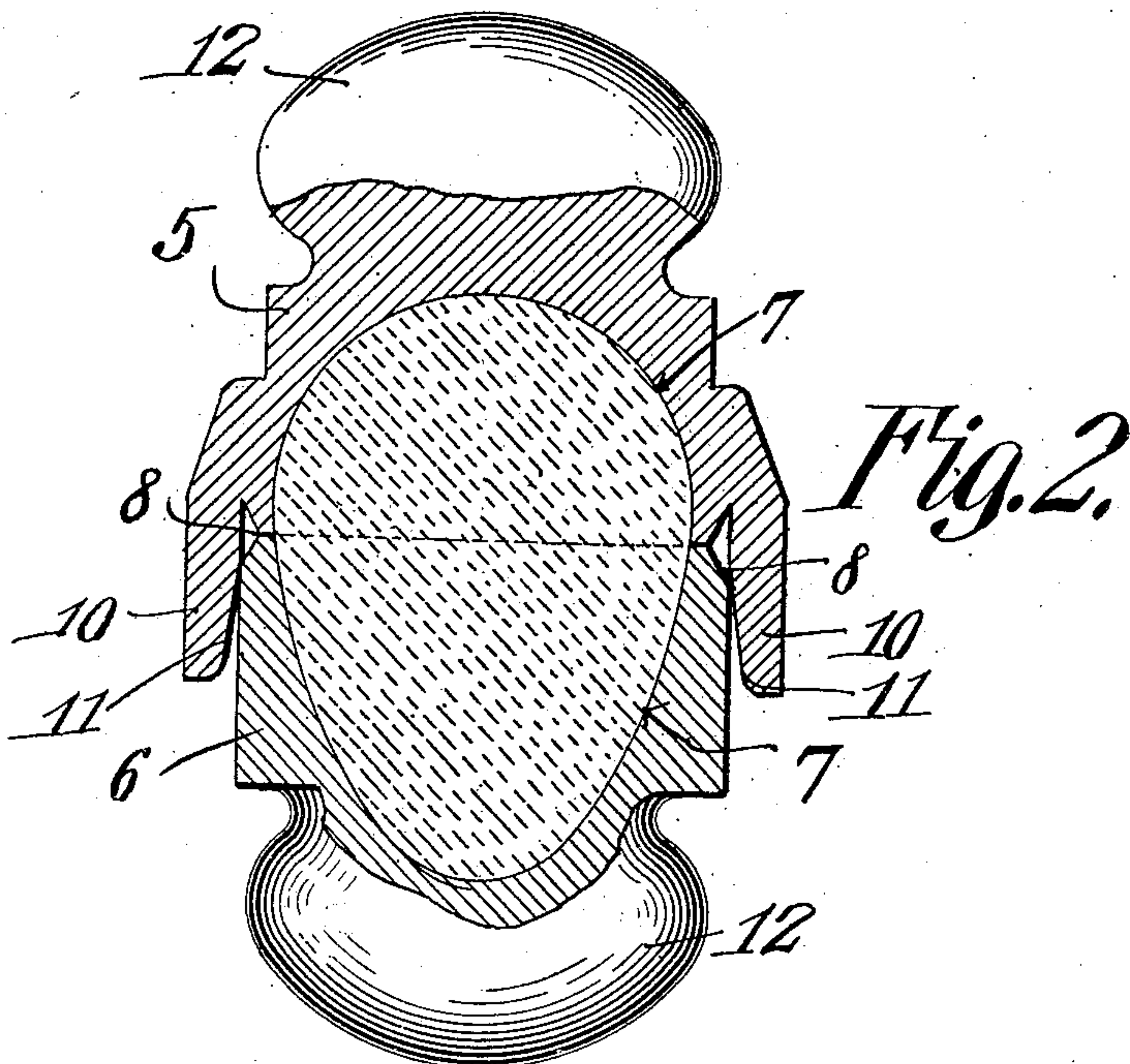
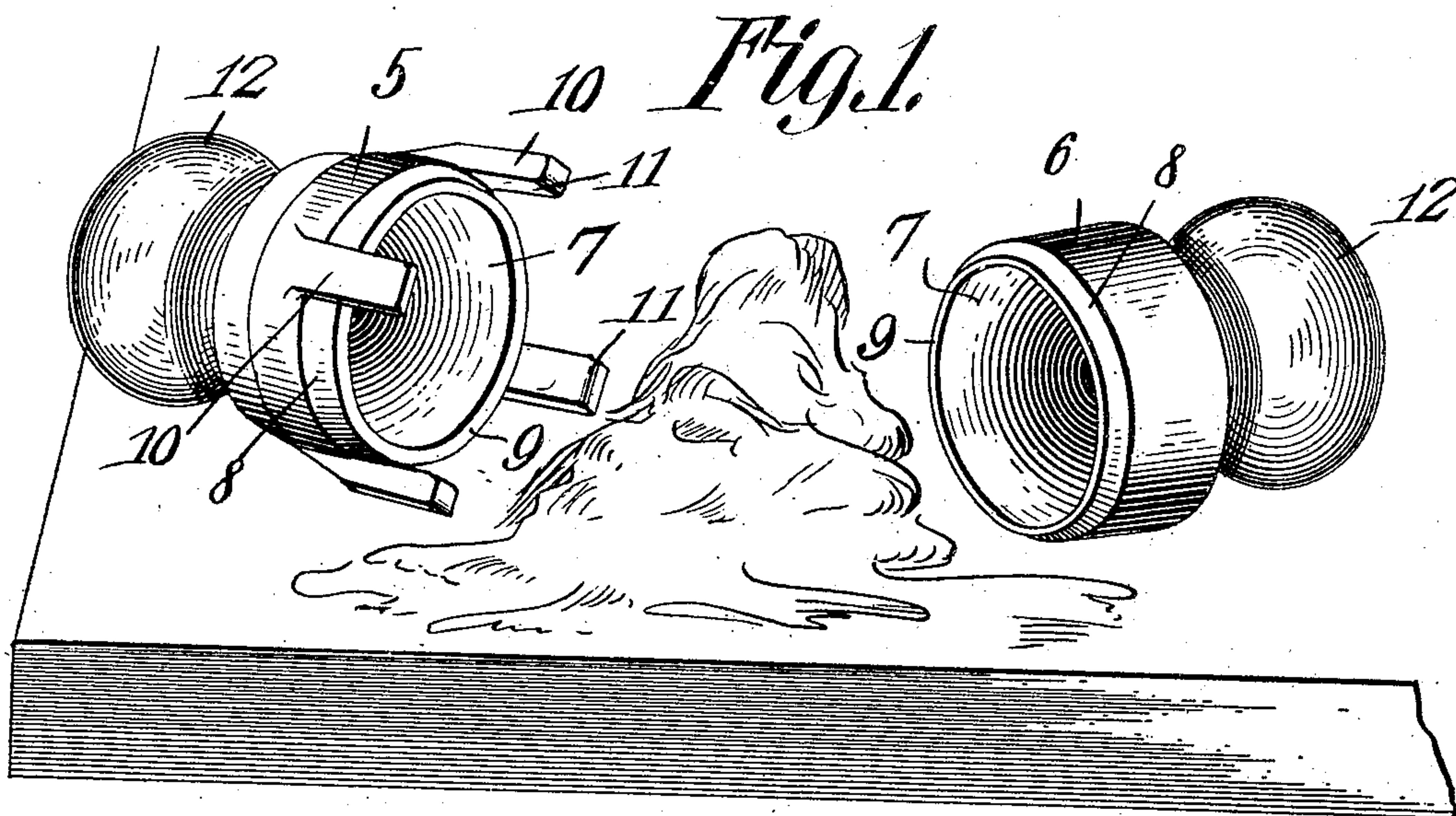


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH M. SOUTHERLAND, a citizen of the United States, residing at Monte Ne, in the county of Benton and State of Arkansas, have invented a new and useful Mold for Making Nest-Eggs, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to molds for making nest eggs from cement, concrete and other plastic material and has for its object to provide a mold by means of which artificial stone nest eggs may be conveniently and expeditiously manufactured.

A further object of the invention is to provide a mold including mating sections having molding compartments formed therein and adapted to register with each other, one of said sections being provided with guide fingers for engagement with the exterior walls of the mating section.

A further object is to provide a mold including mating sections, one of which is rotatable relative to the other.

A still further object of the invention is generally to improve this class of devices so as to increase their utility, durability and efficiency.

Further objects and advantages will appear in the following description, it being understood that various changes in form, proportions and minor details of construction may be resorted to within the scope of the appended claim.

In the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification: Figure 1 is a perspective view of a mold constructed in accordance with my invention, showing the sections thereof separated and in position to receive the cement, concrete or other plastic material. Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view partly in elevation showing the mold sections in assembled position.

Similar numerals of reference indicate corresponding parts in both figures of the drawings.

The improved mold forming the subject matter of the present invention includes a pair of mating sections 5 and 6, said sections being substantially cylindrical in shape and each provided with a compartment 7 adapted to receive the cement, concrete or other plastic material forming the body of the egg.

The exterior wall of each section at the mouth of the adjacent molding compartment 7 is inclined or beveled at 8 to produce

a relatively narrow shoulder 9 adapted to bear against a corresponding shoulder on the mating section so that when said sections are assembled one of the sections may be rotated relatively to the other with the least possible friction between the parts.

Secured to or formed integral with the exterior walls of the section 5 are a plurality of longitudinally disposed fingers 10 adapted to bear against the exterior wall of the section 6 so as to prevent accidental separation of said sections when one of the sections is rotated to impart the desired shape to the plastic mass within the molding compartments.

The inner face of each finger 10 is preferably inclined or beveled at 11 to assist in guiding the section 6 when assembling said sections.

Secured to or formed integral with the rear end of each section is a finger piece or knob 12 by means of which the sections may be conveniently grasped in the hand when filling the same with cement or concrete.

In using the device the operator grasps one section in each hand and moves said sections toward each other so that the cement or concrete will enter the molding compartments. The sections are then moved to a vertical position and the lower section 6 held stationary in the hand, while the upper section 5 is rotated or partially rotated so as to impart the desired shape to the egg. The section 5 is then removed leaving the point of the egg in the lower section 6 from which it may be readily removed by inverting the lower section and allowing the butt end of the egg to rest in the palm of the hand when lifting off the section 6.

Attention is here called to the fact that the fingers 10 not only serve as guides when the sections are brought together or assembled but also bear against the exterior walls of the section 5 and prevent accidental lateral movement of said sections when one of the sections is rotated with respect to the other.

The device may be made in different sizes and shapes and formed of wood, metal or other suitable material. It will also be understood that the mold sections may be fastened in any suitable manner to a pair of tongs or to the clamping jaws of a vise or similar device without departing from the spirit of the invention.

From the foregoing description it will be seen that there is provided an extremely simple, inexpensive and efficient device admirably adapted for the attainment of the ends in view.

Having thus described the invention what is claimed is:

A mold of the class described comprising mating sections having molding compartments adapted to register with each other when said sections are assembled, the said sections when assembled, being relatively rotatable, the edge of each section at its open end being exteriorly beveled, and offset fingers integral with one of the sections and projecting beyond the open end there-

of, said fingers having their opposing faces beveled toward their extremities, whereby the outer ends of the fingers will describe a circle of greater diameter than that described by the inner ends of the fingers, the circle described by the opposed faces of the fingers at their inner ends having a diameter the same as the diameter of either section.

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

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