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Fig. 1.

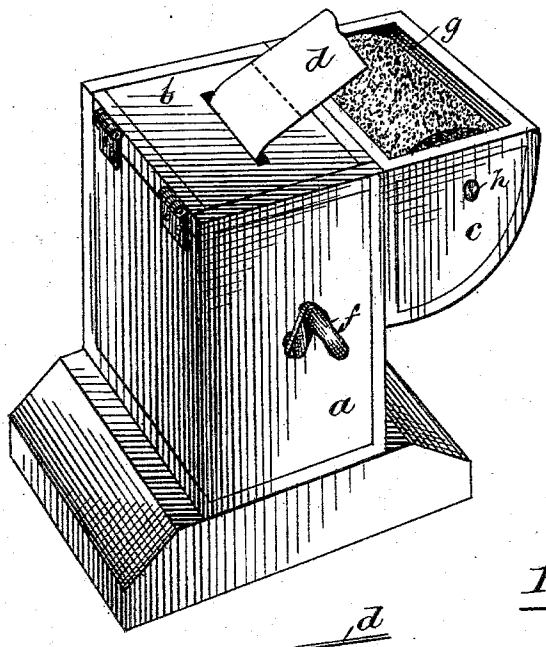
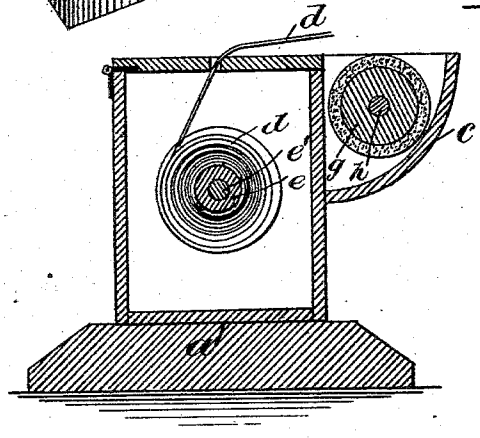


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWIN C. BRUEN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented certain new and Improved Package-Fasteners, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The object of this invention is to provide an inexpensive and readily-applied substitute for cord for the purpose of fastening packages; and the invention consists, primarily, in a roll of gummed paper of the requisite thickness and toughness, perforated crosswise at intervals, so as to form detachable strips of a size for convenient application to secure the ends of a package; and my invention includes a receptacle specially adapted to contain a roll of such paper in compact shape, and so arranged that strips can be quickly detached from the roll and moistened for application to the package, all as hereinafter fully described.

In the accompanying drawings, in both figures of which like parts are designated by similar letters of reference, Figure 1 is a perspective view of one form of receptacle adapted for carrying my invention into practical effect, and Fig. 2 is a central vertical section thereof.

a designates the receptacle, having a hinged cover, *b*, with an opening therein, and a water-trough, *c*, projecting from one end. The whole may be made of wood or other suitable material, and of any desired shape.

d is a roll of gummed paper, perforated crosswise at intervals, and preferable at regular intervals, to form detachable strips of uniform size. The roll *d* is, as shown, wound upon a spool or reel, *e*, fixed to a rod, *e'*, having its bearings in the sides of the receptacle. One end of this rod terminates in or has fixed thereto a crank, *f*, supported outside of the receptacle.

In the trough *c* is arranged a spindle, *g*, fixed to a rod, *h*, loosely mounted therein. This spindle is faced or covered with felt or other fibrous material adapted to absorb water and present a wet surface, to which the gummed paper may be readily applied, when desired, and thereby moistened.

A roll of gummed paper being wound upon the spool or reel by securing one end to the spool and turning the crank, the other end is passed out through the opening in the cover of the receptacle, and the trough filled or partially filled with water. The device is now ready for use, and when desired to fasten the ends of a package, the requisite number of strips are detached from the roll, moistened by contact with the spindle, and applied to seal the package. The detachable strips can be round, square, oval, or any other shape, and may contain printed matter, when desired, and will thus serve the double purpose of sealing packages and advertising the business of the user.

As it is obvious that a sponge could be substituted for the spindle of the water-trough and that it would answer the same purpose I do not wish to be limited to the use of the spindle.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A roll of gummed paper perforated to form detachable strips, substantially as and for the purpose described.

2. The herein-described receptacle, having a spool or reel upon which a roll of gummed paper may be wound, and a water-trough provided with an absorbent, as and for the purpose described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 4th day of March, A. D. 1884.

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