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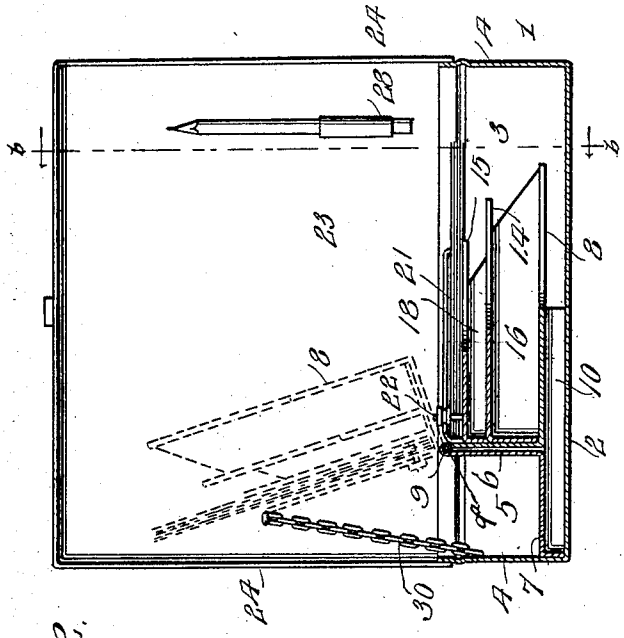


Fig. 2.

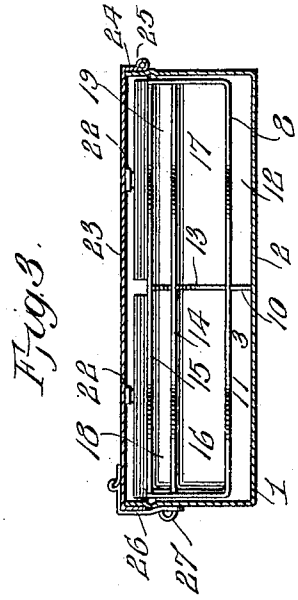


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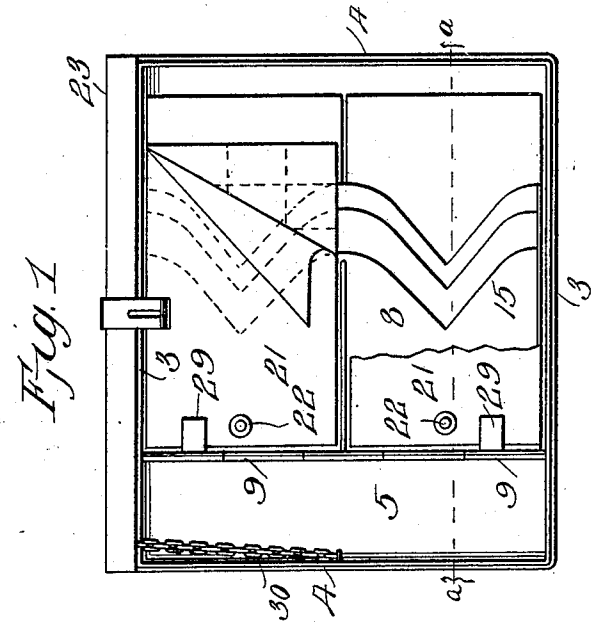


Fig. 1.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, AUGUST V. DULLYE and GEORGE H. WOODROME, citizens of the United States of America, residing at Yoakum, in the county of Lavaca and State of Texas, have invented new and useful Improvements in Boxes, of which the following is a specification.

This invention is an improved box especially designed as a rural mail carrier's supply box to carry money, a pencil, a register receipt book, a money order receipt book, a supply of money order application blanks, stamped envelops, postal cards, and a postage stamp book, as hereinafter described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings,—Figure 1 is a top plan view of a rural mail carrier's supply box constructed in accordance with this invention, showing the lid thereof open and the hinged member lowered, or in closed position. Fig. 2 is a vertical longitudinal sectional view of the same, taken on the plane indicated by the line *a*—*a* of Fig. 1, the hinged member being shown in lowered position in full lines and in raised position in dotted lines. Fig. 3 is a vertical transverse sectional view of the same on the plane indicated by the line *b*—*b* of Fig. 1, showing the lid closed.

The body portion or bottom portion 1 of the box, which is preferably made of tin or other suitable sheet metal, is rectangular in form and of suitable size and comprises a bottom 2, side walls 3 and end walls 4. In one end of the box and spaced from the bottom thereof is a receptacle 5 for money, which is made of a single piece of sheet metal bent to provide a wall 6 which is spaced from one of the walls 4 and a bottom portion 7 which is spaced from the bottom of the box. A member 8, which is foldable in the box, is hinged to the wall 6 of the money receptacle, as at 9, so that the said member may be upturned, as indicated in dotted lines in Fig. 2. A spacing flange or wall 10 is secured longitudinally on the bottom of the box and extends from that end thereof in which the money receptacle is disposed to a point about midway between the ends of the box and serves when the hinged member 8 is folded in the box to support such hinged member at a distance above the bottom of the box and parallel therewith, as shown in full lines in Figs. 2 and 3. A space is formed under the hinged member 8, and the money receptacle is divided by the flange or wall 10 to form receptacles or compartments 11, 12 in which a register receipt book and a money order receipt book may be respectively placed. The hinged member 8 is divided by a vertical longitudinal partition 13 and walls 14, 15 into compartments 16, 17, 18, 19 for the reception of packages or stamped envelops and packages of postal cards. On the upper side of the wall 15 at the pivotal end of the hinged member are keepers 20 to engage the inner ends of waxed paper stamp books, indicated at 21, the said stamp books being also secured in place by fasteners 22. It will be understood that by first upturning the hinged member 8 the various articles therein may be readily reached for removal therefrom.

The cover 23 of the box is of suitable size and shape to enable the same to fit on the box and is provided with depending flanges 24 which, when the cover is closed, extend around the upper portions of the side and end walls of the box. The said cover is hinged to the box, as at 25, and is provided at its free side with a hasp 26 for engagement with a keeper 27, with which the body of the box is provided. In the inner side of the cover, near one end thereof is a tubular socket 28 for the reception of an indelible pencil used by rural carriers. The said cover is connected near its opposite end to the body of the box by a chain or other flexible member 29, which when the cover is closed folds into the money receptacle.

The hinged member 8 is formed by curling portions of the wall 6 at its upper edge to receive therebetween correspondingly curled portions at the upper edge of one wall of the member 8 and then passing through the said curled portions a pin 9^a.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new, is:—

In a device of the class described, the combination with a box comprising a body or bottom portion having a spacing flange or wall secured and extending longitudinally on the bottom of the box from one end thereof, and a fixed money receptacle disposed transversely of the box at the said end and provided with a vertically extending wall, said wall having portions thereof curled, of a member located within the box adapted to normally rest upon the said spacing flange, said member having receptacles which are open at one end, said mem-

ber having portions of one wall curled at the upper edge to fit between the curled portions first named to form a hinge connection so that the said member can be swung out of the box, and a hinged cover carried by the box adapted to hold the member upon the bottom when the cover is in closed position.

In testimony whereof, we affix our signatures in presence of two witnesses.

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