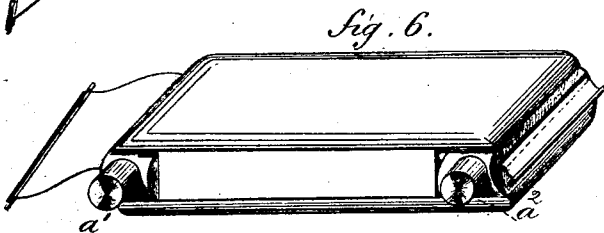
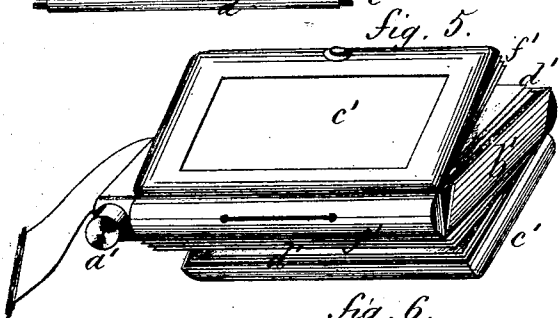
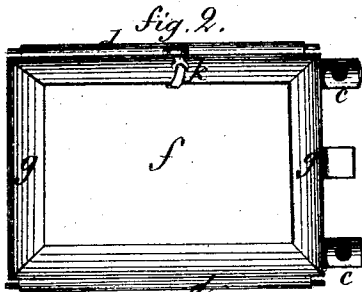
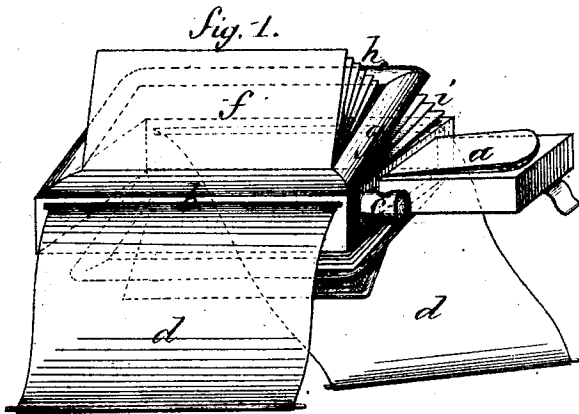


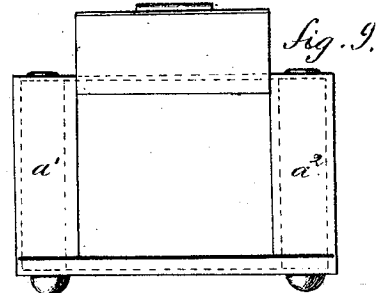
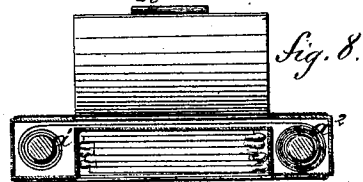
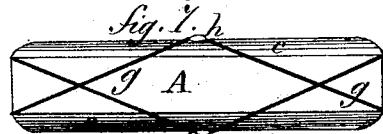
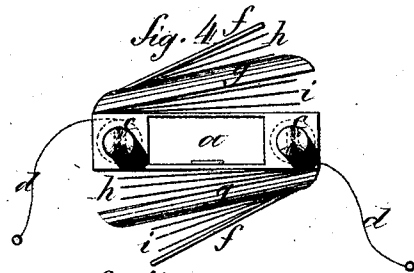
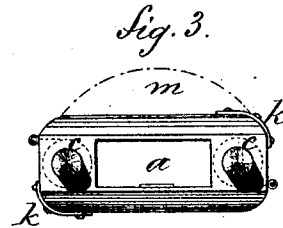
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LOUIS FREDERIC RAIMOND, of Bordeaux, France, have invented an Improved Box or Case Containing Several Commercial Articles, of which the following is a specification:

This invention consists of an improved construction and arrangement of a box or case for containing various useful articles, general information, advertisements, commercial samples, directions, and the like; by means of movable covers and rolls the said box is enabled to inclose large surfaces of paper, cloth, or other material, on which may be arranged a great amount of useful and interesting information.

The construction of the said box or case will be readily understood from the accompanying drawing, in which—

Figure 1 shows a perspective view of the box with its several compartments partially opened. Fig. 2 shows a plan. Fig. 3 shows an end view of the same when closed, and Fig. 4 shows an end view with the parts partially opened.

The box may be made of any desired shape and dimensions, and it may be of metal, wood, card-board, leather, or other material. It has a compartment, *a*, for containing matches, pens, pins, needles, pastilles, and other small articles of commerce; and it has other compartments, which are entirely closed, with the exception of one or more narrow openings or slits, *b*, Fig. 1, arranged longitudinally or transversely at the outside. In these compartments are rollers that can be rotated by hand by external buttons *c c*, upon which rollers are coiled bands or sheets *d d*, of paper, cloth, parchment, or other material, of which the ends are provided with draw-pulls for drawing them out through the before-mentioned slits *b*, and springs of any suitable description may be connected to the rollers, whereby these are made to roll up the bands or sheets automatically. The box has one or more hinged covers, *f f g g*, beneath which are sheets or bands *h h i i*, folded in a zigzag direction, and small cases or leaves folded in any desired manner. Suitable clasps *R* are provided for closing the covers *f f g g*. On the surfaces of these bands, sheets, cases, or leaves are printed the measure of a

meter, or any other measure, with subdivisions, advertisements, directions, and information of all kinds, whether relating to agriculture, commerce, manufactures, navigation, the arts, finances, literature, or any other subject. In order to insure as much as possible the reading of these advertisements and directions, they are interlined or surrounded with bonmots, charades, riddles, puns, amusing and other sketches, poems, romances, songs, tales, useful recipes, scientific and other instructive or amusing information; certain portions of the sheets, cases, or leaves have on them maps of towns, countries, or railways, or almanacs, time-tables of railways, public conveyances, or steamers, postal and other tariffs, and generally every local information required by the public. The buttons *c*, for unrolling and rolling up the sheet *d*, can be made with openings and certain microscopic views. The covers *f g* may, if desired, contain cases of cigarette-paper, or other useful or amusing articles. The external or internal surfaces of the box, independently of the bands, cases, or leaves, may be utilized for advertisements or directions, or may contain pictures, which may even be placed one over the other in open frames. When desired, a cushion may be fixed to some convenient part of the box for containing needles and pins, as indicated at *m*, Fig. 3.

Various modifications in the arrangement of the box may be made, such as, first, the arrangement of the rollers at the end or ends instead of the sides, of the box; secondly, substituting for the drawer *a* a simple hinged lid; thirdly, constructing the box without either drawer or lid, and substituting a hollow space for receiving small match-boxes; fourthly, the employment of an elastic band for keeping the box closed.

These modifications are shown in Figs. 5 to 9 of the drawing. Fig. 5 shows a box with a single roller, *a*¹, at the end of the same; the drawer is replaced by a simple hinged lid, *b*¹, similar to those of ordinary match-boxes. The two covers *c*¹ *c*¹ at opposite sides of the box are of concave form, whereby they are enabled to inclose two sheets or bands of paper, instead of only one; the one, *d*¹, is fixed on the box itself, and the other, *f*¹, is pasted on the bottom

of the cover *c'*. Fig. 6 shows an arrangement of the box with two rollers, *a*¹ *a*², one at each end thereof; between the rollers is formed a space, which can be left open for receiving the ordinary small match-boxes. The two rollers may each have a separate band of paper, or one simple band may pass across the box from the one roller to the other, as shown in Figs. 8 and 9, so as to be unrolled from the one roller and rolled up on the other. Fig. 7 shows a front view of a box, *A*, with elastic band *g* for closing the same; such band being fixed to the side of the box, and hooked onto the hooks *h* of the covers *c c* thereof. The covers are in this case both hinged at the same side of the box—that is, the reverse of the arrangement shown at Figs. 5 and 6.

Having thus described the nature of my invention, and in what manner the same is to be performed, I claim—

A box or case within which are combined, as a part of the case, a roller or rollers with a sheet wound thereon through a slit in the case, and a folded sheet or sheets, the latter exposed by opening the cover, all substantially as shown and described.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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