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Fig. 1.

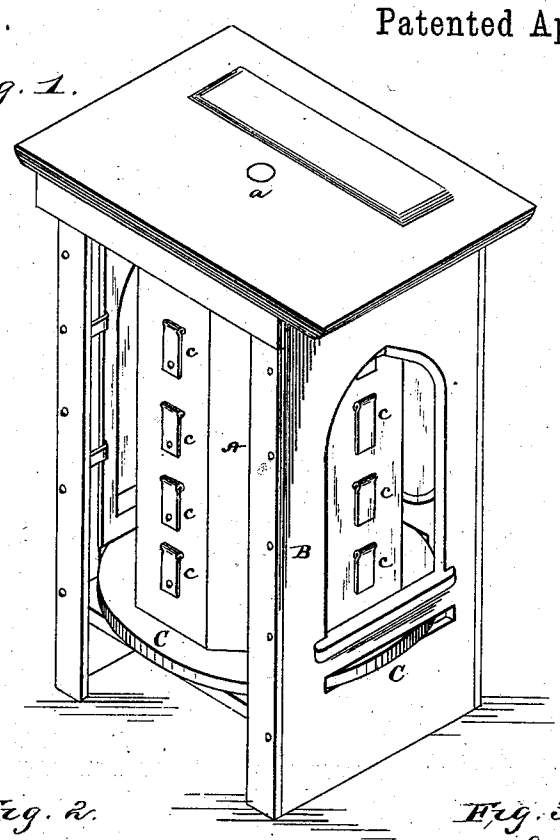


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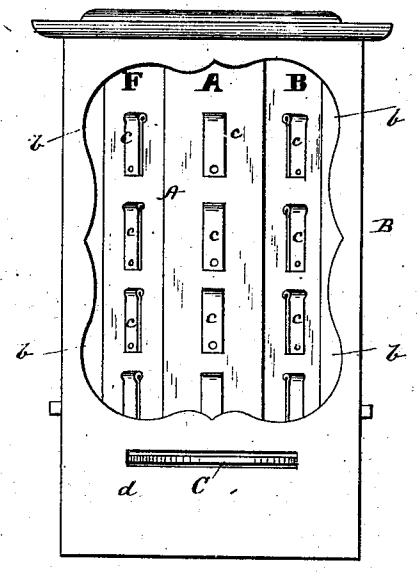
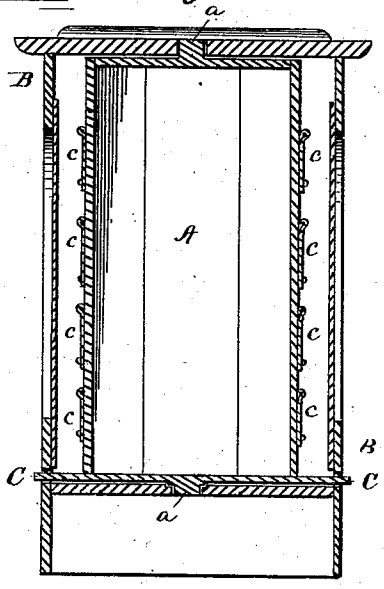


Fig. 3.



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REVOLVING LETTER-CASE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, AUGUSTUS S. CURRIER, of Hillsborough, in the county of Montgomery, and in the State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Revolving Letter-Cases; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, making a part of this specification.

This invention relates to post-office letter-cases of the revolving kind, which are designed for general as well as transient delivery; and the nature of my invention consists in the combination of an upright horizontally-revolving letter-case, which may be a right cylinder or prismatic, vertical rows of letter-holding devices applied to the sides of the case and alphabetically arranged, a circular extended platform at the bottom of the said case, and a glass-faced inclosing-case which is open inside of the office only, and an aperture through the case through which protrudes a portion of said platform, as will be hereinafter explained.

In the annexed drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved letter-case, showing the open side of the glazed face-case or housing. Fig. 2 is a front elevation of the glazed face-case. Fig. 3 is a vertical section, taken transversely through the stationary and revolving cases.

The letter A designates a cylindrical or many-sided case, which is vertically mounted inside of a rectangular case or frame, B, and allowed to rotate horizontally by means of pivots *a a*, which are journaled in the top and bottom of the case or frame B, as shown in Fig. 3.

The bottom C of the revolving case A is a circular flange or platform of greater diameter than this case, so as to afford a shelf for supporting letters while being distributed. This flange or shelf C protrudes through an aperture, *d*, through the front part of the base of the frame or case B, for the purpose of allowing any person outside of the mail-room or post-office vestibule to turn the case A and ascertain if there is a letter for him.

The front part, and, if desired, the two sides of the stationary case or frame, has a glass plate, *b*, in it to allow outside persons to view the revolving case A, but not to have access to it. The back of the case B is open to allow an official to distribute and to deliver the letters.

At the top of each flat surface of the revolving case A is an alphabetical letter signifying the initial letter of a name, so that in practice there will be at least twenty-six flat spaces. Below each letter is a row of letter-holders, *c*, which may be spring-clamps, as shown in the drawings, or they may be made in any other suitable manner which will expose to view any letters which may be held by them, in order that a person viewing the case A may ascertain if there are any letters under the initial of his own name, or under the initials of persons for whom he has authority to receive letters.

The invention above described is designed for the general delivery of letters, and has no connection with the private-box system. It facilitates the distribution of the mail, the making up of the dead-letter list, and it saves time to persons inquiring for letters, as they can readily turn the letter-case and ascertain for themselves if there are or are not letters for them without inquiry of the post-office clerk.

Having described my invention, I claim—

The combination of an upright horizontally-revolving letter-case provided with vertical rows of letter-holders alphabetically arranged, and the circular extended platform-base, with a glass-faced inclosing-case, open only inside of the office, and provided with an aperture through which protrudes a portion of said platform, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature, in presence of two witnesses, this 5th day of November, 1881.

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