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PILL BOX.

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Fig. 1.

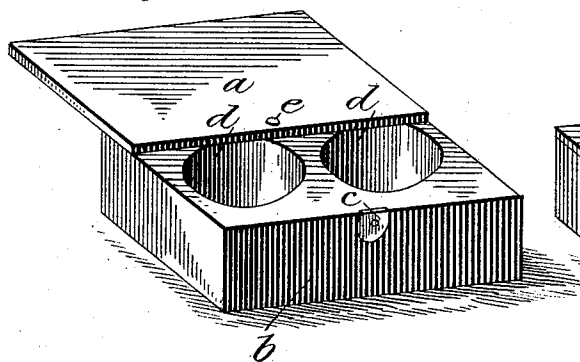


Fig. 2.

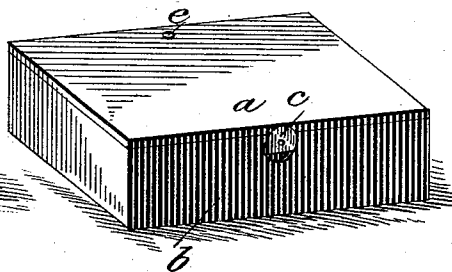


Fig. 3.

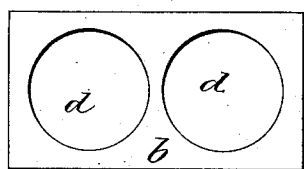
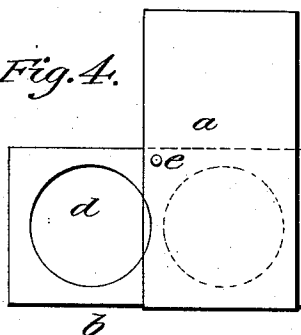


Fig. 4.



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PILL-BOX.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS C. WAITE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Allegheny City, in the county of Allegheny and State of Pennsylvania, have invented an Improvement in Pill-Boxes, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in pill-boxes in which a pivoted cover is fastened by a single wire nail upon a solid block of wood bored out to form the box, said lid being fastened or locked by a metallic button or disk having a flat edge so arranged that when the flat edge is turned up the lid will slide over.

The objects of my improvements are, first, to provide a box of the right shape for wrapping without further preparation; second, to provide a box by which two separate kinds of pills or specimens may be sent in the one box without danger of the contents getting mixed; third, to provide a light, strong box which will stand the rough usage of transit by mail; fourth, to accomplish all these results in the one box at the lowest possible price. I attain these objects by making a box as illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a view of the box with the lid open to its fullest extent. Fig. 2 is a view of the box closed and locked ready for wrapping; Fig. 3, a top view of the solid block of wood as it appears with the lid entirely removed; Fig. 4, a top view of the box with the lid slid around so as to open only one compartment of the box.

Similar letters refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

The box complete consists of an oblong or square (shown in the drawings as square) block of wood, *b*, bored by two augers at right angles to the grain, and deep enough to preserve sufficient wood at the lower end to make a bottom

for the box—augers to have no thread at the point, and so arranged that they will cut a hole with a smooth bottom. The auger-holes are represented in the drawings by the letters *d d*. A lid, *a*, of thin wood of the same size as the box, is fastened by a single wire nail, *e*, in the middle of the lid at one side, as shown. This lid is to be locked by a metallic button cut off at one side, said button to be fastened by a wire nail in the center, so that it will turn. The button and nail are to be countersunk in the wood, so that their outer surface will be flush or even with the surface of the box, forming no obstruction and presenting no unevenness.

I am aware that prior to my invention boxes have been made of solid wood bored with or against the wood. I therefore do not claim this alone; but

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

1. A box comprising a cover, *a*, pivoted on a solid rectangular block of wood, *b*, having the two recesses *d d*, bored at right angles to the grain of the wood, the cover being locked by a metallic button, *c*, countersunk in the wood, all substantially as set forth, whereby either recess singly or both recesses together may be uncovered at pleasure.

2. In a pill-box used for mailing purposes, a pivoted cover, *a*, a solid rectangular block of wood, *b*, the two auger-holes *d d*, and the metallic button *c*, substantially as shown, and for the purpose specified, whereby either recess singly or both recesses together may be uncovered at pleasure.

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