

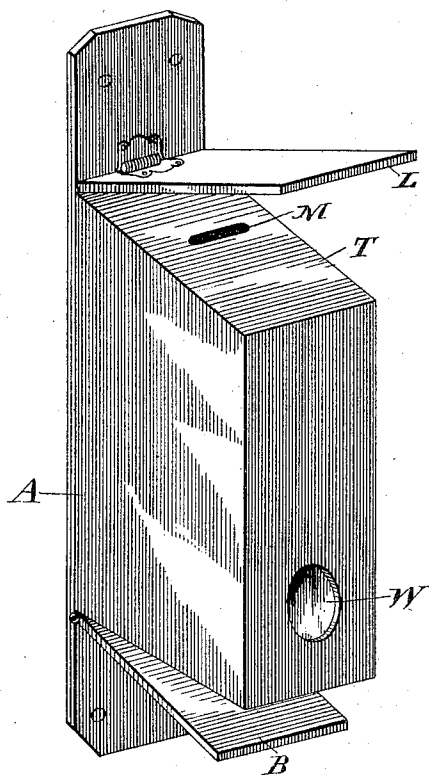
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LETTER BOX.

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LETTER-BOX.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ABNER S. COOK, a citizen of the United States, residing at Burlington, Des Moines county, Iowa, have invented a new and useful Letter-Box, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to letter-boxes for private use, simple in construction, made safe against rain and snow, and easily examined and emptied. This I accomplish by the device hereinafter described.

In the drawing, the figure is a perspective view of my improvement.

In the drawing, A is a box, of any suitable material, preferably of wood, furnished with a window, W, in front, and having its top T perforated at M to admit letters, papers, and other mail-matter.

L is a lid attached by any sort of a stiff spring to the top or back of the box, (which may preferably be extended,) so as to be held down close over the top.

B is the bottom of the box A, attached to

an under extension of the box-back, if desired, by a stiff spring of any suitable kind. 25

In operating my box I raise the lid L and insert the letters or papers through M, which then drop upon the bottom B. A gentle pressure on the bottom opens the box and the matter can be taken out.

It is evident that the springs holding the lid L and the bottom B must be strong enough, respectively, to prevent lifting by the wind and to stand considerable momentum. It is also evident that the best construction of the box-top is slanting. 30 35

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

A letter-box, A, provided with window W, perforated top T, lid L, and bottom B, hinged by strong springs, substantially as and for the purpose described. 40

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