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SHIPPING CONTAINER

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Fig. 1.

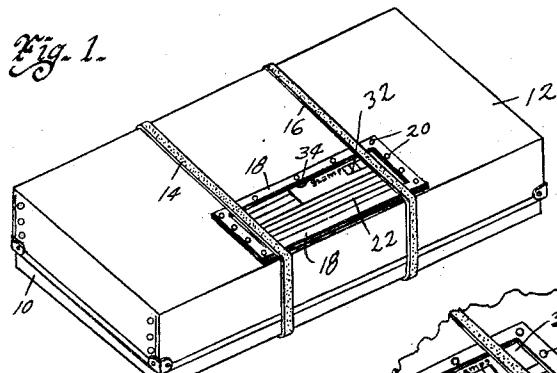


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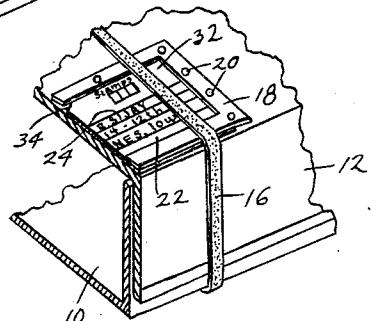


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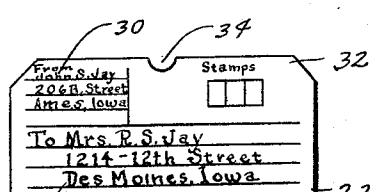
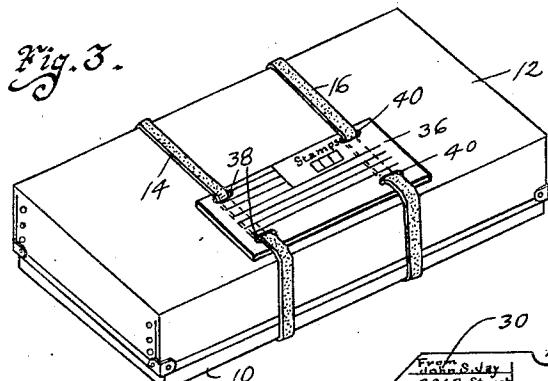


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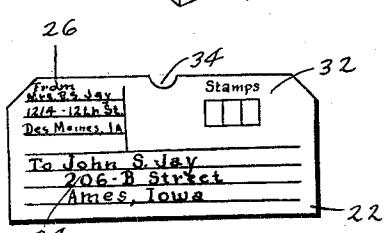


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The object of this invention is to provide an improved shipping container arranged to have an address card reversibly mounted thereon so that when the container is shipped it may be returned to the sender by reversing the address card.

A further object of the invention is to provide a simple and efficient means for holding the reversible address card in place on the outside of the container.

More specifically my invention relates to a means whereby the reversible address card is held in place by straps which also serve to hold the cover in place on the container.

With these and other objects in view, my invention consists in the construction, arrangement and combinations of the various parts of my device, whereby the objects contemplated are attained, as hereinafter more fully set forth, pointed out in my claims, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view illustrating the preferred form of my invention.

Figure 2 is a sectional view in perspective illustrating particularly one means for employing a strap to hold the reversible address card in place.

Figure 3 is a perspective view of a shipping container embodying a modified form of means for holding the address card.

Figures 4 and 5 are opposite face views of the reversible address card employed in the structure illustrated in Figures 1 and 2.

In the accompanying drawings I have employed the reference numeral 10 to designate a box or container having a flanged cover member 12 engaging the same in telescopic relation. The container 10 and its cover 12 may be formed of cardboard, fibre board or other suitable material embodying strength and lightness of weight.

A plurality of straps, in this instance two in number and designated by the numerals 14 and 16, are employed primarily for holding the cover 12 in place on the container 10.

According to the form illustrated in Figures 1 and 2, a pocket 18 is mounted in any suitable location on the shipping container. As here shown the pocket is located adjacent

one of the longer margins of the cover 12. The pocket 18 may be composed of a rectangular strip or framework of fibre board or other suitable material fixed at three of its margins by means of rivets 20 or other suitable means to the container. The fourth side of the pocket is not attached in any manner but is open for the removal and replacement of the reversible address card 22. The face of the pocket may be left open or may be covered with suitable transparent material whereby indicia carried by the address card will be readily discernible. The address card 22 may be formed of cardboard, fibre board or the like, and it may bear on one face a permanent address 24 and return 26, and on the other face another permanent address 28 and return 30, as indicated respectively in Figures 4 and 5. Each side of the address card 22 may also be provided with a blank space such as 32 for receiving postage stamps.

This arrangement makes it convenient to employ the container for making shipments successively between two different points by simply reversing the address card at each end of the route and providing it with unused postage stamps.

The address card 22 fits snugly within the pocket 18 and is removable and replaceable through the open side thereof, which side is conveniently located adjacent one margin of the container on its cover as shown. For convenience in removing the card, it may be provided at its innermost margin with a finger notch 34 which projects beyond the innermost member of the pocket when the card is in place.

To prevent accidental removal of the address card 22 from the pocket 18, the straps 14 and 16, when placed around the container and its cover member, are put in such position that they overlie the pocket and card. In this way, the straps serve the additional function of preventing accidental removal of the card and insure that it will remain therein during shipment. The card cannot readily be removed and replaced until the straps 14 and 16 have been loosened for removal inasmuch as said straps are ordinarily drawn quite tightly to hold the cover 12 in

place. In the modified form shown in Figure 3 the pocket is not employed, but the straps 14 and 16 are used as the sole means for holding the address card in place.

5 According to this construction the address card 36 is formed near one end with spaced slots 38 through which the strap 14 is threaded and near the other end with spaced slots 40 through which the strap 16 is threaded. When the card 36 is mounted in this manner on the straps 14 and 16 and the straps are placed in position about the container and its cover member, the address card is effectively held in the desired position and cannot be removed when the straps are fast. In this form it is, of course, necessary, in reversing the address card, to entirely remove it from the straps and re-thread the straps in such manner that the 20 other face of the card will be disclosed.

It will be noted that according to both forms the straps 14 and 16 are employed not only for holding the cover member 12 on the container for enclosing the container for 25 shipment, but also employed for holding the reversible address card in the proper selected position relative to the container.

Some changes may be made in the construction and arrangement of the parts of 30 my device, without departing from the real spirit and purpose of my invention, and it is my intention to cover by my claims, any modified forms of structure or use of mechanical equivalents, which may be reasonably 35 included within their scope.

I claim as my invention:

1. In a shipping container, a box and a cover therefor, flexible straps for holding the cover in place, an address card, strips 40 fastened to the container for engaging margins of said card, said flexible straps, when in position for holding said cover, also being positioned to engage and prevent removal of the address card relative to the 45 strips of the container.

2. In a shipping container, a box and a cover therefor, flexible straps for holding the cover in place, a reversible address card, a pocket carried by the container formed 50 with an open side for removal and replacement of said address card, said straps also overlying the open side of said pocket to prevent accidental removal of said card.

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