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Fig. 1.

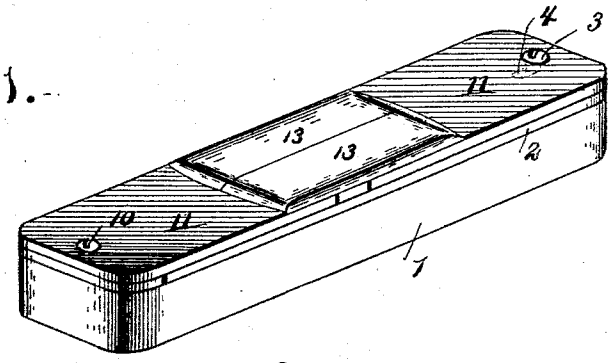


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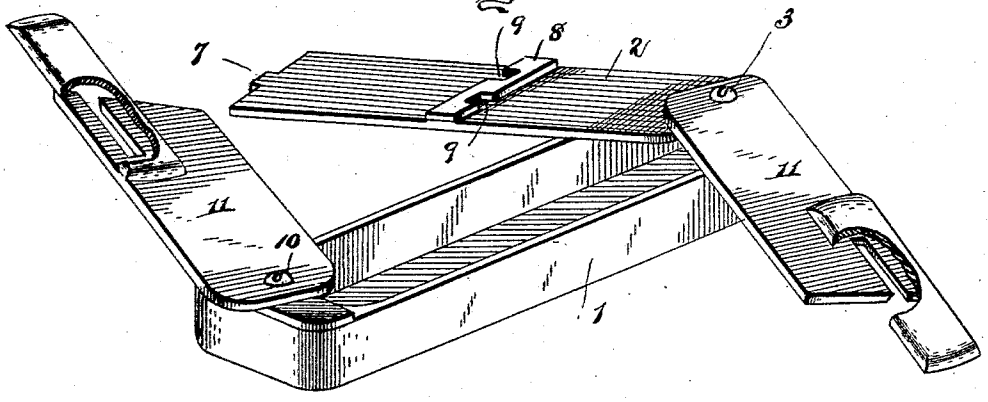


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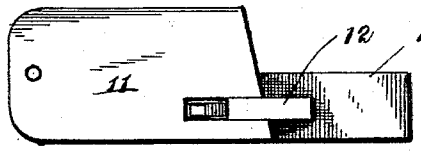


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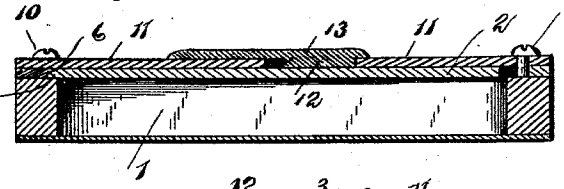
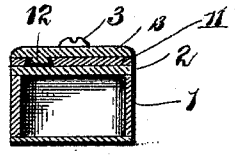


Fig. 5.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ANDREW THOMPSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pencil-Boxes; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to improvements in boxes and locking-covers therefor, the same being especially designed for use as a receptacle for holding pencils and the like, which is strong and durable and will not become detached easily.

The invention consists of a box having a main cover pivoted to the upper side thereof in an elongated slot adjacent to one end, an angularly-disposed strip on the upper side of said cover having recesses in the opposite edges thereof, supplemental covers pivoted to the outer ends of said box and mounted to rotate upon the upper surface of said main cover, locking-strips slidingly mounted in the adjacent ends of said supplemental covers, having tongues upon their under sides adapted to engage the recesses in the angularly-arranged strip on said main cover.

The invention also consists in other details of construction and combinations of parts, which will be hereinafter more fully described and claimed.

In the drawings forming part of this specification, Figure 1 represents a perspective view of my improved device, the parts being shown in their closed positions. Fig. 2 is a similar view with the parts shown in their open position, broken away at certain points. Fig. 3 is a bottom plan view of one of the supplemental covers. Fig. 4 is a vertical longitudinal section through the device in its closed position. Fig. 5 is a cross-section through the same.

Like reference-numerals indicate like parts in the different views.

The box 1 is formed with a flat top and bottom, and has a main cover 2 mounted upon the upper side thereof, the same being secured in place by a screw 3, passing through an elongated slot 4 at one end of said cover. The opposite end of said cover has a tooth or projection 7 thereon, which is adapted to fit within a recess 6 in a ledge on one end of the box. On the upper side of the main cover 2 is secured an angularly-disposed strip 8, having notches or recesses 9 9 in its opposite edges and at opposite ends. Pivotally mounted upon the screw 10 at one end of the box 1 and upon the screw 3 at the opposite end thereof are two supplemental covers 11 11, having dovetailed recesses upon their adjacent ends, within which fit dovetailed tongues 12 12 upon the under side of sliding locking-strips 13 13. The said tongues 12 are adapted to engage when the parts are in their locked positions the recesses 9 9 in the strip 8.

In closing my device the main cover 2 is turned upon its axis and afterward slid outwardly, so that the tooth or projection 7 thereon fits within the recess 6 in the ledge 7. The supplemental covers 11 11 are then thrown around into the position in which they are shown in Fig. 1, and the sliding locking-strips 13 13 thrown outwardly, so that the tongues 12 thereon fit within the recesses 9 in the strip 8. When in this position, the parts are securely held in place and cannot become detached accidentally. To open the box, a reverse operation to that just described should be performed.

Having now described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The combination with a box, of a main cover pivoted at one end to said box, a pair of supplemental covers pivoted to the ends of said box and movable upon the upper surface of said main cover and means for locking said supplemental covers to said main cover, substantially as and for the purpose described.

2. The combination with a box, of a main cover therefor pivoted in an elongated slot to one end of said box and having a tooth or projection upon its opposite end which is adapted to fit within a recess in a ledge or shoulder on said box, a strip upon the upper surface of said cover having recesses therein, a pair of supplemental covers pivoted to opposite ends of said box and movable upon

their pivotal points upon the top surface of said main cover and sliding locking-strips on said supplemental covers having tongues upon their under surfaces which are adapted to fit within the recesses in said strip, substantially as and for the purpose described.

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

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