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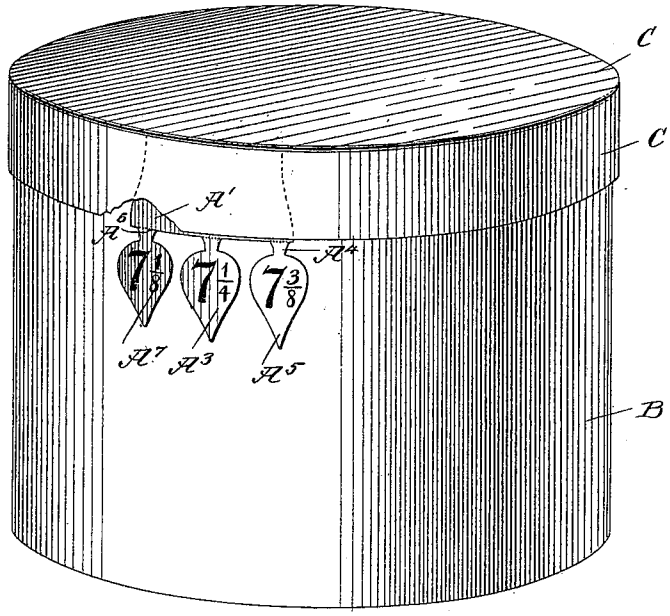
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Fig 1



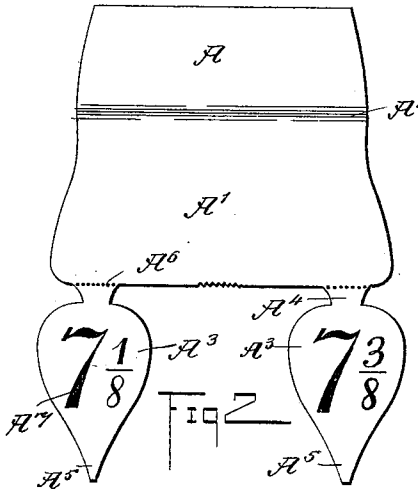


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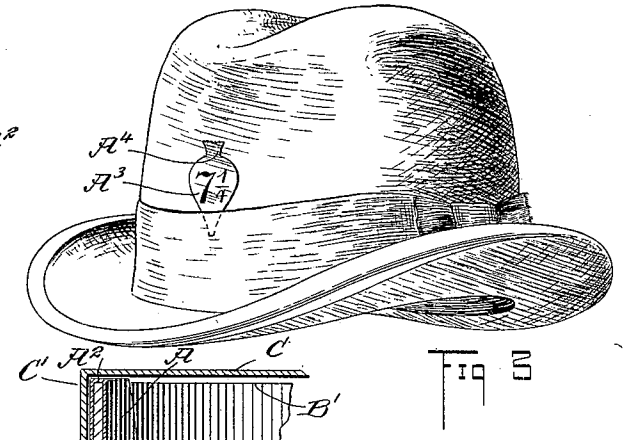


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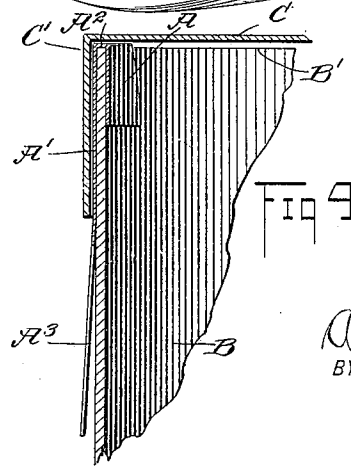


Fig 4

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SIZE-INDICATOR.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ABRAM B. LUSTIG, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city of New York, borough of Manhattan, in the county and State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Size-Indicators, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention relates to devices for indicating on the outside of boxes the sizes of the articles contained therein—for instance, the sizes of hats contained in a hat-box.

The object of my invention is to provide an indicator having separable sections, each of which will correspond to one of the articles contained in the box, so that if such article is removed from the box the corresponding section of the indicator may be detached, the remaining portion of the indicator thus showing at a glance not only that one of the articles has been removed, but what sizes are left in the box.

The invention will be fully described hereinafter and the features of novelty pointed out in the appended claim.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a hat-box provided with my improved indicator. Fig. 2 is a detail view of the indicator with one of its sections torn off. Fig. 3 shows a hat with the torn-off section inserted in the band thereof; and Fig. 4 is a sectional detail of the hat-box, showing the manner of attaching the size-indicator.

Hatters generally pack hats in boxes containing three hats, which as a rule are of three different sizes, or two of them may be of the same size. It frequently happens that one or two hats are removed from the box, and it will therefore be obvious that a serviceable size-indicator should not only indicate the sizes of the hats originally in the box, but afford means for readily changing the indication upon removal of a hat or two. To accomplish this, I secure to the hat-box an indicator having a plurality of separately-detachable sections. As shown in the drawings, the indicator comprises a body preferably formed with an upper member A and a lower member A′, with a crease or fold A^2 between them. The indicator may be made of any suitable material, generally of paper. The crease A^2 is adapted for engagement with the upper edge B′ of the hat-box B, and preferably the back of the body is gummed, so as to facilitate fastening it to the box in the position illustrated in Fig. 4. It will be seen that with this construction the rim C′ of the cover C laps over the lower or outer member A′ of the indicator-body, said portion being therefore made of a height approximately equal to that of the rim C′. The rim C′ assists in holding the member A′ in position and prevents the accidental tearing off of portions thereof. With the body of the indicator are separately connected, at the lower edge of the member A′, the sections or size-marks A^3, preferably by means of narrow connecting-strips A^4. The lower or free ends of the sections are pointed, as at A^5, so that a section when detached may be readily inserted in the band of a hat, as shown in Fig. 3. Preferably perforations A^6 are provided at the junction of the strips A^4 with the body member A′, so as to facilitate tearing off. The backs of the sections A^3 are not gummed, so that they will be entirely loose, except for their connection with the member A′, and will have a tendency to stand away slightly from the box B, as shown in Fig. 4. The several sections A^3 bear suitable size-numbers A^7, either printed or written upon them.

From a hat-box having the indicator shown in Fig. 1 the salesman or clerk can tell at a glance that it contains three hats of the respective sizes seven and one-eighth, seven and one-fourth, and seven and three-eighths. These size-marks are clearly visible at a relatively-considerable distance, so that they may be seen readily even when the box stands on a top shelf. Should, for instance, the seven-and-one-fourth hat be taken out to be placed in the window or in a show-case where hats are exhibited for sale or for any other purpose, the corresponding (central) section A^3 will be torn off, as shown in Fig. 2, and this section may be inserted in the band of the hat, as in Fig. 3. The indicator will then show at a glance that the box now only contains two hats of the sizes seven and one-eighth and seven and three-eighths, respectively. Should

the seven-and-one-eighth hat be removed also, the left-hand section A^3 will be detached, leaving only one section, with seven and three-eighths, on the box.

It will be seen that my invention provides a simple and inexpensive size-indicator for hat-boxes and the like, the device being readily attached to the box and indicating, if used as above described, the number of hats or other articles contained in the box at any time and their sizes. The adaptability of the torn-off indicator-sections as size-marks to be attached to the article also is a useful feature of my invention.

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

A box provided with a size-indicator comprising a body having an upper and a lower member, with a crease or fold between the members, the lower member extending on the outside of the box, and the upper member located within the box and fastened thereto, the crease or fold between said members engaging the upper edge of the box and the lower member extending downward a distance about equal to the width of the rim or cover, and indicating-sections each terminating at its lower end in a point, and each indicating-section having a relatively-narrow strip at its upper end by which it is detachably connected with the lower edge of the lower body member.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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