

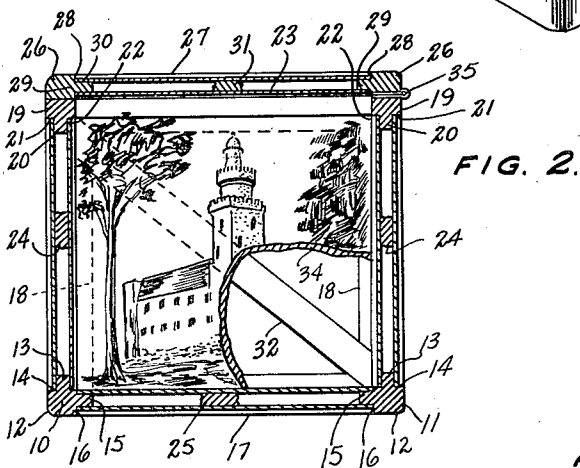
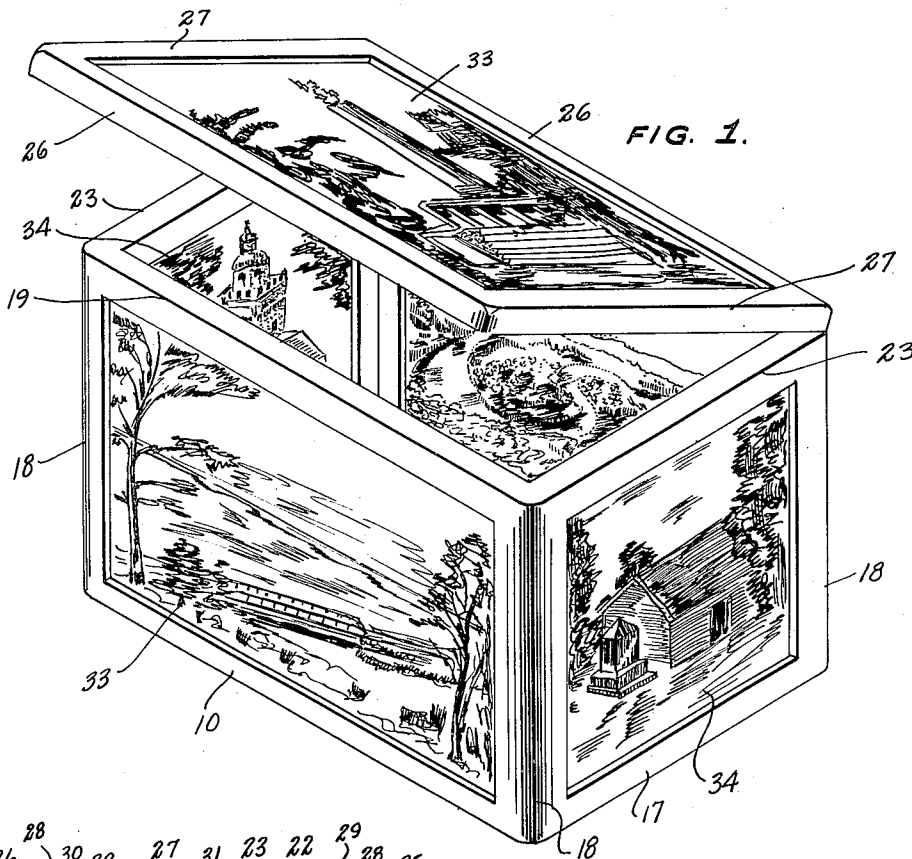
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My invention relates to boxes and more particularly to novelty boxes.

The object of my invention is to provide a box the sides and the top of which are made of picture postal cards, so that the inside and outside surfaces of said walls and said top are adorned with the views and scenes usually exhibited on picture postal cards.

Another object of my invention is to convert picture postal cards, which otherwise would be thrown away, into a useful and ornamental lasting souvenir.

A further object of my invention is to provide a novelty box of the class described equipped with a descriptive list of the cards forming the walls and the top of said box.

Other objects of my invention may appear in the following specification describing it with reference to the accompanying drawing illustrating a preferred embodiment of my invention.

It is however, to be understood, that my invention is not to be limited or restricted to the exact construction and combination of parts described in the specification and shown in the drawing, but that such changes and modifications can be made, which fall within the scope of the claims appended hereto.

In the drawing:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a novelty box according to my invention.

Figure 2 is a cross-sectional view of the box shown in Figure 1, a part of the card forming the inner surface of the end wall being torn away to show the construction of the box.

Referring now in detail to the drawing, the novelty box forming the subject matter of my invention has two longitudinal bottom frame members 10 and 11 respectively made from light wood or any other suitable material. The body of each of these members has a substantially rectangular cross-section, but the outer lower edge of each member is rounded, as shown at 12 in Figure 2.

Each bottom frame member has an upwardly extending longitudinal tongue 13 formed on the upper surface of its body and arranged at a short distance inwardly from the outside surface of said body, so that a longitudinal shoulder 14 is formed by the body and the upwardly extending tongue.

On the inside surface of each longitudinal bottom frame member 10 and 11 an inwardly extending longitudinal tongue 15 is provided, arranged at a short distance above the bottom surface of the body of said member forming a longitudinal shoulder 16 on said body.

The novelty box according to my invention, has two transverse bottom and frame members 17 having cross-sections of the same shape as the longitudinal bottom frame members. The trans-

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verse members 17 are secured to the end portions of the longitudinal bottom frame members 10 and 11 in any preferred manner to form a rectangular bottom frame.

5 Corner posts 18 are fastened on top of and at each corner of the bottom frame and extend at right angles upwardly therefrom.

Two longitudinal top frame members 19 are secured to and extend horizontally between the two corresponding corner posts 18. The body of these longitudinal side frame members 19 are substantially rectangular and centrally of the under side of each longitudinal top frame member 19 a downwardly protruding longitudinally extending bead 20 is arranged forming an outer shoulder 21 and an inner shoulder 22. Two transverse top frame members 23, having the same cross-section as the longitudinal top frame members 19 are secured to and extend horizontally between the corner posts 18.

20 Intermediate the longitudinal top frame member 19 and the longitudinal bottom frame members 10 and 11 stiffener bars 24 are secured to the corner posts 18 and extend horizontally between them. The thickness of the stiffener bars 24, and the tongues 20 and 13 respectively is the same.

25 Intermediate the longitudinal bottom frame members 10 and 11 a stiffener bar 25 extends between and is secured to the transverse bottom frame members 17. The thickness of this stiffener bar is equal to the thickness of the tongues 15.

30 A cover frame consists of two longitudinal members 26 and two transverse members 27 having upper and lower shoulders 28 and 29 respectively formed on their inner surfaces by tongues 30 extending lengthwise of said members.

35 A stiffener bar 31 is arranged intermediate the longitudinal cover frame members 26.

40 A diagonal extending stiffener bar 32 is arranged at the ends of the box between the corresponding corner posts 18.

45 Picture postal cards 33 or the like are placed in the cover frame, and between the longitudinal box frame members on the inside and outside thereof and are secured to the corresponding tongues and the stiffener bars. A picture card can also be arranged in the same manner on the inside of the bottom of the box. The two ends of the box are equipped with parts 34 of picture postal cards or the like.

50 On the underside of the bottom of the box a descriptive list of the points illustrated by the postal cards secured on the frame work of the box may be arranged.

55 The cover frame is hingedly attached to one of the longitudinal top frame members 19 as shown at 35.

60 Having described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent:

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1. A pictorial box comprising, a pair of vertically disposed side frames arranged in parallel spaced relation with respect to each other, an end frame interposed between said side frames adjacent the ends of the latter and fixedly secured to said ends, another end frame interposed between said side frames adjacent the other ends of the latter and fixedly secured to said other ends, said side frames and end frames forming a multi-sided open-ended box, a horizontally disposed frame resting upon the upper end of said box and mounted adjacent a side of the latter for swinging movement about a horizontal axis, means on each of said side and horizontally disposed frames for supporting pictorial cards therein, at least one pair of pictorial cards each having on one surface thereof a pictorial image, said cards positioned in parallel spaced relation with respect to each other and mounted on said supporting means within said horizontally disposed frame and the open bottom and walls of said multi-sided box, each pair of said cards mounted on said frames forming inner and outer walls for said box, the pictorial cards forming said inner walls having the pictorial surfaces thereof facing inwardly, and the pictorial cards forming said outer walls having the pictorial surfaces thereof facing outwardly.

2. A pictorial box comprising, a pair of vertically disposed side frames arranged in parallel spaced relation with respect to each other, an end frame interposed between said side frames adjacent the ends of the latter and fixedly secured to said ends, another end frame interposed between said side frames adjacent the other ends of the latter and fixedly secured to said other ends, said side frames and end frames forming a multi-sided open-ended box, a horizontally disposed frame resting upon the upper end of said

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box and mounted adjacent a side of the latter for swinging movement about a horizontal axis, means on each of said side and horizontally disposed frames for supporting pictorial cards therein, said last named means comprising stiffener bars positioned intermediate of each of said side and horizontally disposed frames, at least one pair of pictorial cards each having on one surface thereof a pictorial image, said cards positioned in parallel spaced relation with respect to each other and mounted on said supporting means within said horizontally disposed frame and the open bottom and walls of said multi-sided box, each pair of said cards mounted on said frames forming inner and outer walls for said box, the pictorial cards forming said inner walls having the pictorial surfaces thereof facing inwardly, and the pictorial cards forming said outer walls having the pictorial surfaces thereof facing outwardly.

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