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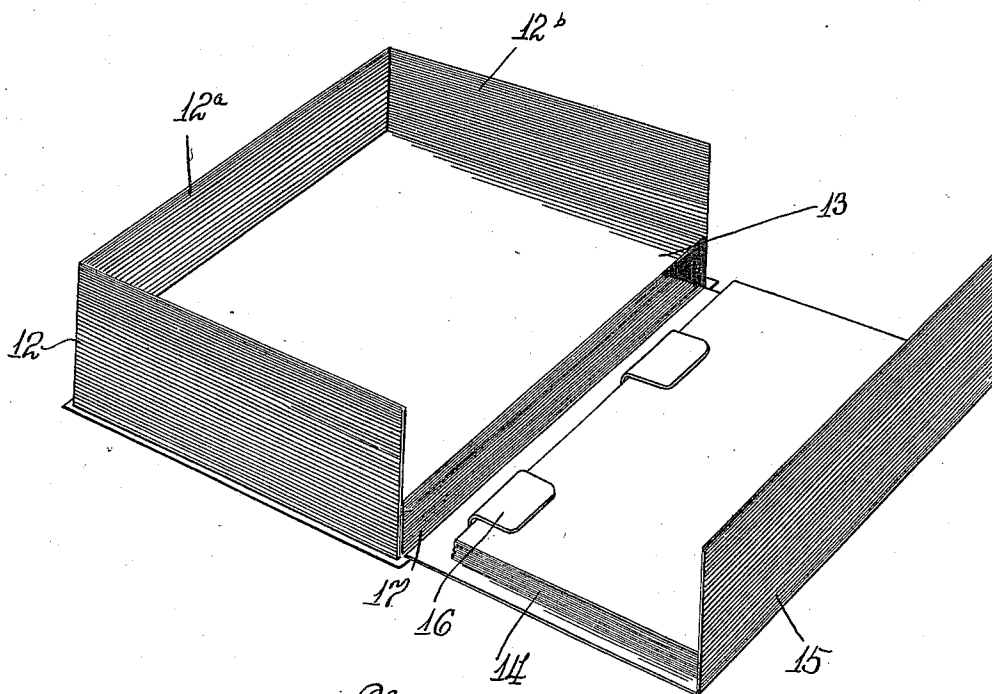


Fig. 1.

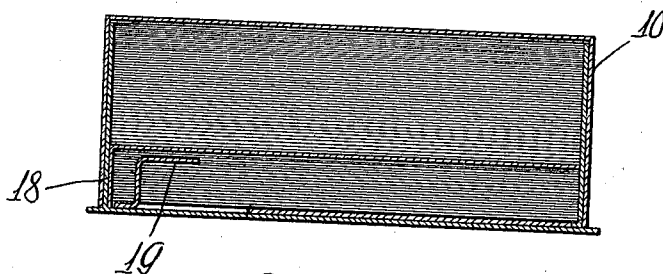


Fig. 2.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM A. GRAY, of the city of Newark, county of Essex, and State of New Jersey, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Stationery-Boxes, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention relates to improvements in boxes such as are usually employed by manufacturers and dealers for holding envelopes and writing paper, and the object of my invention is to provide an improved box of this class having separate compartments for the paper and the envelopes and having an improved drawer device for holding the paper.

With these ends in view my invention consists in certain improvements in stationery boxes which will be hereinafter described and the novel features claimed.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, in which similar reference characters indicate corresponding parts in all the views.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved box without the cover, showing the drawer open, and Fig. 2 is a sectional side view of the box closed.

The box is comprised of a main box member which is open at top and one side, and has the usual cover 10. The main portion has the usual bottom 11 and the sides 12, 12^a and 12^b. Rigidly supported in the box and attached to the sides thereof is a horizontal shelf or partition 13. This partition divides the box into two compartments, the upper one of which is adapted to hold envelopes and the lower to receive a drawer holding writing paper. The drawer has a bottom 14 and front 15 which is flexibly attached to the front edge of the bottom 14. The front 15 is of the same material and the same height as the sides 12, 12^a and 12^b, and is adapted to form the fourth side of the box when the drawer is in place in the lower compartment. The bottom of the drawer is

composed of a sheet of card-board or other suitable material, and is of a size to fit easily within the lower compartment. On the upper surface of the bottom of the drawer and near its inner edge are abutments 16, these abutments being formed by flaps cut out of the bottom and folded upward parallel with the inner edge 17 and then bent forward as shown at 18 and 19 in Fig. 2. The abutments so formed are adapted to engage and hold in place the sheets of writing paper on the bottom of the drawer when the drawer is inserted into or withdrawn from the box. The front 15 not only serves as a side of the box when the drawer is in place but also forms a convenient handle or means for moving the drawer in and out.

The box and the different parts thereof are preferably made of card-board, but it will be understood that any other suitable material may be used and the box itself may be ornamented in any desired manner. I therefore provide a box or package for stationery which is simple in construction and is inexpensive, and in which writing paper and envelopes are held in different compartments and in such a way that either can be very easily removed or replaced.

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

1. A stationery box containing a drawer adapted to be supported within the box, abutments on the upper surface of the bottom of the drawer near its inner edge formed by flaps cut from the bottom of the drawer and adapted to form the back of the drawer.

2. A stationery box containing a drawer, abutments on the upper surface of the bottom of the drawer formed by flaps cut from said bottom, the flaps being bent upward and forward and adapted to support paper placed in said drawer.

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