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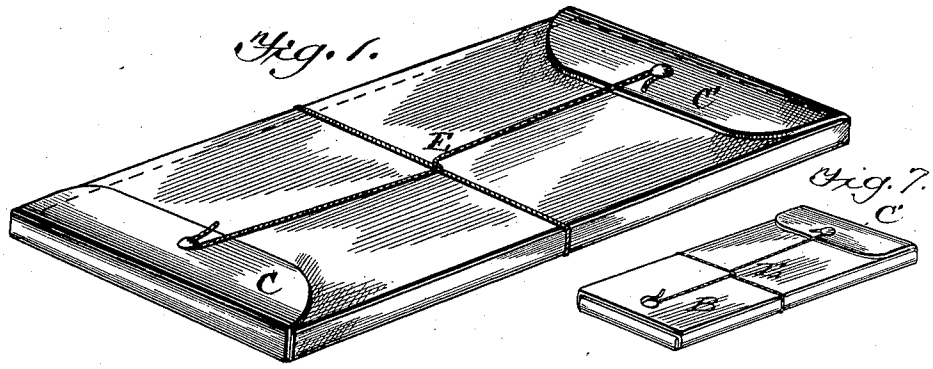


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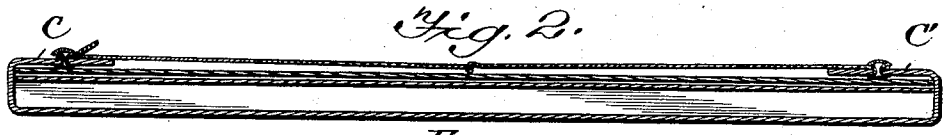


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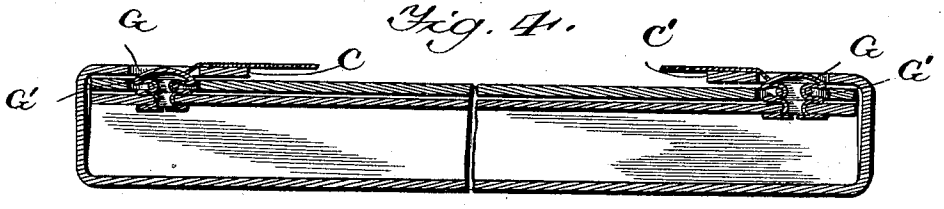


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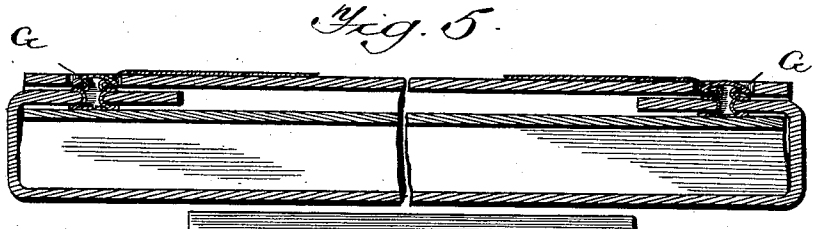
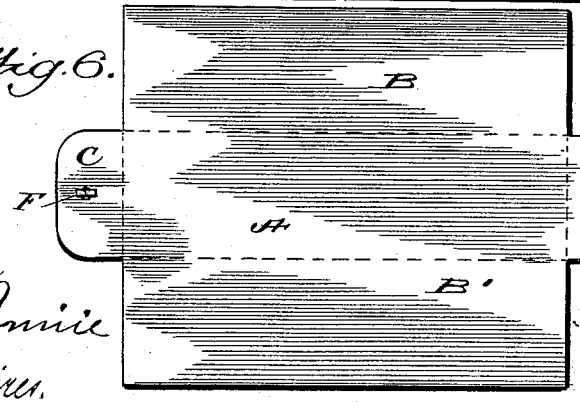


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN FREDERICK WILHELM, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Packing and Storing Vessels or Cases, of which the following is so full, clear, and exact a description as will enable others skilled in the art to which my invention appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 represents my improved case closed. Fig. 2 is a section of the same, showing clothing or other articles packed therein. Fig. 3 is a rear perspective of my improved packing-case, showing the method of fastening the cable around the posts. Figs. 4 and 5 are sections. Fig. 6 is a plan. Fig. 7 is a perspective.

The object of my invention is to provide a packing-case by the use of which articles may be put away or packed in the best way without wrinkling or puckering the goods while being laid upon and put into the case; and to that end my invention consists of a knock-down case which may be laid out perfectly flat and into which the article or articles may be laid in perfect order and the case then closed.

Another object of my invention is to provide a simple, cheap, and safe fastening device, and to that end I have provided a pair of clips on a pair of flaps around which may be a crossed string or wire E, one or two turns of the ends sufficing to leave the string or wire, which for convenience I shall call a "cable," into a permanent and safe position without the necessity of tying any knots.

Another object of my invention is to provide a case which may be packed in with other cases of a similar or dissimilar character without leaving any protuberances or with any sharp or ragged edges, which would be a source of annoyance by reason of their catching and sticking to adjacent packages. To this end I provide round smooth fastening-posts, which are slipped through other packages without difficulty.

My packing-case may be made of paper, medicated or plain, pasteboard, cardboard, leather, soft metal, or any other suitable material appropriate for the use to which the case is to be put.

In the accompanying drawings, A designates the base of my packing-case.

B B designate the side flaps, and C C designate end flaps, which are provided with posts F F, secured in any suitable manner to the flap C, which is to be folded, as shown, outside of the side flaps B B, or the order of arrangement may be changed and the end flaps folded under the side flaps, and a plurality of posts F F may be attached to the side flaps instead of to the end flaps. In that case perforations, such as G G, should be provided in one flap, through which the post can extend, still preserving a perfectly smooth packing-case.

This case will be found especially useful for retail merchants and for medicated cases for sealskin sacks and other furs, and it can also be used for a mailing-case.

This case will recommend itself by reason of its simplicity and its adaptability, on account of its construction, to receive in a nicely-folded condition all commodities without the necessity of folding them to avoid sides of the boxes and without puckering them up and distorting them, as always results from forcing goods into an envelop such as is ordinarily used for the ordinary moth-bag.

Both end flaps may be folded in between the side flaps, as shown in Fig. 5, by simply providing holes through the outer side flap, or one end flap may be on the outside, as shown in Fig. 7, while the other end flap is turned in under one of the side flaps or both of them. This method of folding makes a package which may be put with many others and may be readily withdrawn from them by simply putting them together with the end having the end flap exposed in the front of the bundle of packages, and any one of them may be readily pulled out without catching on the others and tearing them.

Having described the objects, uses, and advantages of my device and having set forth the preferred form of construction, I still wish to reserve the right to vary the form of the case as to its details, which may be done without departing from the spirit of my invention and without interfering with its usefulness.

What I claim as new and useful, and what

I wish to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

1. A packing-case which may be opened perfectly flat; in combination with folding flaps and a fastening-post within the plane of the outside of the casing, substantially as described.

2. A packing-case provided with flaps which may be straightened out flat; in combination with fastening-posts, smooth on the outside and within the line of the plane of the outside of the case and adapted to receive a cable, substantially as described.

3. A packing-case of the character described, provided with flaps which may be straightened out flat, and posts secured to the flaps and a crossed cable having ends adapted to be wrapped around a fastening-post, leaving a smooth package which may be put in with a lot of other packages and removed from them without disturbing adjacent packages, substantially as and for the purposes specified.

4. A packing-case consisting of a main body portion provided with flaps adapted to be folded one or more of the flaps having a fastening-post and one or more of the adjacent flaps having holes adapted to register with and receive said posts substantially as described whereby they may be folded to leave but one of the outer edges of one of the flaps exposed as set forth.

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