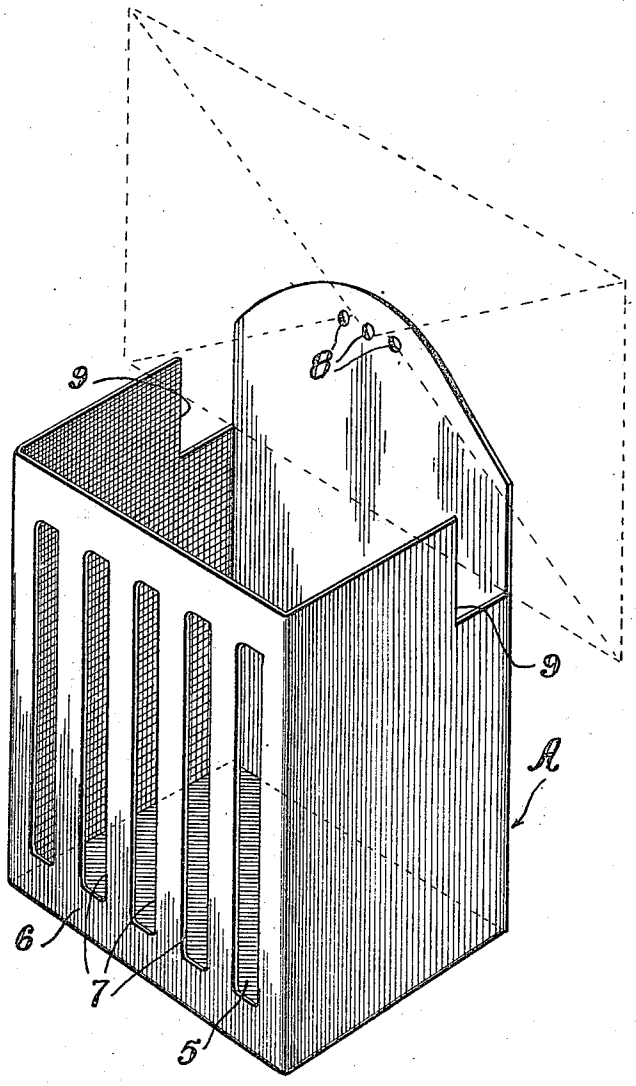
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES E. ARNOLD, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of San Diego, county of San Diego, and State of California, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Mail or the like Boxes, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to boxes which are commonly used as receptacles for holding mail before its collection, by either the mail man, or the addressee.

Boxes such as these are used in office buildings, dwellings and other places as a collection receptacle for letters and other mail, and the same are deposited therein by the postman to await collection by the addressee, or they may be deposited by the sender, awaiting collection by the postman. Sometimes these boxes are used on the outside of dwellings, offices and other places, and it often happens the box is not of the proper size, or the dimensions of the same are insufficient to accommodate unusually large envelopes and it has heretofore been necessary to deposit such large envelopes either on the floor or other places where it may become lost or mixed with other paraphernalia, which results in delayed delivery.

The primary object of my invention is to make a slight departure from the construction of the conventional type of mail box to provide means for accommodating envelopes and other mail matter which is too large to be received in the receptacle itself.

I have illustrated the preferred embodiment of the invention in the accompanying drawing, in which the figure is a perspective view of a more or less conventional type of mail box illustrating the application of the invention.

Referring to the figure in detail, the box A may be constructed along any desired lines and of any material; for instance, it may include a relatively deep, four-sided receptacle having a bottom (5) and an open top. The front (6) may include a plurality of elongated slots (7) as is sometimes customary, and the box may terminate with its upper portion providing a hanger by producing one or more small openings (8) in the thickness of the same, through which screws, nails, tacks or other fastening means may be passed and driven into a wall, post, door frame or other supporting structure.

In some instances the boxes may be made of cheap metal, preferably such as tin, to make them economical to manufacture in large quantities.

Mail may be deposited in the box by the postman to await a call by the addressee, or it may be deposited by the sender to await a call by the postman. At any rate, it often happens, as before mentioned, that some of the mail is too large to be accommodated by the usual type of box. I therefore purpose to provide means to accommodate oversize mail by recessing the two side walls of the box to leave a pair of openings (9) adjacent the back wall, so that an envelop or the like may be received and supported by the receptacle without danger of the same becoming dislodged. The openings in some respects resemble a supporting shelf, and the dimensions of the same may be such as to accommodate several pieces of mail of considerable thickness.

The provision of these openings will not add to the cost of production; at the same time they will greatly increase the valuation of the box from a selling standpoint, and also add to the attractiveness and convenience of the same.

I claim:

A sheet metal mail receptacle having four walls, a bottom and an open top, the back wall of the receptacle adapted to be fixed to a supporting structure and the top edges of the oppositely disposed side walls adjacent the back wall being cut to leave relatively deep and wide openings with the back wall forming one vertical side for the back of the openings substantially as and for the purpose described.

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