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STATIONERY BOX.

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Fig. 1.

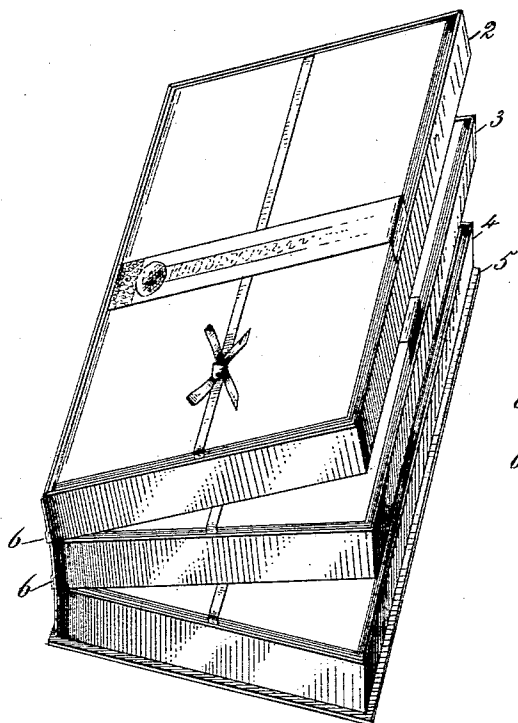


Fig. 2.

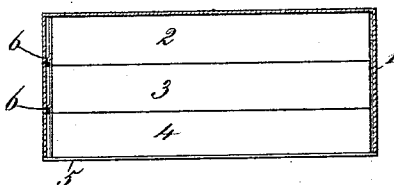


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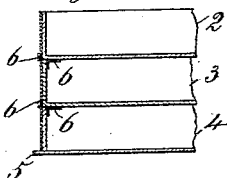
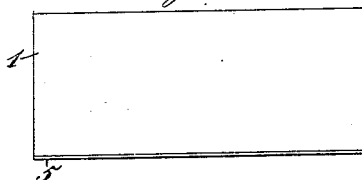


Fig. 4.



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STATIONERY-BOX.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN M. TATE, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Stationery-Boxes, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to boxes for holding small quantities of stationery, which are put up and sold at retail in book-stores and stationers' shops. In such boxes there is often put up assorted stationery—that is, note-paper and envelopes in sets of different sizes and qualities—and as it is often necessary to use a particular size, which may be underneath other sizes, it has been found very inconvenient to have to remove the upper sets of paper and envelopes to get at the particular size needed. To avoid this objection is the object of my invention, and for this purpose I provide a box which is so constructed and arranged that any size or quality of sheet and envelope to match may be taken out without disturbing the other sizes.

My invention consists in a box for containing stationery—that is, letter-sheets and envelopes—constructed and arranged as herein-after described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a portion of my invention, showing a box for containing stationery, with the cover removed. The several sections or receptacles of the box containing the stationery are shown as tilted to illustrate the manner of getting at the stationery of different sizes or kinds. Fig. 2 is an end view of my box with the cover in vertical transverse section applied. Fig. 3 is a detail view in vertical section and broken away, showing the hinged connection of the sections or receptacles composing the box. Fig. 4 is an end view of the box in closed position.

1 indicates the cover of the box, and 2 3 4 the sections or receptacles for holding the assorted stationery of different sizes or kinds. The lowest section 4 constitutes the bottom of the entire or composite box, and may be provided with a flange 5, on which rests the cover 1 when the latter is in place. The sections 2 3 4 may be connected together in different ways, so as to be separated one from another to get access to the paper, and, as here shown, are

hinged together at one side by means of flexible hinges 6. The bottom of each of the receptacles 2 3 is formed with a shouldered edge 2' 3', respectively, whereby the bottom of the receptacle 3 is fitted to the top of the receptacle 4 and the bottom of the receptacle 2 is fitted to the top of the receptacle 3, forming a column of receptacles with straight or smooth sides. If desired, the hinges may be dispensed with.

It may be mentioned that the sections 2 3 4, besides containing the sheets and envelopes of different sizes, are intended to be used also for containing sheets and envelopes of different quality or of different colors. It will thus be seen that by means of a box constructed in this manner I have formed what may be termed a "composite box" for containing assorted stationery, which consists, in general, of a number of sections having a main cover, which fits over and incloses all the sections.

While I have shown and described the sections as being single only, it is obvious that they may be divided into smaller sections, extending over the whole surface covered by the bottom section 4. The material, as is well known, used in these boxes is fancy paste-board, but may be made of other material, as desired.

It will be found by means of a box constructed as hereinbefore described, the particular kind or size of stationery will be readily selected and the other packages of stationery will not be soiled by the fingers, as is now apt to be the case when removing them to get at a particular kind or color of stationery.

Having described my invention, what I claim as new is—

1. A composite box for holding assorted stationery, consisting of a column of receptacles resting upon one another with their open tops uppermost and a cover having sides extending to the bottom of the column of receptacles, as shown and described.

2. A composite box for holding assorted stationery, consisting of a column of receptacles resting upon one another, the lowest receptacle having a flanged bottom, and a cover having sides extending over the sides of the column of receptacles and resting on the flange of the lowest receptacle, substantially as shown and described.

3. A composite box for holding assorted stationery, consisting of a column of receptacles with their open tops uppermost, hinged together, and a cover having sides extending
5 downward to the bottom of the column of receptacles, substantially as shown and described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as

my invention I have signed my name, in presence of two witnesses, this 4th day of December, 1891.

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