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Envelope-Case.

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Fig. 1

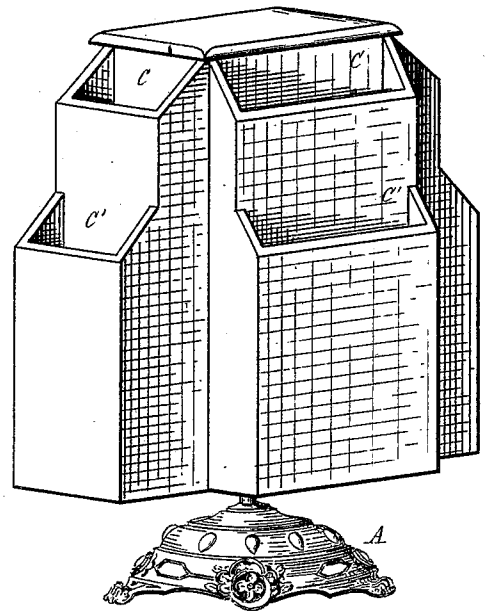
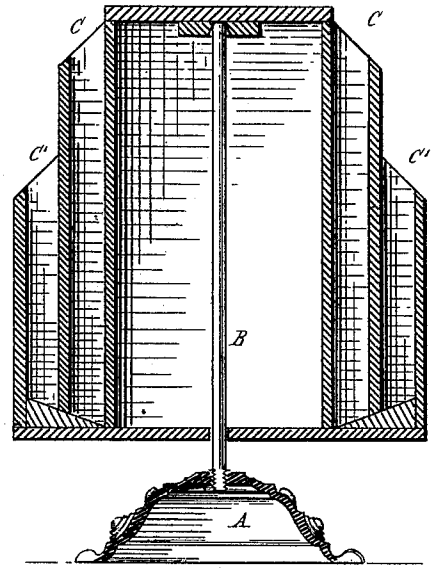


Fig. 2



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IMPROVEMENT IN ENVELOPE-CASES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES H. NORRIS, of Detroit, in the county of Wayne and State of Michigan, have invented an Improvement in Envelope-Cases, of which the following is a specification:

The nature of my invention relates to new and useful improvements in the construction of that class of devices usually employed in offices and counting-rooms to hold envelopes; and the invention consists in a series of chambers with inwardly-inclined bottoms, said chambers being connected together and rotating upon a suitable standard or foot.

Figure 1 is a perspective of my improved envelope-rack. Fig. 2 is a vertical cross central section.

In the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification, A represents a standard, from which centrally rises the pivot-pin B, which supports the series of chambers C C′, the bottoms of which incline inwardly to receive envelopes of various kinds and sizes, so that the outer envelope will always be presented to the user upon a higher plane than the one immediately behind it.

In the drawings a rack is shown of a rectangular form, with two chambers on each side, the outer ones being designed for letter-envelopes, and the inner ones for what are usually denominated "legal" envelopes; but the rack may be made of any polygonal form, and contain as many chambers of different sizes as may be desired.

Any desired style of ornamentation may be employed to beautify the rack, which may be constructed of any desired material. The inclined bottom of the chamber may be perforated to allow settling dust to fall through.

In practice, in the envelope-boxes in ordinary use, the top edges are presented upon the same plane, and the user, in his hurry, is very apt to withdraw two or three envelopes instead of one, as he desires; and where several different kinds of envelopes are employed, it is inconvenient to keep them in drawers, and the object of my invention is to avoid these objections.

What I claim as my invention is—

The envelope-holder described, consisting of a polygonal box, provided on each side with the two vertical chambers C C′, of different sizes, and having inwardly-inclined bottoms, said box being mounted upon the metal base A by the pivot-pin B, which rises from said base, passes through a hole in the bottom of the box, and sits into a socket in the top of the box, constructed and arranged substantially as set forth and shown.

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