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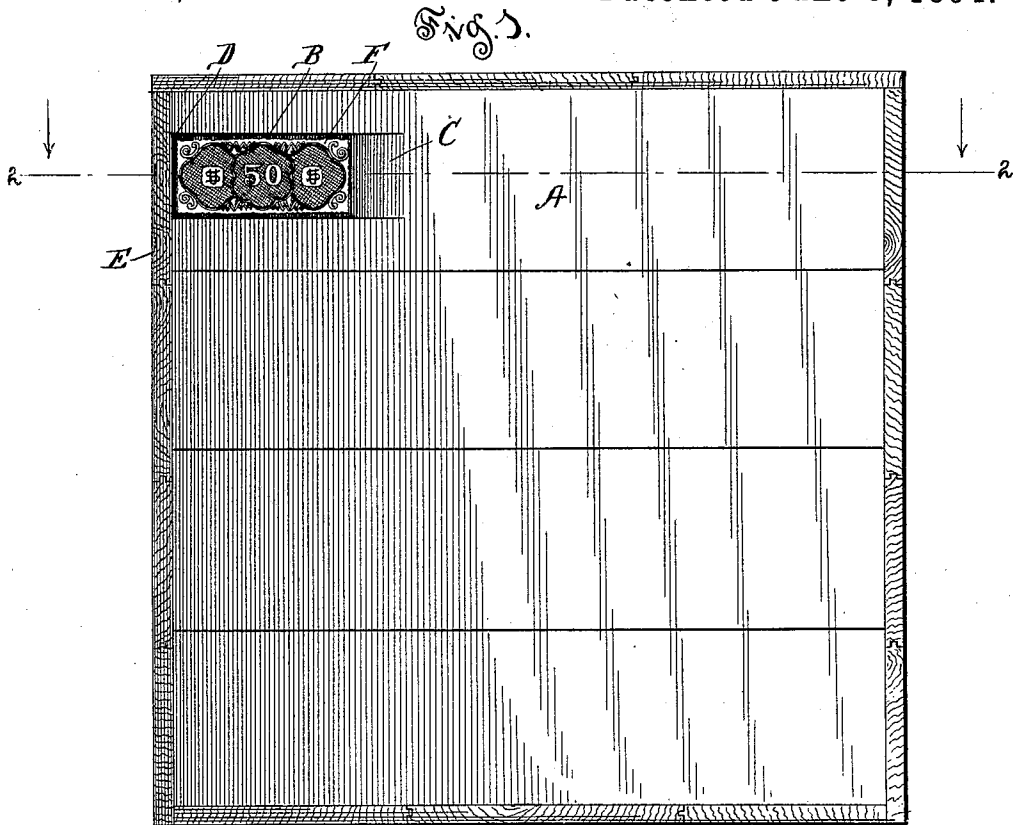
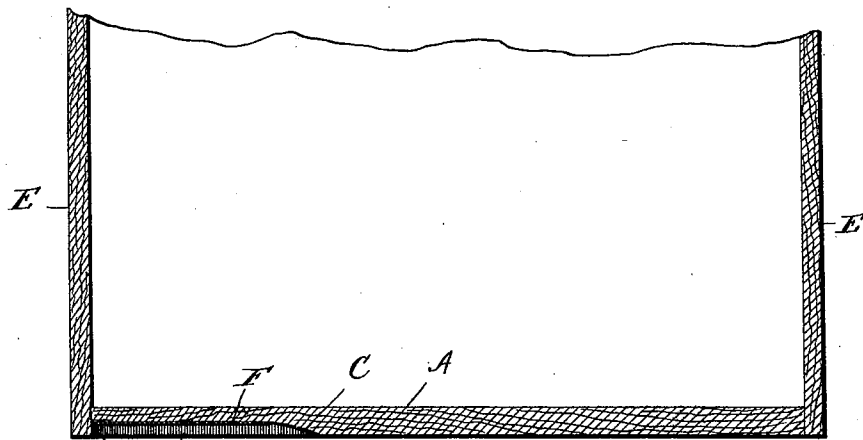


Fig. 1.



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## STAMP GROOVE OR RECESS FOR SHIPPING-CASES.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHARLES F. GOODWILLIE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Stamp Grooves or Recesses for Shipping-Cases, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact specification.

It is very desirable and necessary that revenue and other like stamps when applied to the shipping boxes or cases should be in some manner protected from the injury or mutilation which they are likely to receive in the ordinary handling of the box or case during transportation; and the importance of this is obvious as the ordinary manner of canceling these stamps is to deface or mutilate them and hence when once mutilated there is no manner of determining whether the mutilation was done before or after shipment. One way of protecting such stamps is to provide the side of the box with an ordinary label holder or rectangular frame raised above the level or surface of the box, but such methods have many disadvantages and are in greater part ineffectual; for, in the first place, the expense is too great to warrant their use, and secondly they soon become damaged and knocked off under the rough handling to which the cases are subjected, and furthermore with such constructions it is difficult to scrape the stamps off when desired.

The object of my invention, therefore, is to provide shipping cases and the like with simple, effectual and durable means for receiving and protecting the stamp, and which shall be so formed as to permit the stamp to be readily scraped off when desired, without injury to the box.

With these ends in view, my invention consists in certain features of novelty hereinafter fully described with reference to the accompanying drawings and more particularly pointed out in the claims.

In the said drawings, Figure 1 is a plan view of the stamp groove or recess showing a stamp situated therein, and Fig. 2, is a sec-

tional view thereof, taken on the line 2—2, 50 Fig. 1.

In carrying out my invention, I prefer to form in one end of one of the boards A, of which the box is composed, a flat bottomed groove or recess B, having a depth of from 55 one-fourth to one-half of an inch below the surface of the board, and being provided at one end of its bottom with a gradual bevel or incline C, and at its other end with an abrupt wall D. This groove may be formed at any 60 point in the length of the board A, but I prefer for the sake of simplicity in manufacture, to start the groove near the end of the board and scoop or gouge it all the way out to the 65 extremity of such board, before the box is made up, and then nail or otherwise secure the side or end board E over the end of the board A, as more clearly shown in Fig. 2, thus conveniently forming the abrupt wall D.

The stamp F may be stuck or secured in 70 the bottom of the groove B, which is smooth and flat, and will there be sufficiently protected from dislodgment or any injury that might otherwise be caused by the corners of other boxes or objects rubbing against the 75 sides of the stamped case. The groove being gradually inclined or beveled at one end as shown, makes it possible to scrape the stamp out of the groove without injuring the sides 80 of the latter, by simply running a chisel or sharp edged stick or other like instrument back and forth in the groove from the inclined end; and the abrupt end or wall of the groove or recess arrests the movement of the chisel thus used, and such wall being 85 formed by a separate board whose grain is perpendicular to the plane of the groove, the end of the groove is not split, as would be the case were the groove formed at the mid-length of the board and such end or wall D com- 90 posed of a part of the same board. The object in making the wall D abrupt, beyond being merely incidental to the convenient manner of constructing the groove or recess, is that it is not so liable to be split by the 95 chisel in scraping out the stamp, even when formed of the same board in which the groove is formed, as a beveled or inclined wall would

be; because the chisel would always strike at the base of the abrupt wall, whereas, if the wall were inclined, it would be as likely to dig into it near the top or surface of the board  
5 and thus chip off slivers of the wood.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new therein, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A box provided with a stamp groove or  
10 recess formed in the extreme end of one of its boards and being provided at one end with the incline or bevel C, and at its other end with an abrupt wall such wall being formed

by one of the side or end boards of the box, substantially as set forth. 15

2. The combination of the board A having a stamp groove or recess formed in the end thereof and the end or side board E forming the end of said groove or recess and having its grain extending perpendicular to the plane  
20 of said groove, substantially as set forth.

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