

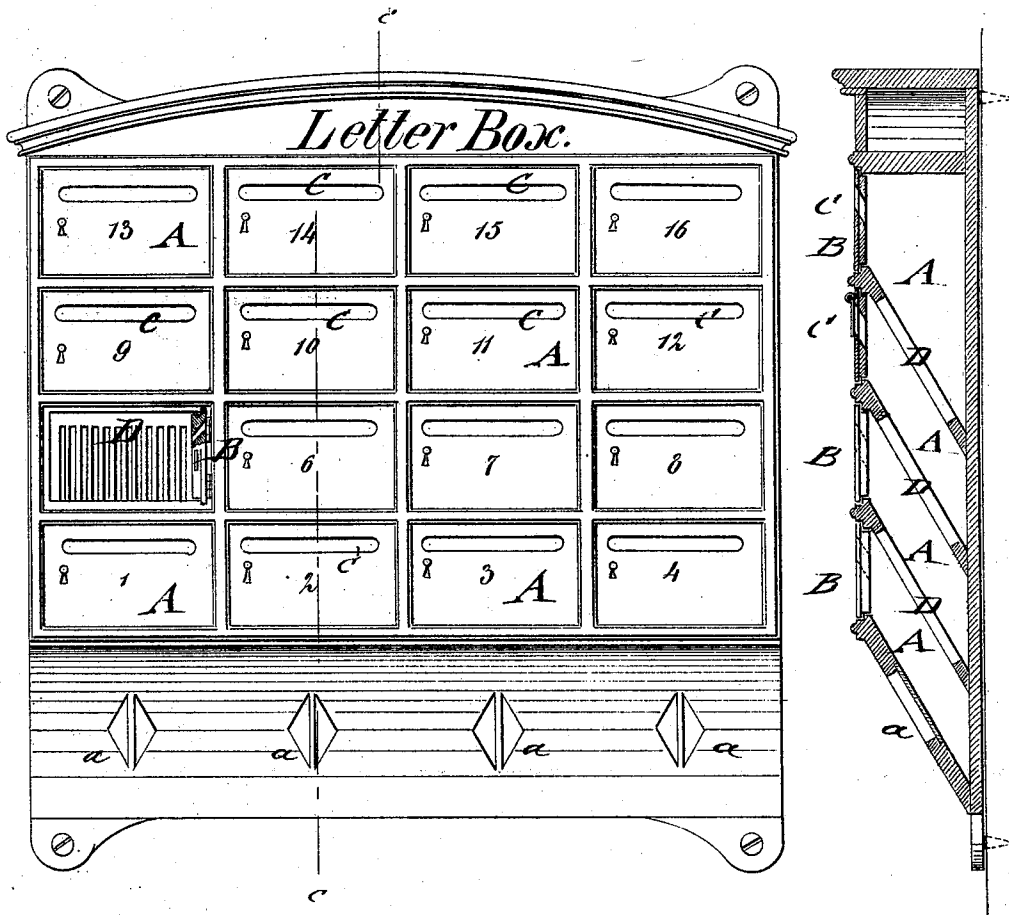
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LETTER-BOX.

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Fig: 1.

Fig: 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN LETTER-BOXES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANZ IERSCHE, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Letter-Box, of which the following is a specification:

In the accompanying drawing, Figure 1 represents a front view of my improved letter-box; and Fig. 2, a vertical transverse section of the same on line C C, Fig. 1.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The object of my invention is to furnish for tenement-houses, hotels, and other purposes an improved letter-box, which provides a separate lock-box for each tenant or party, to the greater convenience of the letter-carrier and tenant, the box being arranged in such a manner that the letters thrown therein may be readily seen without opening the box.

My invention consists of a letter-box with two or more downward-inclined letter-spaces, with slotted bottom parts, so that the letters may be seen through the openings in the doors of the adjoining boxes below.

In the drawing, A represents a number of letter-boxes, which are arranged on one frame and attached to the wall or other suitable place of the house, hotel, or other building where they are required. The series of letter spaces or boxes are numbered according to the number of tenants in the house, and provided with separately-locking doors, B, through whose face slots or openings C the letters are thrown into each box. The top and bottom partitions of the boxes are at a downward inclination to the front and rear walls, as shown in Fig. 2,

the inclined partitions being slotted, so as to admit the ready view of the letters dropped in the same through the entrance-slot of the next adjoining box below. The light is thrown in through the slots B on grated or slotted partitions D, which enables thereby any one to see when a letter is in any one of the boxes.

The entire series of boxes may be protected against the rain by a projecting top cornice, or each slot may be arranged with a swinging guard-piece, as desired.

The letters in the lower tier of boxes A are visible through openings *a* of the bottom wall of the entire box, which openings may be closed by glass panes.

The device forms a letter-box of great convenience and utility, both to the inhabitants of tenement-houses, or French flats, and to the letter-carrier, insuring thereby a more reliable and safer delivery of the mails.

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

1. A letter-box made of a number of separate lock-boxes, with downward-inclined and grated partitions, substantially as herein shown and described.

2. A letter box made with downward-inclined top and bottom partitions, and provided with openings at the bottom partition or wall, to show the letters in the lower box, substantially as herein shown and described.

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