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Fig. 1.

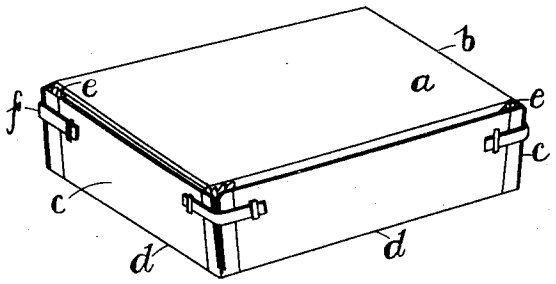
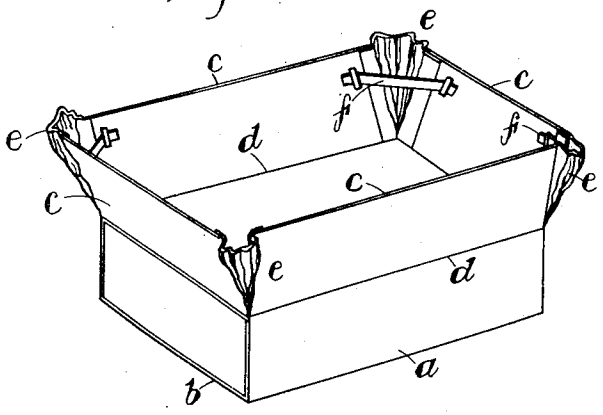


Fig. 2.



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This invention relates to match-boxes, ash-trays, and other like boxes and trays.

The object of this invention is to provide an improved combined box and tray for matches and other articles.

A combined box and tray made in accordance with this invention comprises a box adapted to be opened and closed in any well known manner and a casing adapted to be folded over said box when in its closed position, and to be opened out to form a tray when desired.

Referring to the drawings filed herewith:—

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of one form of combined box and tray made in accordance with this invention in its closed position;

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the same device in its open position.

a is the box, *b* the bottom of the box, *c* is a casing which may have a separate bottom, or the bottom of the casing may be the bottom of the box. The casing has four sides *c c*, with flexible folds or hinges along the edges marked *d d*. The corners of the tray are connected together by flexible material to form webs *e e*. The sides *c c* of the casing are connected by rubber or elastic strips *f f* to permit of the casing being moved from the closed to the open position.

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

1. A box comprising an outer casing, a tray or drawer adapted to fit inside the casing, and members hingeably affixed to the casing, the said members constituting a tray in the open position and adapted to be folded over the sides of the casing when not in use.

2. A box comprising an outer casing, a tray or drawer adapted to fit inside the casing, and a collapsible tray having four sides hingeably secured to the top of the casing, the said sides being adapted in one position to form a tray and in another position to be folded down over the sides of the casing.

3. A box comprising an outer casing, a tray or drawer adapted to fit inside the casing, and a collapsible tray having four sides hingeably secured to the top of the casing, the sides being connected together at the corners by a flexible material to permit them to be folded down, when not in use as a tray, over the sides of the casing.

4. A box comprising an outer casing, a tray or drawer adapted to fit inside the casing, and a collapsible tray having four sides hingeably secured to the top of the casing, the sides being connected together at the corners by a flexible material to permit them to be folded down, when not in use as a tray, over the sides of the casing, and by elastic strips to retain the sides in the open or closed position.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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