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Fig. 1.

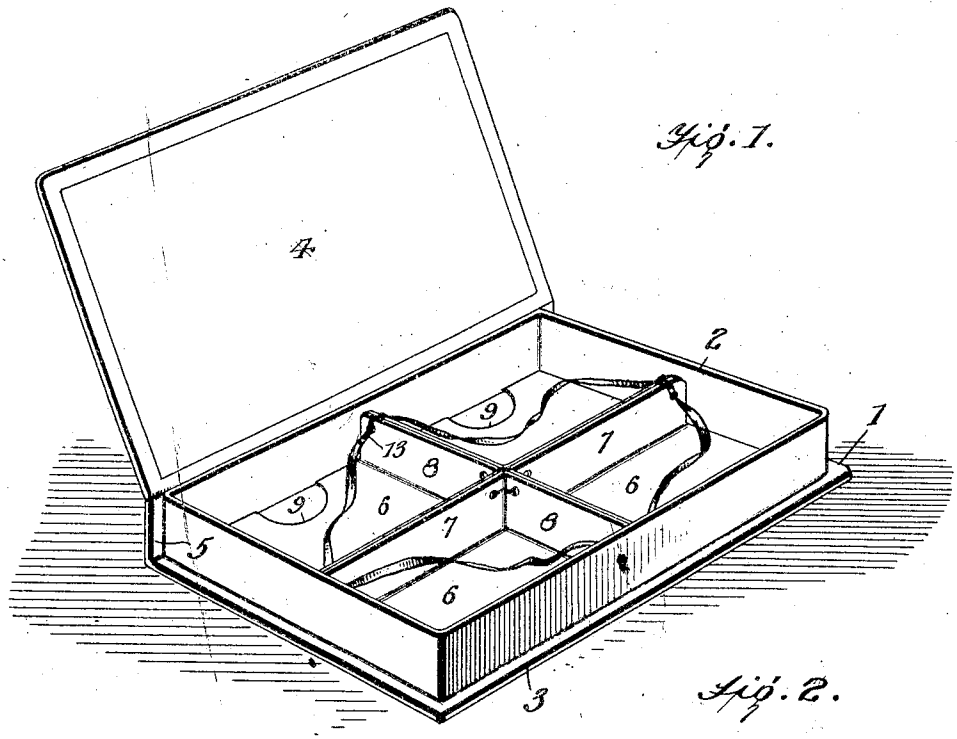


Fig. 2.

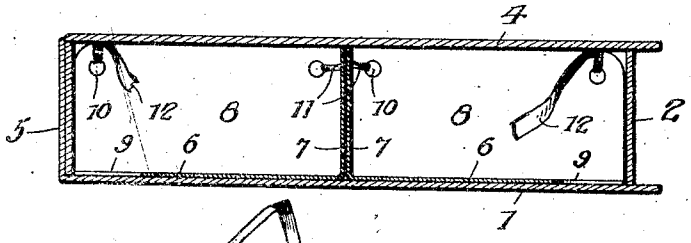
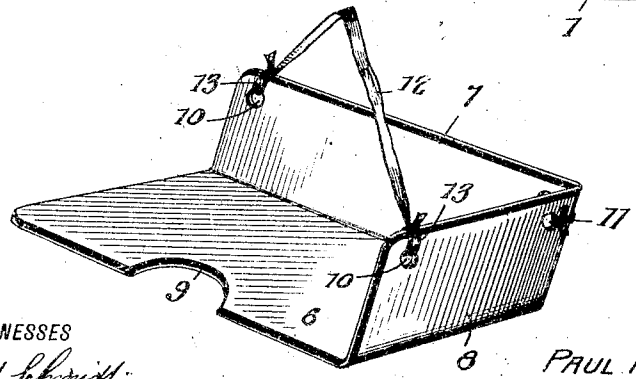


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, PAUL H. KRAETSCH, a citizen of Astoria, in the county of Clatsop and State of Oregon, have made certain new and useful Improvements in Boxes, of which the following is a specification.

My invention is an improvement in boxes and consists in certain novel constructions and combinations of parts hereinafter described and claimed.

The object of the invention is to provide a box provided with a plurality of compartments, for containing postcards, each of the compartments being independently removable from the box.

Referring to the drawings forming a part hereof—Figure 1 is a perspective view of a box open; Fig. 2 is a transverse section, and Fig. 3 is a perspective view of one of the trays.

The present embodiment of the invention comprises a bottom 1 having a square ring 2 secured to one face thereof, the outer face of the ring being spaced apart from the edge of the bottom as shown at 3, and a cover 4 is provided for closing the box, the cover resting upon the upper edge of the ring. The cover is connected with the bottom by a back 5, which is of a length equal to the cover and the bottom and consequently projects beyond each end of the ring as shown in Fig. 1. The box may be of any suitable material, and is provided with a suitable fastening device not shown.

The compartments are formed by the trays shown in Fig. 3, each of said trays consisting of a bottom 6, one side 7 and an end 8, and the bottom is provided on its free side with a curved recess 9, for a purpose to be presently described.

The trays are formed from a sheet having a square removed from one corner and creased from the inner corner of the square to form the flaps which compose the side and the end, the crease lines being parallel with the opposite side and end. The side and the end are provided near their free edge and at each end with an opening 10, the adjacent openings of the side and end having a ribbon 11 passed therethrough and tied to retain the said flaps at right angles to the bottom, and the remote openings are connected by a ribbon 12, whose ends are tied in the openings as at 13, and the ribbon is of a length sufficient to form a handhold whereby to lift the tray as shown in Fig. 3.

The trays are placed within the ring 2, the said ring being of a size to receive four trays, and the trays are placed in pairs one pair at each end of the box, the members of the pairs having their sides in abutting relation and the other ends in abutting relation with the ends of the corresponding member of the other pair.

The postcards are placed in the tray with the ribbon 12 thereabove, and in superimposed relation. When it is desired to inspect or remove the cards, the selected tray is removed from the box, and the cards may be inspected without removing them from the tray, the notch 9 permitting the lowermost card to be lifted from the bottom of the tray.

The trays are preferably formed of tin, and covered with suitable ornamental or plain cloth, or paper, as may be desired, and the handle may be either of ribbon or of string. The bottom of the trays will be slightly greater in area than the area of the cards, and the side walls will be of sufficient height to receive as many cards as may be desired. The box may be made of any suitable material and of any depth which may be desired.

I claim:

1. A box of the class described, provided with a hinged cover, and a plurality of trays arranged therein, said trays having each an end and a side adjacent to each other, and being arranged in the box in pairs, one pair at each end of the box, each of said trays having its side abutting against the side of the other member of the pair, and its end abutting against the end of the corresponding member of the other pair.

2. In a box of the class described, a tray composed of a sheet of material having a square portion removed from one corner, and creased from the inner corner to the square to the opposite side and end on a line parallel with the opposite side and end, to form side and end flaps, each of said flaps being provided with an opening at each end and near the free end thereof, a ribbon passed through the adjacent openings of the side and end flaps and tied to secure said flaps in place, and a ribbon connecting the remote openings and serving as a handle for the tray, the open side edge of the tray being provided with a semi-circular recess for the purpose set forth.

3. In a box of the class described, a tray composed of a sheet of material having a square portion removed from one corner, and creased from the inner corner to the square

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4. In a box of the class described, a tray consisting of a bottom provided with a side and an adjacent end, and with a semi-circular recess in the opposite side, and a handle connecting the free ends of the side and end.

5. In a box of the class described, a tray consisting of a bottom provided with a side and an adjacent end, and with a semi-circular recess in the opposite side and a handle in connection with the tray.

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