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Hair Pin Box.

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Fig. 1

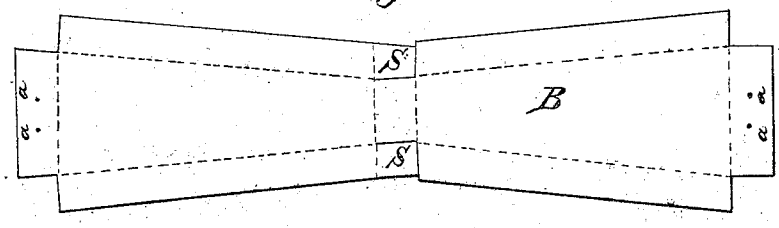


Fig. 2.

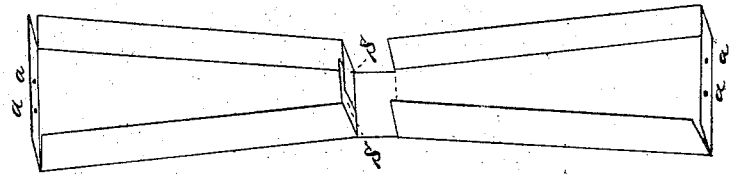


Fig. 3.

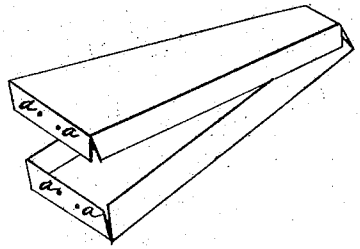
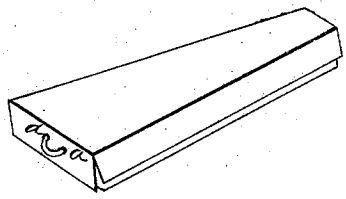


Fig. 4.



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IMPROVED BOX FOR HAIR-PINS.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH C. HOWELLS, of the city and county and State of New York, have invented a new and improved Box; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

Similar letters of reference indicate like parts in all the drawings.

The nature of my invention consists in adapting a box to contain hair-pins.

In order to this, I cut blanks of the shape and form as seen in Figure 1. This shape is desirable, for two reasons: it is similar in shape to the articles which it is intended to hold, and it is impossible to make a shallow box, such as is suited to this purpose, (after the manner shown,) without making the end covered by the lappets S S narrower than the other.

I also puncture the lappets forming the front end of the box, so that it can be fastened by inserting a hair-pin, which also serves as a sample.

The dotted lines, seen in fig. 1, represent the creases, scores, or cuts made in the blank, so as to fold it readily into shape, which, when folded, appears as seen in Figure 2.

That portion of the blank designed for the lid or cover of the box (see B, fig. 1,) is cut wider than the rest of the blank, the more readily to adjust the lid to the box, when closing the same, as seen in Figure 3.

The holes or punctures *a a*, as seen in the blank, fig. 1, also in figs. 2, 3, and 4, serve as a mode of fastening or securing the lid or cover in position when the box is closed, by the introduction of a hair-pin into the body of the box, through the holes or punctures, as at *a a*, Figure 4.

By reference to figs. 1 and 2, at S S, it will be observed that those portions of the blank or box are cut so as to fold in such a manner as to form an end or ends to the box, independent of the lid or cover.

I am aware that boxes adapted to other uses, have been made from blanks cut with folds and lappets, as shown and described, and therefore I make no claim for such blanks or boxes; but

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

1. As a new article of manufacture, a box for hair-pins, when made in the shape and manner described.

2. In combination with the box above described, the method of fastening, as set forth.

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