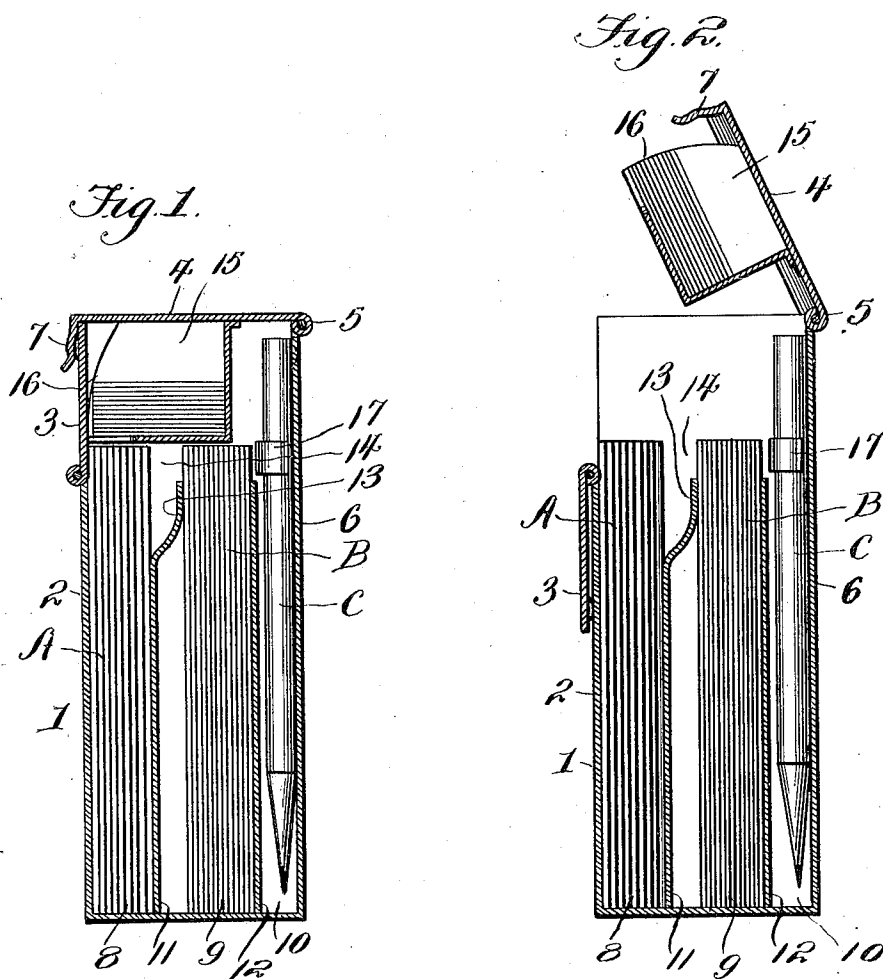


RECEPTACLE.

1,023,675.

Patented Apr. 16, 1912.



J. T. L. Wright.

James A. Koch

Bert W. Newman,

By Victor J. Evans,

Attorney

UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE.

BERT W. NEWMAN, OF ROCKY FORD, COLORADO, ASSIGNOR OF ONE-HALF TO A. L. TURNIPSEED, OF CREEDE, COLORADO.

RECEPTACLE.

1,023,675.

Specification of Letters Patent.

Patented Apr. 16, 1912.

Application filed June 15, 1910, Serial No. 567,024. Renewed January 23, 1912. Serial No. 672,993.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BERT W. NEWMAN, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Rocky Ford, in the county of Otero and State of Colorado, have invented new and useful Improvements in Receptacles, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to receptacles and particularly to one designed for the reception of envelopes, postal cards, stamps and the like, the object being to provide a receptacle of this character which is designed to be carried in the pocket of one authorized to deliver or handle mail matter.

In the drawing, forming a portion of this specification and in which like numerals of reference indicate similar parts in the several views:—Figure 1 is a vertical section of my improved receptacle showing the same in its closed position. Fig. 2 is a similar view showing the closure in an open position.

The device consists of a receptacle 1 which is preferably of a flat rectangular structure, the front 2 being provided with a hinged connected portion 3 for a purpose to be hereinafter described. A closure 4 is hinged, as shown at 5, to the back wall 6, and as shown, the said closure is formed to provide a retaining lip 7 which overhangs the hinged portion 3 of the front wall to hold such portion in a closed position and substantially in a plane with the main body portion of such front wall.

The receptacle is formed to provide a plurality of compartments 8, 9 and 10 which are separated from each other by partitions 11 and 12. The compartment 8 is designed for the reception of envelopes while the other compartments may contain postal cards or the like. The partition 11 is formed at its upper end with an offset portion 13 which forms a finger space 14 for a purpose to be hereinafter described. From the construction of the compartments it will be seen that when the envelopes are arranged therein their upper ends will be extended to lie above the hinge which connects the main body of the front wall with the portion 3 thereof so that when such portion 3

is swung down to an open position the upper tip ends of the envelopes A will be exposed to provide for convenient withdrawal of the envelopes as will be understood. The postals B have their upper ends extended above the upper edge of the offset portion 13 of the partition 11, and incident to the formation of such portion 13 and the provision of the finger space 14, the postals can be conveniently and effectively grasped and removed.

The closure 4 is formed to provide a stamp receptacle 15 having an open front portion 16 which is closed by the hinged portion 3 of the front wall of the receptacle when the closure is in a closed position. The lower wall of the stamp receptacle is cut away, as shown, to receive a finger, whereby the stamps adjacent the bottom wall may be readily removed. When the closure 4 is in an open position the open end of the receptacle 15 will be exposed to provide access to the receptacle. The back of the receptacle is provided with a clasp 17 in which is removably arranged a pencil, pen or the like C.

The device described and shown is intended chiefly for use by authorized mail collectors and deliverers and, incident to its compactness, it may be conveniently carried in the pocket.

The hinged portion or door 3 abuts against the lower or bottom wall of the stamp receptacle, and the side walls of said stamp receptacle are formed with curved front edges so that the hinged portion or door 3 will yield to permit the lip or tongue 7 of the cap or closure 4 to snap in latched position on said door. The bottom wall of the receptacle is supported close to the top of the postal cards so that vertical movement of said postal cards will be prevented.

I claim:

A portable receptacle having its front wall cut away on its upper end, a door hinged to the upper end of the front wall, said receptacle being adapted to contain postal cards so that their upper ends project above the upper end of the front wall, a closure hinged to the upper end of the back wall and provided with a depending

tongue adapted to engage the upper edge
of the door, and a stamp receptacle sup-
ported on the closure and having a bottom
wall adapted to engage the door, and side
5 walls having curved front edges whereby
said door will yield when engaged by the
tongue of the closure, said bottom wall be-
ing supported in closed position so as to

limit the vertical movement of postal cards
in the receptacle. 10

In testimony whereof I affix my signature
in presence of two witnesses.

BERT W. NEWMAN.

Witnesses:

FRANK CHERMINE,
R. E. WOLFE.

Copies of this patent may be obtained for five cents each, by addressing the "Commissioner of Patents,
Washington, D. C."