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SPECIMEN BOX.

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Fig. 1.

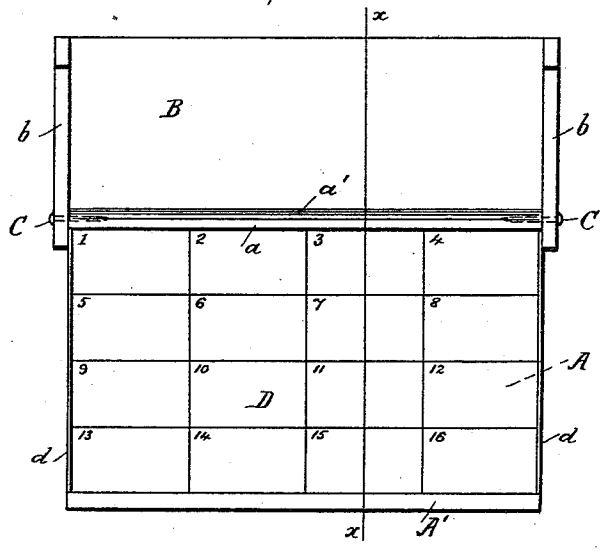


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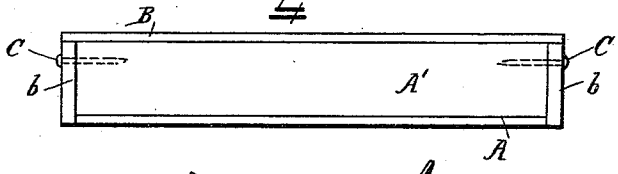


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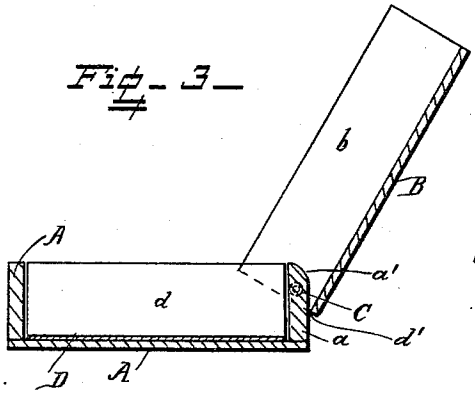
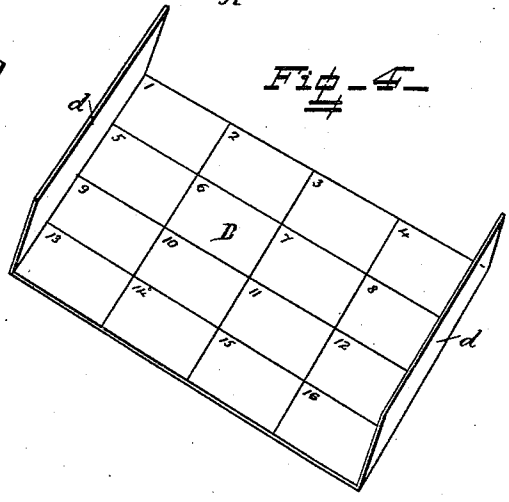


Fig. 4.



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SPECIMEN-BOX.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CUSHING M. BRYANT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Seattle, in the county of King and State of Washington, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Specimen-Boxes; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to boxes adapted to contain and display small collections of specimens, such as woods or minerals; and it consists in the novel construction and combination of the parts hereinafter fully described and claimed.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a plan view, from above, of the box when open, and Fig. 2 is a front view of the box when closed. Fig. 3 is a cross-section through the box, taken on the line x x in Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a detail perspective view of the card-board tray removed from the box.

The box consists of a bottom portion A, provided with a front A′ and a back a, but having no sides. The upper rear edge of the back is rounded or beveled at a'.

The cover for the box consists of the top B, provided with two sides b b, but having no back or front.

C C are pivot-pins by means of which the sides of the cover are hinged or pivoted to the ends of the back a of the box.

The sides of the cover straddle the back and the front of the box when the cover is shut down, and the front and the back of the box fit in between the said side pieces, as shown in Fig. 2.

D is the card-board tray, which is removable and is provided with numbered squares or divisions for receiving the specimens, which may be fastened to it by adhesive material or otherwise secured to it. The sides d of the tray are turned up and form the sides of the box when the cover is raised. The sides are prevented from spreading out because their rear ends are always between the sides of the cover. The sides d afford a means for lifting the tray out of the box, so that it may be replaced by another tray having different specimens secured to it, and the sides d are made of the same height as the depth of the box, so that the top of the cover bears against them when the box is closed, and the tray and the specimens are thereby prevented from rattling inside the box when the box is sent through the mail or otherwise carried from place to place. The rounded or beveled edge a' of the back permits the cover to be opened by turning it on its pivots. The rear edge d' of the cover-top comes against the back a when the cover is opened to the desired extent, so as to display the specimens to the best advantage, and prevents the cover from being opened to a greater extent.

The entire box is very simple, and is adapted to be manufactured in large quantities with very little expense.

What I claim is—

1. A box consisting of a bottom provided with back and front pieces and no sides, in combination with a pivoted cover consisting of a top provided with sides adapted to form the sides of the box when closed and having no back or front pieces secured to it, substantially as set forth.

2. A box consisting of a bottom provided with a front piece and a back piece having its upper rear edge rounded or beveled, and having no sides, in combination with a cover provided with sides adapted to form the sides of the box when closed and having no front or back pieces secured to it, and pins pivoting the side pieces of the cover to the back piece of the box, substantially as set forth.

3. The combination, with the box-body having a front and a back but no sides secured to it, and the pivoted cover having sides which also form the sides of the box when closed, of a removable tray having sides equal in height to the depth of the box and retained in position by the said cover sides, substantially as set forth.

4. The combination, with a box consisting of a bottom provided with back and front

pieces, and a pivoted cover consisting of a top provided with sides adapted to straddle the back and front pieces of the box, of a removable tray provided with turned-up sides adapted to form the sides of the box when the said cover is raised, substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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