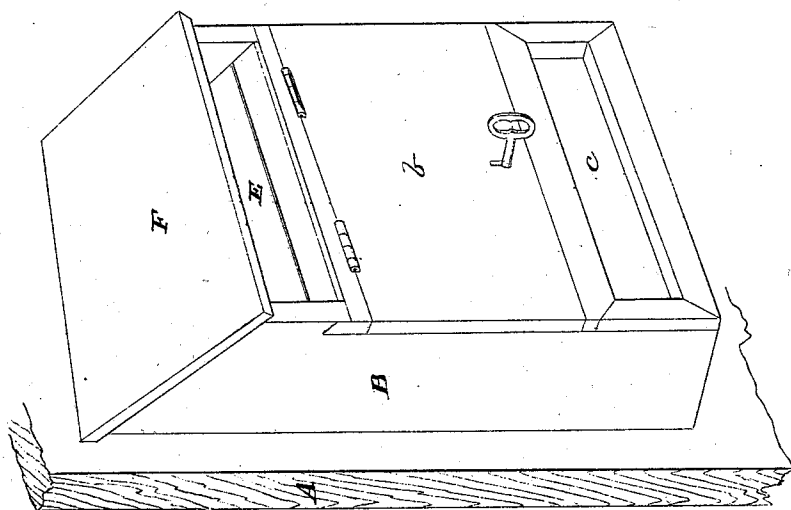
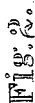


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Fig: I

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IMPROVEMENT IN LETTER-BOXES.

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, EDWIN T. MARSH, of Rochester, in the county of Monroe and State of New York, have invented a new and valuable Improvement in Letter-Boxes; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the construction and operation of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawing making a part of this specification, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon.

Figure 1 of the drawing is a perspective view of my invention.

Figure 2 is a central vertical section of the same.

My invention relates to private mail-boxes, and consists, mainly, in the construction and novel arrangement of a secure receptacle for letters, to be attached to the inner side of the door of a dwelling or office, the opening to the box being so arranged that newspapers, magazines, and other bulky articles can be passed through to the floor of the hall or apartment.

The letter A of the drawing represents a section of the door, to which the mail-box B is attached, being fastened thereto by one or two screws through the inner flanch *a*, extending up from the bottom of the box, next the door A.

In front of the box is a small opening, through which the letters are taken out. It is closed by a door, *b*, hinged at the top, and provided with a suitable lock.

Below this opening is a narrow horizontal opening, *c*,

glazed, in order that the presence of letters within the box may be determined without unlocking the same.

D represents the inclined slot in the door through which all the mail-matter is passed.

E represents a shifting or hinged cover to the letter-box, so arranged that, when resting on the lower edge of the slot D, it will be parallel with the stationary top F of the box, thereby allowing all newspapers, magazines, &c., to be passed over it through the inclined passage G.

When letters are to be delivered, the front of the shifting-plate E is raised, and the letters introduced below it through the slot D. The cover E then falls, by its own weight, into place, while the letters pass over the inclined plate or guard H, and fall to the bottom of the box.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The mail-box herein described, designed to be attached to doors or partitions, and provided with the shifting cover E, inclined plane H, flanch *a*, and glazed opening *c*, when constructed and operated as and for the purposes herein specified.

In testimony that I claim the above, I have hereunto subscribed my name in the presence of two witnesses.

Witnesses:

EDWIN T. MARSH.

FRANK TAYLOR,

H. F. RICHARDSON.