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Fig. 1.

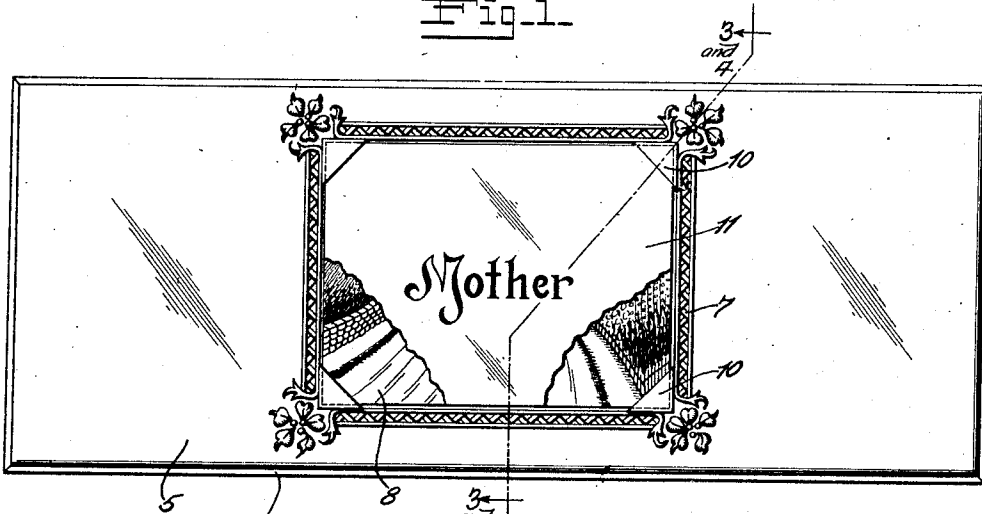


Fig. 2.

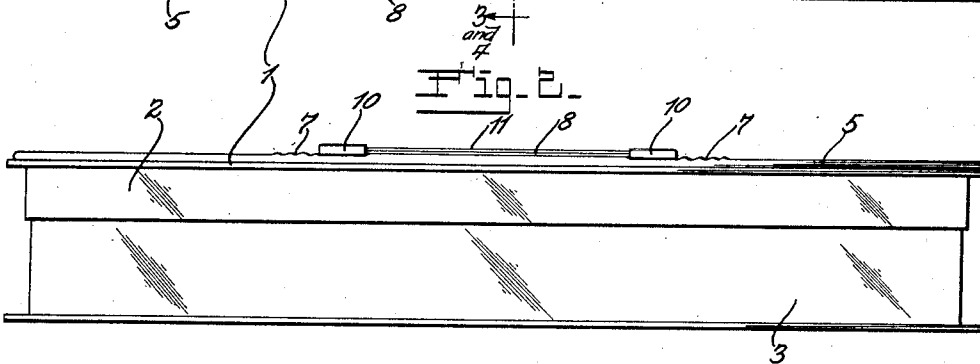


Fig. 3.

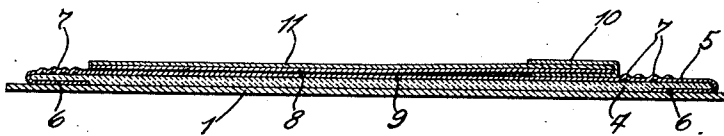
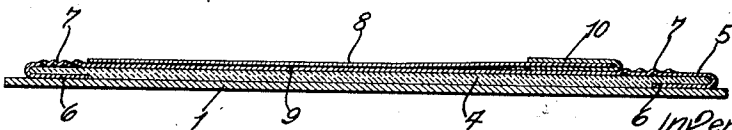


Fig. 4.



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This invention relates to improvements in boxes and has special reference to an improved method of attaching decorative cards and the like to the top of the box.

5 An object of the invention is to provide a box top including a cover having rigid or integral therewith an ornamental frame enclosing a decorative card in simulation of a picture frame enclosing a picture and having within the corners of such frame holders or sockets for engaging the corners only of a removable decorative card which may be placed within the frame and upon the first mentioned card and be removed and inter-
10 changed with other cards, selectively.

Other objects will appear from the following description, reference being made to the drawing in which

Fig. 1 is a plan view of a box embodying my present invention, the removable decorative card having portions of the lower corners thereof broken away to disclose the permanently fixed decorative card within the frame.

Fig. 2 is a side elevation of my improved box.

Fig. 3 is a sectional view on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1 showing the removable decorative card in the frame.

Fig. 4 is a sectional view on the line 4—4 of Fig. 1 which is the same line as the line 3—3 showing my improved box top without the removable decorative card.

The top of my improved box comprises a section 1 of cardboard or the like of sufficient area to cover completely the box for which the top is intended, and said section is equipped with depending walls 2 designed and adapted to enclose the walls of the receptacle portion 3 of the box.

A layer of comparatively soft elastic material 4 is secured upon the cover section 1 and is enclosed by a section of covering material 5, preferably decorative paper, having its edges 6 folded under the edges of the layer of elastic material 4 and adhesively secured to the cardboard section 1. The covering structure for the cardboard section 1, which structure comprises a layer 4 and a decorative cover 5 therefor, has its edges terminat-

ing inwardly some distance from the edges of the section 1 so as to obtain a more ornamental appearance.

An ornamental frame 7 is shown as being formed integral with the decorative cover 5 and may be obtained by embossing said cover 5 to form the frame of smaller area than the upper surface of said cover (Fig. 1). Thus the frame 7 may be made to resemble a small picture frame and be formed as an integral part of the decorative cover 5 of the box top.

My invention comprises a decorative card 8 secured to the cover 5 within the frame 7. This card 8 is preferably of the same area as the inside of the frame 7 so as to create the impression and appearance of a framed picture. This card 8 is rigidly secured to the cover 5 by an adhesive substance 9 securely uniting said parts.

My invention further comprises means in connection with the frame 7 for engaging and holding a removable decorative card upon the decorative card 8 when such arrangement is desired. The holding means mentioned are designed and arranged and combined with the remaining structure so that said holding means at the respective corners of the frame 7 appear as parts of said frame and thus do not obtrude themselves as unsightly features when the removable decorative card is not used. In the embodiment shown I provide at each corner of the frame 7 a flexible and pliable corner holder or socket 10 having its edges folded under the edges of the decorative card 8 and secured thereto and to the cover 5 by glue or other fastening means. The upper portions of the holders or sockets 10 extend across the corners of the decorative card 8 and are wholly detached from said card 8 so as to permit the insertion of the corners of a decorative card 11 thereunder. Thus, the entire under side of the decorative card 11 seats upon the fixed decorative card 8 and the corners of said card 11 engage in the holders or sockets 10. The card 11 may be removed by bending upwardly the intermediate portion thereof and withdrawing the corners of said card from the holders or sockets 10.

The advantages and uses of my improved

box must be apparent from the foregoing description, since the decorative frame and card therein are always enclosed within the area of the decorative box top 5 and the application and removal of the decorative card 11 are easily obtained without marring any of the other decorative features. When the card 11 is removed the flexible and pliable holders or sockets 10 may rest flat upon the corners of the permanently fixed decorative card 8 (Fig. 4) so as to obtain the appearance of an intended and permanent part of the frame 7 for said card 8.

I claim:

1. A box top comprising a box covering section, a cover secured upon said section, a frame formed integral with said cover, a decorative card secured to said cover within said frame, and elements simulating parts of said frame and secured to said cover and having their inner edges extending over marginal portions of said card for apparently holding said card in said frame.
2. A box top comprising a box covering section, a cover secured upon said section, a frame formed integral with said cover, a decorative card secured to said cover within said frame, and elements simulating parts of said frame and secured to said cover and having their inner edges adjacent to marginal portions of said card for apparently holding said card on said frame and being designed and arranged to engage marginal portions of another card removably seated upon said first named card and of approximately the same area.

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