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Fig. 1.

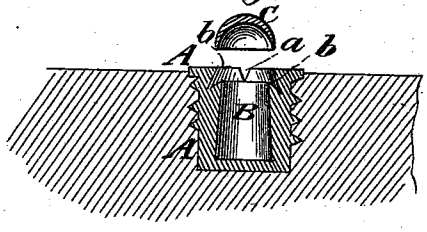


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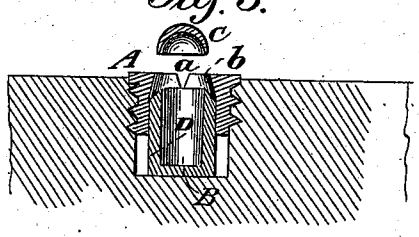


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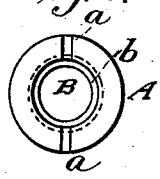


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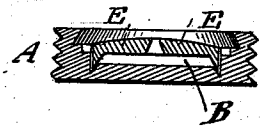
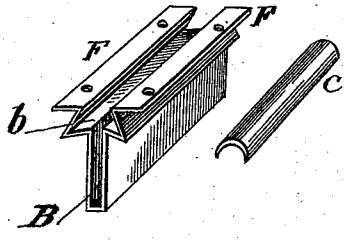


Fig. 5.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, GEORGE A. GEMÜNDEN and ALBERT F. GÄRTNER, both of Savannah, in the county of Chatham and State of Georgia, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Shipping Appliances, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

The object of our invention is to provide a device adapted to receive and hold a check or other article on which shipping notes or memoranda may be written or printed, the said receptacle being adapted to be let or embedded in a barrel, box, or other packing-vessel, and securely fastened thereto.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a sectional view of a receptacle and the cap used to close the same, the cap being detached. Fig. 2 is a top view of the receptacle. Figs. 3, 4, and 5 are modified constructions, hereinafter explained.

Similar letters of reference indicate similar parts in the respective figures.

Referring to Fig. 1, A is a thimble, screw-threaded on its outer surface, and having a slot, *a*, cut in its top, similar to that in the head of an ordinary screw. The hollow space or pocket B is enlarged near the top of the thimble A, the enlargement having an annular groove, *b*, at its base and tapering inward. C is a hollow cap adapted to fit into the enlarged space at the top of the thimble. By striking the top of the cap C a light blow the base will spread and fill up the annular groove *b*, thus holding the cap securely in place and closing the pocket B.

Referring to Fig. 3, the thimble is made in two parts. The part D, containing the pocket or recess B, is beveled at its upper end, and the other part, A, which is screw-threaded on its outer edge, is adapted to fit over the part D and to hold it securely in place, at the same time forming the annular groove *b* for the reception of the cap C, as before stated.

Fig. 4 shows a receptacle to be used with packages which will not admit of the boring of a deep hole in them. This receptacle is adapted to receive a flat check, and provided with a protecting hood or cap, E, to prevent the mutilation of the check when the cap C is driven into position.

Fig. 5 shows an oblong rectangular receptacle, one end being broken away. This receptacle may be cast in one piece, or its sides may be formed from a sheet of metal bent into the requisite form and its ends secured to the sides by soldering or otherwise. This receptacle is provided with a groove, *b*, to receive the cap C. It is let into the package and secured thereto by means of screws or nails passing through the flanges F.

It will readily be seen that shipping notes or memoranda placed in the pocket B, the pocket being closed by means of the cap C, will be safely transmitted with the package.

Having described our invention, we claim—

The herein-described shipping appliance, consisting of a thimble, A, adapted to be let or embedded in a barrel, box, or other packing-vessel and secured thereto, and having a pocket, B, and groove *b*, combined with a cap, C, adapted to be driven and spread into the groove, substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals.

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