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Fig. 1

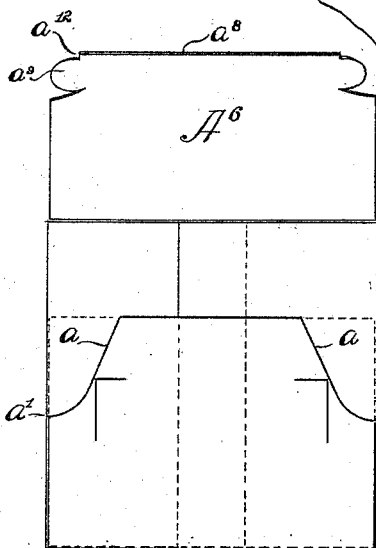
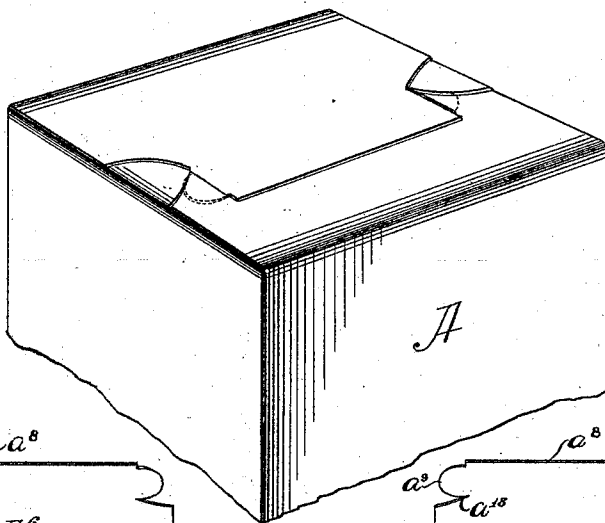


Fig. 2

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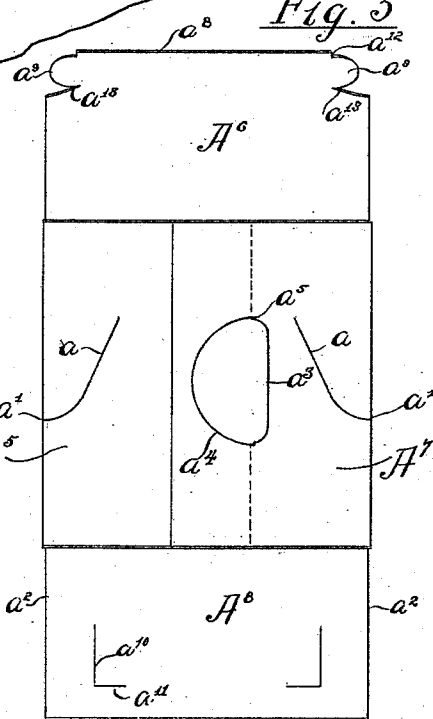
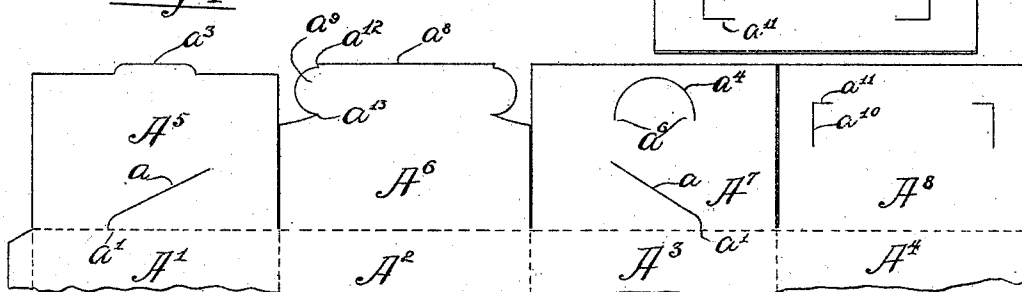


Fig. 4



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, WARREN B. HOWE and FRANK B. DAVIDSON, of Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Paper Boxes; and we 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, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to improvements in paper or straw board boxes or cartons, and it consists in the matters hereinafter set forth and particularly pointed out in the appended claims.

In the accompanying drawings: Figure 1 is a perspective view of the upper end of a paper box or carton embodying our invention in one form. Fig. 2 is a top plan view on a smaller scale of the carton with the top flap lifted. Fig. 3 is a similar view showing both upper flaps lifted. Fig. 4 is a fragmentary view on a smaller scale of the blank from which the box is formed.

A designates the box as a whole; A', A², A³ and A⁴, its side walls, and A⁵, A⁶, A⁷ and A⁸ the flaps which are attached to the edges of the side walls and are adapted to be folded together to form an end of the box. Said box A is, in this instance, of rectangular form and is herein shown as having all of its sides of equal width, although the same principles of construction may be equally well applied to a box in which the sides are unequal.

The end of the box is formed severally by the folding together of the opposite flaps A⁵ and A⁷, the interlocking of the flaps A⁸ with both of said flaps A⁵ A⁷ and the engagement of the flap A⁶ with the flap A⁸. The flap A⁸ is interlocked with the flaps A⁵ A⁷ by means of diagonal slits *a* reaching to their extreme inner or folded margins and adapted to receive the adjacent corners of the flap A⁸ when the latter is folded down. Each of the slits *a* commences at a point *a'* on the line of juncture of its flap with the side wall to which the flap is attached, and extends diagonally into the flap in a direction away from the wall A⁴ to which the flap A⁸ is attached. The starting points *a'* of the slits *a* are considerably less remote from said wall

A⁴ than the length of the flap A⁸ so that when folded down, as shown in Fig. 2, the side edges of said flap will extend into the slits *a* and beneath the flaps A⁵ A⁷ a considerable distance, in this instance nearly half their length; said slits *a* being made just long enough to fully receive the corners of the flap A⁸ when folded down. In this instance the flap A⁸ is made rectangular in form and of the full width of the box, so that its side edges reach to and are parallel with the side walls of the box when the flaps are folded together, this form of the flaps obviously being permitted by reason of the extension of the slits *a* to the side walls, in the manner described. After being inserted within the slits *a* the corners of the flap A⁸ will obviously engage at their side edges the upper inner edges of the side walls A' A³, and being held down by the flaps A⁵ A⁷ will serve to strongly brace said side walls against inward deflection. The flaps A⁵ A⁷ will obviously be held down by the main body of the flap A⁸ while at the same time they will in turn hold the latter flap down by reason of their engagement in the manner described with the corners of said flap. The opposite flaps A⁵ and A⁷, in the construction thus set forth, need not necessarily be interlocked with each other or even overlap one another, but to additionally strengthen the end of the box we have, in this instance, shown them as overlapping, and as interlocked by means of a tongue *a³* and slit *a⁴*, after the manner described in a previous patent, No. 482,480, dated September 13, 1892. The tongue *a³* projects centrally from the free edge of the flap A⁵ and is adapted when both flaps are folded down, to enter the slit *a⁴* and closely engage at its inner corners *a⁵* the ends *a⁶* of said slit, so that thereby the two flaps mutually brace each other against sidewise deflections. The slit *a⁴* is preferably made of semi-circular shape, and the portion of its flap A⁷ inclosed within said slit forms an outwardly projecting tongue which may be readily depressed so as to pass beneath the tongue *a³*, as the two flaps are folded down, and thereby guide the same into the slit *a⁴*. Such overlapping and interlocking of the flaps A⁵ and A⁷ obviously serves in conjunction with the interlocking of the flap A⁸ with both of

the flaps A⁵ and A⁷, to provide a stronger and stiffer box end, than would be had if the latter flaps did not overlies or interlock.

After the flaps A⁵ and A⁷ and A⁸ have been folded down in the manner described, the flap A⁶ is folded down upon them and interlocked therewith to complete the formation of the box end. To effect such interlocking said flap A⁶ is in this instance provided at each side and near its outer or free edge a⁸ with laterally projecting tongues a⁹. The latter as herein shown are substantially semicircular in outline and are formed by cutting the outer corners of the flap to the desired shape. They are designed to enter laterally into suitable slits a¹⁰ in the flap A⁸, which, in this instance, extend substantially parallel with the side edges a² of said flap, and are provided at their outer ends with short slits a¹¹ extending inward at right angles to them.

As a further improvement the slits a¹⁰ a¹¹ are so located that when the corners of the flap A⁸ are inserted in the slits a the corners of said slits a¹⁰ a¹¹ extend just to the edges of the slits a, so that when the tongues a⁹ are inserted in the slits a¹⁰ a¹¹ they will also pass a slight distance into the slits a and will thus enter beneath and will be additionally held down by the flaps A⁵ A⁷, thereby making an exceedingly strong lock at these points. Obviously the slits a¹⁰ a¹¹ may be otherwise shaped than as herein shown, it being only requisite that they should be so located and of such configuration as to permit the lateral insertion of the tongues a⁹ and direct the latter through the slits a.

As herein shown the tongues a⁹ are located a short distance inward from the free outer edge a⁸ of the flap A⁶ thus forming shoulders a¹² at the ends of the latter which are adapted to engage the ends of the slits a¹⁰ and thereby support the flap A⁶ against lateral pressure. Furthermore the notches a¹³ which are cut out of the side edges of said flap in forming the tongues a⁹, engage the corners of the slits a¹⁰ a¹¹ and also the margins of the slits a (see Fig. 1) and thereby afford means for additionally resisting lateral deflection.

The shape of the blank required to produce a box or carton of the construction above described is illustrated in Fig. 4. Said blank is almost perfectly rectangular shape and may be cut from a strip of paper or strawboard of uniform width without material waste, the full rectangular outline of all the flaps being preserved except at the end of the flap A⁵, and at the corners of the flap A⁶ where a small amount of material must be removed to form the tongues a⁸ and a⁹ respectively. As a consequence of such preservation of substantially the full rectangular outline of all the flaps the maximum efficiency of the flaps to resist distortion of the box by pressure on opposite corners thereof or otherwise is secured.

We claim as our invention—

1. A paper or strawboard box comprising

connected side walls and end flaps attached to said side walls, two of the opposite flaps having oblique slits extending to the side walls to which the said flaps are attached, and the intermediate flap being made of the full width of the side of the box to which it is attached and being adapted to engage at its corners with the said slits, substantially as described.

2. A paper or strawboard box comprising connected side walls and flaps attached thereto, one of said flaps being provided with a U-shaped slit forming a tongue and adapted to receive the edge of the opposite flap, and the said flaps being provided with oblique slits reaching to the margins thereof which are attached to the said walls of the box, and an intermediate flap made of the full width of the box and adapted to engage at its corners with said slits, substantially as described.

3. A paper or strawboard box comprising connected side walls and attached flaps, two opposite flaps being provided with slits adapted to engage an intermediate flap, and a fourth flap opposite the intermediate flap adapted to engage slits in said intermediate flap, substantially as described.

4. A paper or strawboard box comprising connected side walls and attached flaps, two opposite flaps being provided with slits adapted to engage the corners of an intermediate flap, and a fourth flap opposite the intermediate flap provided with lateral tongues adapted to engage slits in said intermediate flaps, substantially as described.

5. A paper or strawboard box comprising connected side walls and attached flaps, of which two opposite flaps are provided with slits to receive the corners of an intermediate flap, said intermediate flap being provided with slits adjacent to the said oblique slits when the flaps are folded together, and a fourth flap opposite the intermediate flap provided with lateral tongues adapted to enter the slits in the intermediate flap and to enter the said oblique slits, substantially as described.

6. A paper or strawboard box comprising four connected side walls and flaps connected therewith, two of the opposite flaps being provided with oblique slits and adapted to receive the corners of an intermediate flap, said intermediate flap being provided with slits, and the flap opposite thereto having lateral tongues to engage said slits, and lateral shoulders exterior to said tongues adapted to engage the end of said slits in the intermediate flap, substantially as described.

7. A paper or strawboard box comprising four connected side walls and flaps attached thereto, two opposite flaps being provided with oblique slits to receive the corners of the intermediate flap, and said intermediate flap being provided with slits located adjacent to said oblique slits, and a fourth flap being provided with lateral tongues and with shoulders exterior to said tongues, which latter are adapted to enter the slits in the intermediate

flap and also to extend beneath the adjacent parts of the opposite flaps first mentioned, substantially as described.

8. A paper or strawboard box comprising
5 four connected side walls and attached end-forming flaps, two opposite flaps being provided with oblique slits extending to the attached margins thereof and adapted to receive the corners of an intermediate flap,
10 which latter is made of the full width of the said wall to which it is attached, and is provided with slits located adjacent to the oblique slits when the flaps are folded together, and the fourth flap opposite said intermediate

flap being provided with lateral tongues and 15 lateral shoulders exterior to the tongues, said tongues being adapted to engage the slits in the intermediate flap and the shoulders to engage the ends of said slits, substantially as described. 20

In testimony that we claim the foregoing as our invention we affix our signatures in presence of two witnesses

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