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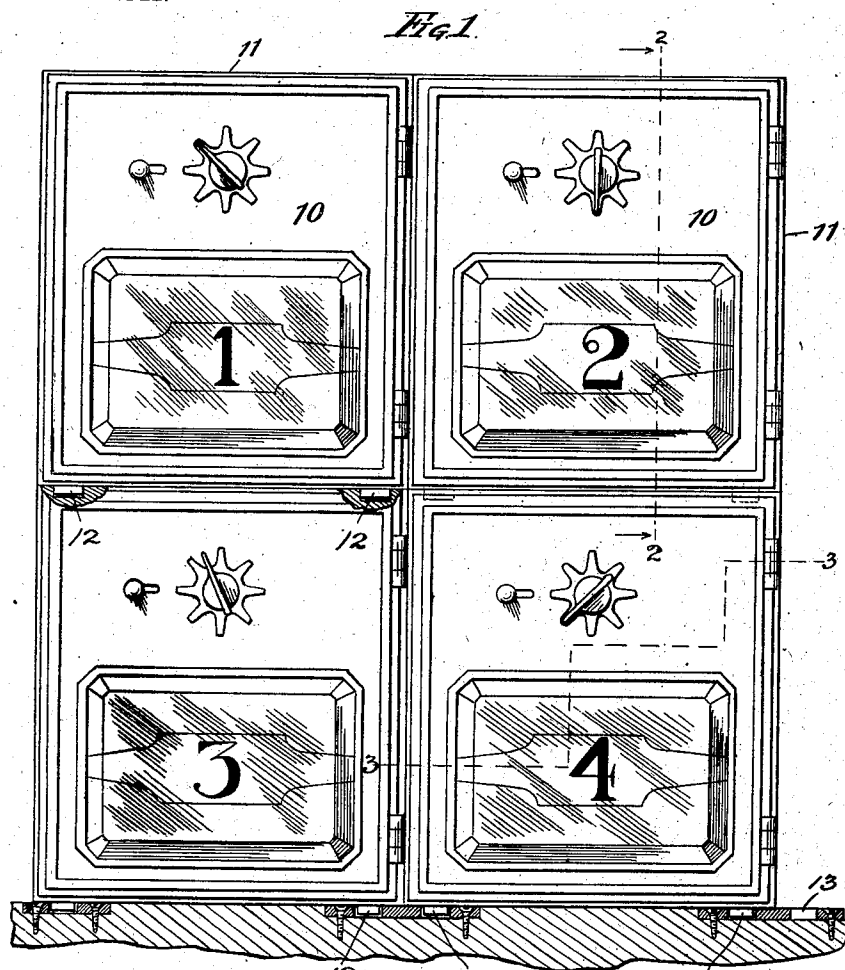
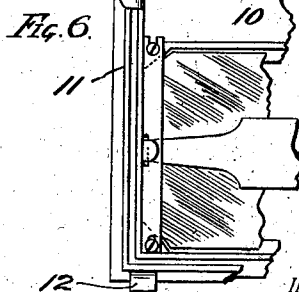
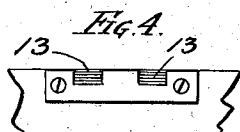
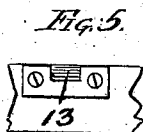
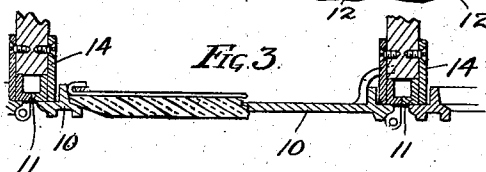
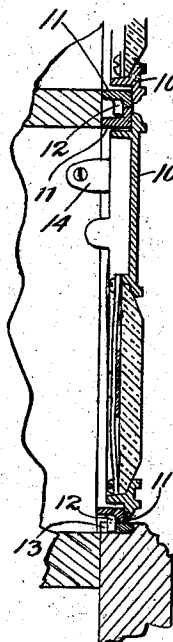


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE L. LAVERY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Lock-Box Fronts, whereof the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in the construction of the fronts of lock-boxes, such as are used for post-office equipment and in other similar service; and the objects of my improvement are to provide more effective, economical, and convenient means for securing the box-fronts together into a nest, to more effectively prevent the removal of either the door or door-frame from the outside of the nest, and to accomplish such other and further superiorities in construction and operation as may obtain in the devices hereinafter described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, Figure 1 is a front elevation of a nest of four lock-box fronts. Fig. 2 is a section of a front on the line 2-2 of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a section on the line 3-3 of Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a plan view of a double socket to receive the adjacent lugs on the bottom edges of two adjacent fronts at the bottom of the nest. Fig. 5 is a plan view of a single socket adapted to receive one of such lugs, and Fig. 6 is a fragmentary rear plan view of an end of the door.

Like reference-numerals indicate like parts in all the figures.

10 is the lock-box door, and 11 the door-frame, together constituting the lock-box front. One edge and only one edge of each door-frame is provided with one or more of the offset lugs 12 12, adapted to engage behind the adjacent edge of the adjacent door-frame, thereby interlocking one with the other. The lugs 12 12 on the lower edge of the lowest door-frame in any vertical row in the nest of boxes enter the sockets 13 13, which are secured to the woodwork of the nest in such manner that they cannot be removed while the box-fronts are in place. One or more of the other edges of each door-frame, but not the same edge first above

named, may be provided with one or more lugs 14 14, adapted to be screwed or nailed to the woodwork of the boxes.

As a result of the construction set forth in the foregoing paragraph it becomes possible to have all of the door-frames in a nest exactly alike and completely interchangeable and also possible to positively secure all of them in the nest with a minimum number of fastenings.

In the foregoing specification my invention is described as embodied in certain particular and preferable forms of construction; but I do not limit myself to such special forms or to less than all the possible forms in which the invention as hereinafter claimed may be embodied.

I now claim—

1. In a lock-box front, in combination, a door-frame having a single one of its edges provided with one or more offset lugs adapted to engage behind the adjacent door-frame in the nest, and having one or more of its other edges each provided with one or more lugs adapted to be screwed or nailed within the framework of the box, substantially as specified.

2. In a lock-box front, in combination, a door-frame having a single one of its horizontal edges provided with one or more offset lugs adapted to engage behind the adjacent door-frame in the nest, and having each of its vertical edges provided with a lug adapted to be screwed or nailed within the framework of the box, substantially as specified.

3. In a lock-box front, in combination, a door-frame having a single one of its edges provided with one or more offset lugs, metal sockets secured to the adjacent wall of the box and adapted to engage said lugs, and one or more additional lugs on one or more of the other edges of said door-frame and adapted to be screwed or nailed within the framework of the box, substantially as specified.

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