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REMAILING BOX.
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Fig. 1.

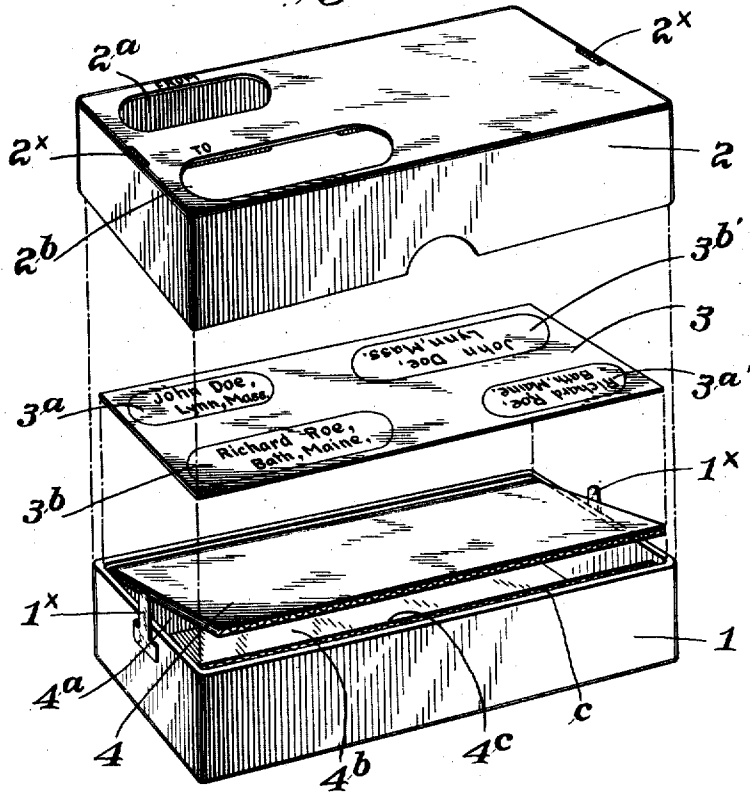


Fig. 2.

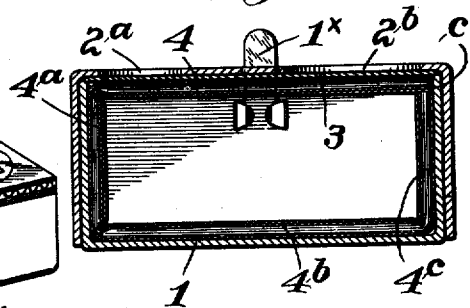
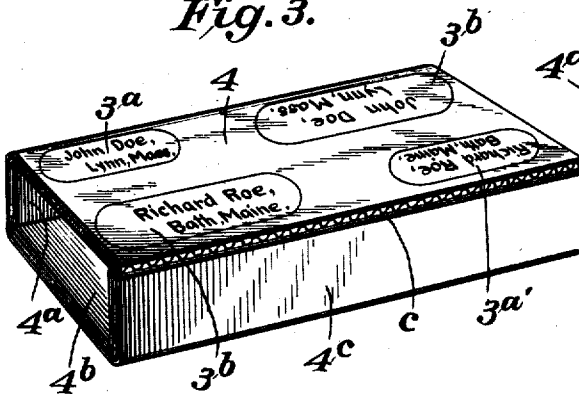


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, RUSSELL I. RHODES, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of North Attleboro, in the county of Bristol and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Remailing Boxes, of which the following is a specification.

My present invention relates to improvements in what are known as remailing boxes, and aims to provide a box of this character which will be strong and serviceable in use and capable of being economically manufactured.

With these and other objects in view, the invention includes the novel features of construction and arrangement and combination of parts hereinafter described and defined by the appended claims.

My said invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawing in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a remailing box with the box, cover, and address card separated and the inner closure and card supporting flap partly opened.

Fig. 2 is a transverse section.

Fig. 3 is a detail view illustrating a modification.

Referring by reference characters to this drawing, the numeral 1 designates the body of the box and 2 the cover, which may be of the ordinary or any desired construction, except as hereinafter referred to in respect to the address openings in the cover. The box and cover may also be provided with any suitable or desired fastening means such for example as the foldable tongues 1^x designed to penetrate the slots 2^x in the cover and be folded over to retain the parts together in the manner well understood by those skilled in the art.

My invention contemplates the use of an address card 3 which is printed upon one face only with two sets of properly defined or indicated address spaces for sender and addressee, these two sets being arranged in reverse symmetry.

For example, at one end or on one half of the card at the top, when viewed from one side edge, is an elongated defining line indicating a space 3^a to receive the name and address of the sender, (inscribed as John Doe, Lynn, Mass.) and below this and near the bottom edge is a similarly defined and preferably larger space 3^b to receive the

name and address of the addressee, (inscribed as Richard Roe, Bath, Maine).

At the opposite end of or on the other half of the surface of the card are a pair of similarly defined spaces 3^{a'} and 3^{b'} arranged in reverse relation to the first named spaces.

The box cover is provided with two cut out portions near one end thereof indicated at 2^a and 2^b, which openings correspond in position and size to either of the pairs of defined spaces on the address card, depending on the relative position of the card and cover. The cover preferably carries adjacent the edge of the topmost opening 2^a the word "From" or some term of like import and in proximity to the lower opening 2^b the word "To" or the like as indicated on the drawing.

Given a box having an address card and cover as above described, the user may quickly fill in the names and addresses in the defined spaces and mail the package, and the recipient desirous of returning the same need only reverse the cover relative to the card, or reverse the card relative to the cover, bringing the other set of addresses in alignment with the openings.

In order to support the card in proximity to the top wall of the cover, I provide it with a hinged flap or supplemental cover 4 hinged at one side to the body of the box and resting at the opposite side when closed, upon a ledge or abutment. Preferably these are formed as parts of a stiffening lining of corrugated paper or the like which may be formed of a single piece having the portion 4 forming the cover carried foldably by a portion 4^a secured to or abutting against one side wall of the box, this portion 4^a in turn connecting with the bottom 4^b which carries at its opposite edge the portion 4^c, the upper edge *c* of which forms the ledge, or shoulder hereinbefore referred to.

The hinge connection between parts 4 and 4^a may be formed by merely creasing or scoring the corrugated paper board.

Instead of providing a separate address card the printed matter or markings defining the address spaces may be printed directly on the supplemental cover as indicated in Fig. 3, or on a sheet or label permanently affixed thereto.

It is obvious that the "openings" may be provided with covers or inserts of transparent material, if desired, without departing from the invention.

ing from the spirit of my invention, and I use the word "opening" with this in mind.

Having thus described my invention what I claim is:—

- 5 1. In a remailing box, the combination with a receptacle and a cooperating cover having a pair of openings of an address member fitted to lie beneath the cover in juxtaposition thereto and having two pairs
10 of defined address spaces designed to alternately coact with the openings in the cover, all four of said address spaces being located on the same side of the address member, said cover and said address member being re-
15 versible relatively to each other, whereby either of said sets of defined address spaces may be aligned with said openings.

2. In a remailing box, the combination with a receptacle and a cooperating cover

having a pair of openings of an address 20 member having two pairs of defined address spaces all located on the same side of the address member and designed to alternately coact with the cover openings and means for supporting said address member in prox- 25 imity to the under side of the cover.

3. In a remailing box the combination with a receptacle and cooperating cover, said cover having an opening, of a liner for the bottom and side walls of the box and an 30 address supporting member hingedly connected to one edge of the top wall liner and having its free edge supported by the edge of the other wall liner, and an address card supported by said member. 35

In testimony whereof, I affix my signature.

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Certificate of Correction.

It is hereby certified that in Letters Patent No. 1,405,002, granted January 31, 1922, upon the application of Russell I. Rhodes, of North Attleboro, Massachusetts, for an improvement in "Remailing Boxes," an error appears in the printed specification requiring correction as follows: Page 2, line 32, claim 3, strike out the words "one edge of the top" and insert *the top edge of one*; and that the said Letters Patent should be read with this correction therein that the same may conform to the record of the case in the Patent Office.

Signed and sealed this 17th day of October, A. D., 1922.

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