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BOX FOR POSTAGE-STAMPS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, PETER H. JUNG, a citizen of the United States, residing at Macon, in the county of Bibb and State of Georgia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Boxes for Postage-Stamps; 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.

This invention relates to boxes for holding postage stamps; and it consists in the novel construction and combination of the parts hereinafter fully described and claimed, whereby the stamps are retained in the box and are fed from it one by one at will.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a plan view of the box. Fig. 2 is a vertical section, taken on the line $x-x$ in Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a similar vertical section, but shows the box open. Fig. 4 is a cross-section taken on the line $y-y$ in Fig. 3. Fig. 5 is a detail plan view of the lid.

A is the body of the box which is formed of thin sheet metal. The bottom b of the box has at one end a curved prolongation C which forms the rear end of the box, and which terminates in a grooved lip c . The end portion C is not secured to the sides d of the box, and it works between them and forms a spring. The sides d of the box are provided with curved flanges e which project over the ends of the part C and prevent it from springing too far upward.

F is the lid of the box which is provided at its rear part with a downwardly and rearwardly inclined flange g having pivots h at its ends. These pivots are formed by cutting notches h' , between the end portions of the flange and the main portion of the lid. The flange g is pivoted in the groove on the upper side of the lip c , and its pivots h engage with the flanges e so that they are retained between the spring end portion C and the said flanges. When the lid is closed, the upward pressure of the spring C holds it closed; and when the lid is raised forcibly, the same spring holds it open.

H is a rectangular hole in the lid; and J is a roller mounted on a spindle j . The ends of the spindle are journaled in bearings j' , on

the lid at the ends of the hole H so that the lower side of the roller projects within the box. The bearings j' are formed of indentations stamped in the lid from the underside thereof, and normally open on the underside.

J' are retaining plates which are secured to the underside of the lid after the end portions of the spindle j have been placed in the bearings j' . In this manner long bearings for the spindle are provided which present no sharp corners outside the lid, and which do not afford an entrance for dust at the ends of the spindle.

K is a platen inside the box, and k is a spiral spring secured between the bottom of the box and the platen. The platen is smaller than the box, and it is free to tilt in all directions, being retained in position and guided by the spring and not by the sides of the box. This permits the stamps to be projected one by one in a satisfactory manner and without fail or mishap.

The stamps L are separated from each other, and are placed on the platen with square pieces of waxed paper between them, in the form of a packet, and the lid is closed down upon the packet so that the underside of the roller bears against the top of the packet. A small opening is left at the top of the front side of the box, and the stamps are projected one by one through this opening by revolving the roller by hand.

What I claim is:

In a stamp box, the combination, with a box having a lid provided with a hole and having bearings at the ends of the said hole, said bearings being relatively long and being formed of indentations on the lower side of the lid, a feed-roller for the stamps provided with a spindle which is mounted in the said bearings, retaining plates secured to the lower side of the lid over the end portions of the said spindle, and a spring-pressed platen arranged in the said box and operating to press the stamps against the said feed-roller.

In testimony whereof I have affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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