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PENCIL-BOX.

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Fig. 1.

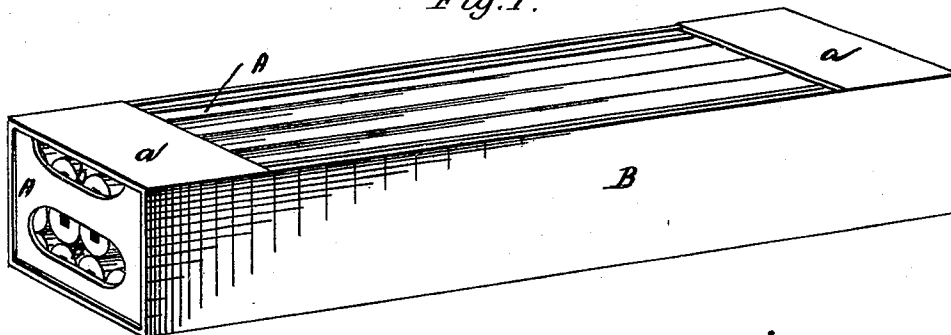


Fig. 2.

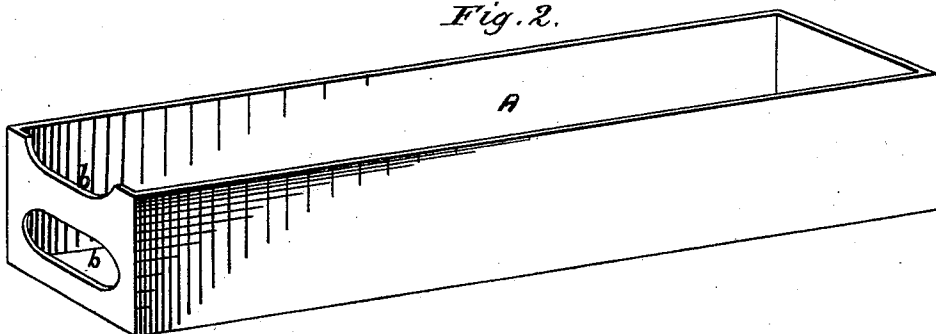
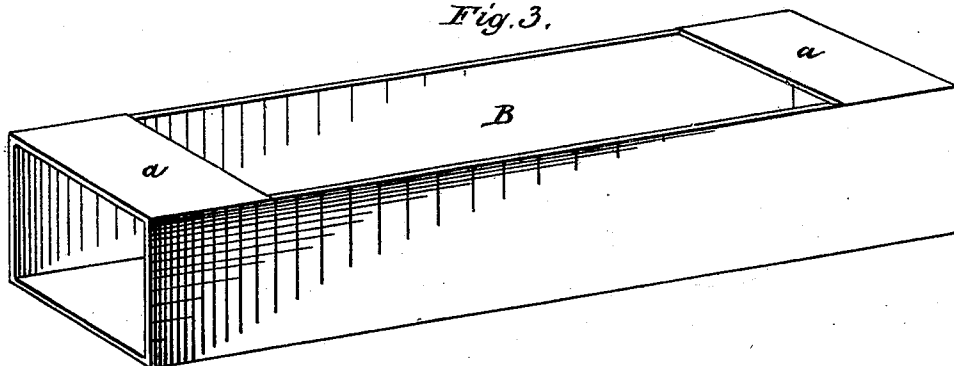


Fig. 3.



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IMPROVEMENT IN PENCIL-BOXES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH RECKENDORFER, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pencil-Boxes, of which the following is a specification:

Hitherto pencils have been put up in parcels—say of one dozen—either in closed boxes, or in proper wrappers, or in paper bands. The wrappings or bands are, of course, merely temporary, while the closed boxes, although affording a more permanent receptacle for the pencils, yet are inconvenient on several accounts, principally because they require to be opened each time a purchaser desires to inspect the quality of the goods contained therein.

I have devised a box which retains all the advantages, and at the same time obviates the disadvantages, of the closed box.

The nature of my invention, and the manner in which the same is or may be carried into effect, can best be explained and understood by reference to the accompanying drawing, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a box embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the pencil-receptacle, and Fig. 3 is a like view of the outer case, of which two parts the box is composed.

The receptacle A is of the proper dimensions to receive a given number of lead-pencils—say one dozen. It is of trough-like form, closed at the bottom, ends, and sides, and open at the top. The outer case B is of a size to receive and encompass snugly the pencil-receptacle. It is closed on the bottom and sides, and open at the ends. Its top is also open, save at points adjoining the two ends, where the sides are held together by cross-strips *a a*.

The pencil-receptacle, filled with its quan-

tum of pencils, is inserted endwise into the outer case. When in place the pencils, although held down at the ends by the strips *a*, are exposed for the greater part of their length, so that the purchaser can readily inspect their finish. For the same purpose one of the ends of the pencil-receptacle is cut away or made of open work, as shown at *b*, to permit the purchaser to inspect the ends of the pencils.

On the cross-strips *a* I usually print the grades and numbers of the pencils, and any other information that it is desirable to impart to the user. Instructions may also be printed on the body of the outer case.

It will be noted that by reversing the position of the pencil-receptacle with respect to the outer case—that is to say, by turning either of the two bottoms upward before putting the one part to the other—the box can be made a closed box, and the closed bottom of the pencil-receptacle will be exhibited through the open top of the outer case. On the bottom of the pencil-receptacle I propose placing a calendar, which will thus be in position to be available to the user.

What I claim as my invention is—

The pencil-box consisting of an outer case, having an open top, with cross-strips to hold together the sides, as described, and an inner pencil-receptacle, with or without openings in one or both ends thereof, said parts being constructed and arranged together substantially as shown and described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name this 4th day of December, A. D. 1875.

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