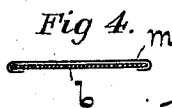
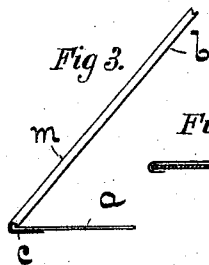
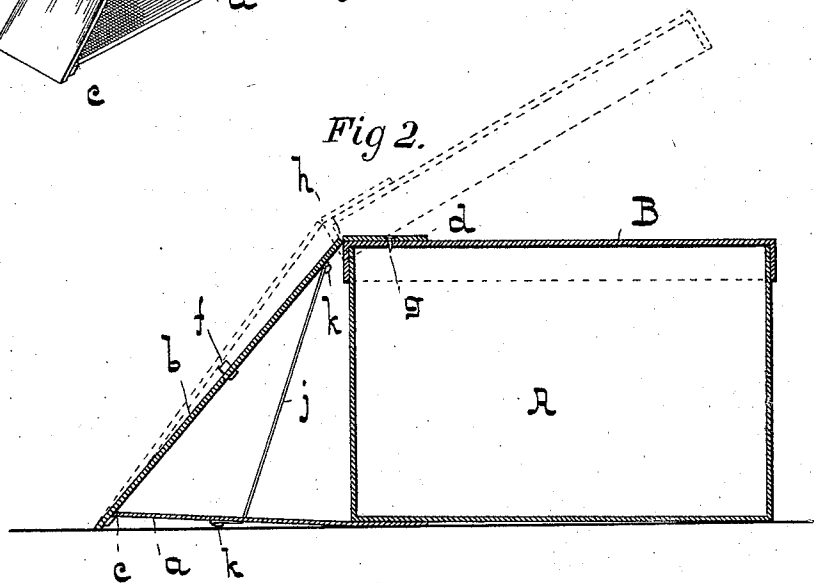
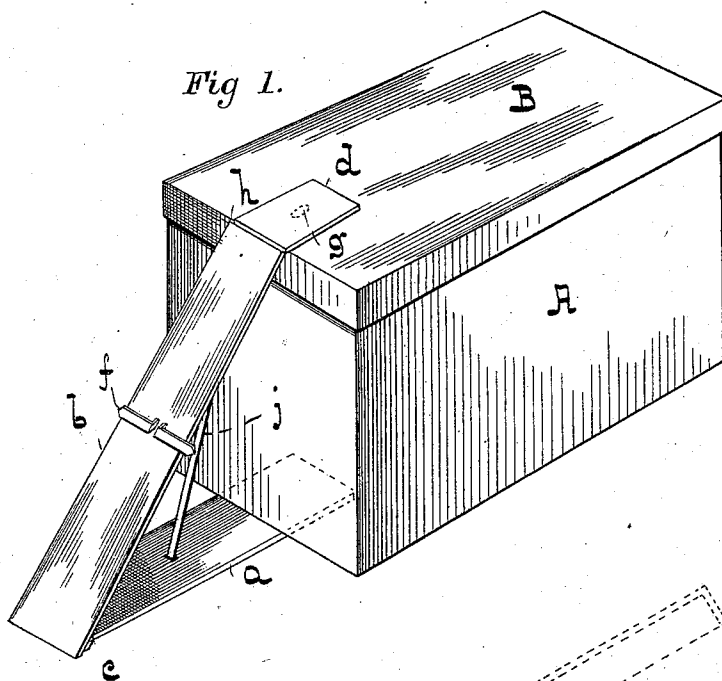


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS E. LEWIS, of the city of Vicksburg, in the county of Warren and State of Mississippi, have invented certain Improvements in Sample-Exhibiting Attachments for Boxes, of which the following is a specification.

In the description of the said invention which follows reference is made to the accompanying drawings, forming a part hereof, and in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of an ordinary pasteboard box and the sample-exhibiting attachment which is applied thereto. Fig. 2 is a central longitudinal section of Fig. 1. Figs. 3 and 4 illustrate a modified construction of the invention, hereinafter described.

Referring now to the drawings, A is an ordinary pasteboard box, such as is commonly used by shoe-dealers for shoes, and B its lid.

The sample-exhibiting device in its simplest form is shown in Figs. 1 and 2; and it consists of the base *a* and the inclined sample-holder *b*, which are hinged together at *c*, the hinged flap *d*, and the suspensory hook *f*.

The flap is attached to the lid B of the box by means of a tack *g*, and the hinges which unite the three integral parts of the device are formed by merely cutting the material of the device about half through its substance, as shown. The suspensory hook consists in the present case of an ordinary sheet-metal paper-fastener, as shown, but the construction of this device will in all cases be governed by the character of the goods to be exhibited.

The hinge at *h* will admit of the box-lid being raised for the purpose of giving access

to the box, as shown by its dotted delineation in Fig. 2.

When the invention is used in connection with a shoe-box, one shoe of the pair is kept in the box and the other hung on the hook *f*.

It will generally be found necessary to secure the base to the bottom of the box, as the sample-holder, if properly made, will preserve its shape, but the inclined sample-holder is preferably attached to the base by an elastic band *j* by means of buttons *k*.

In Figs. 3 and 4, which represent, respectively, a side view of the lower portion of the sample-holder and the base and a cross-section of the holder, cardboard or pasteboard is used as the material from which the device is made, and the inclined holder thereof is stiffened by a covering *m* of tin-plate.

I claim as my invention—

1. A sample-exhibiting attachment for a box which consists in the following elements in combination, viz., a horizontal base, an inclined sample-holder and a flap all hinged together, and a suspensory hook on the inclined holder, substantially as specified.

2. In combination with a box and its lid, a sample-exhibiting attachment, which consists of a horizontal base, an inclined sample-holder hinged to the base, a sample-sustaining hook on the inclined holder, and a flap hinged to the inclined holder and provided with means for its attachment to the lid of the box, substantially as specified.

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