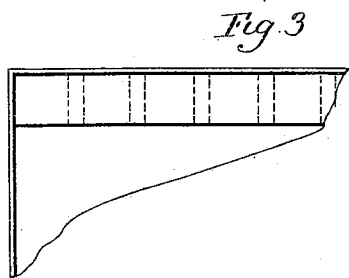
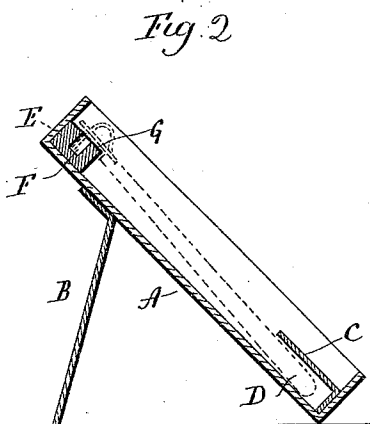
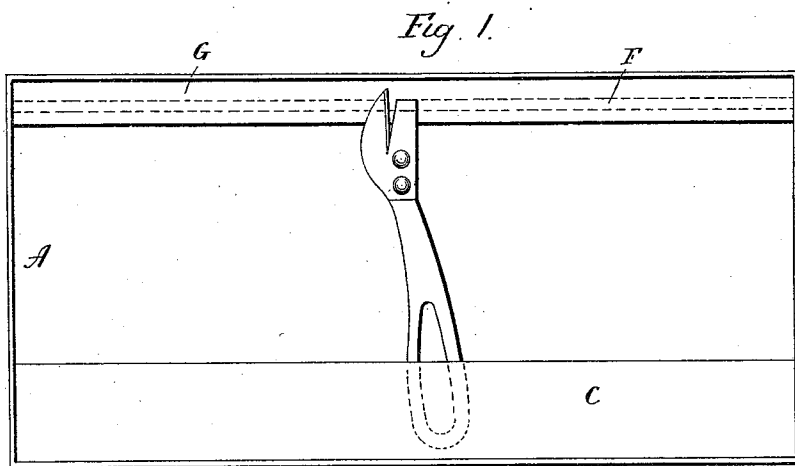


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM G. BROWNE, of Meriden, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented a new Improvement in Paper Boxes; and I do hereby declare the following, when taken in connection with the accompanying drawings and the letters of reference marked thereon, to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, and which said drawings constitute part of this specification, and represent, in—

Figure 1, a top view of a box embodying my invention; Fig. 2, a transverse section of the same; Fig. 3, a top view of a portion of the box, illustrating the modification in the construction of the support.

This invention relates to an improvement in paper boxes, and particularly to that class which are formed with a brace upon their under side, to support the box in an inclined position like an easel, for the display of the contents of the box, and the invention is particularly applicable for can-openers made in accordance with Patent No. 475,222, granted May 17, 1892.

The object of the invention is to produce a box in which can-openers may be arranged so that when the box is in a substantially upright position the openers will not be displaced, and yet will be fully exposed to view; and it consists in forming a pocket at one side of the box and a long recess at the opposite side, as will be hereinafter described and particularly recited in the claims.

A represents the body of the box, which is preferably shallow and of length and width corresponding to the size and number of the articles to be placed therein. To its under side is attached a brace or support B, of any of the well-known styles of braces, for holding the box in an upright position, it being understood that said brace may be folded against the under side of the box, permitting it to lie flat.

Across one side of the box, and what would be the lower side when the box is in an upright position, is a partition or strip C, which forms an upwardly-opening pocket D along that side of the box. Upon the opposite side, and what would be the upper side of the box when raised, as shown in Fig. 2, is a support

for the upper ends of the articles to be placed in the box, the said support being arranged parallel with the said partition or strip. This support consists in a strip E, of wood or other suitable material, of any desired width, and of thickness equal to about one-half the depth of the box. This block is constructed with an outwardly-opening longitudinal groove F, and is preferably covered by a strip of paper G. This paper is readily punctured to admit a portion of the article to be exposed, and assists in holding the article in position.

As before stated, this box is particularly adapted to receive can-openers, and, as shown in Fig. 2, the handle of the can-opener is inserted into the pocket D, and the fulcrum of the holder inserted through the paper G into the groove F, the cutter resting upon the upper edge of the support E, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2. The can-openers are thus securely held in position, yet may be readily removed from the box. The strip C, which forms the pocket D, presents a clear surface, upon which may be printed an advertisement of the articles exposed in the box. The depth of the pocket and the size of the support E, and the exact position of the groove F, must necessarily be changed to conform to the articles to be exposed. For instance, the support may be transversely grooved at intervals to receive the upper ends of articles to be exposed, as indicated in Fig. 3.

Therefore I do not wish to be understood as limited to the particular arrangement shown, nor do I wish to be understood as claiming broadly a box adapted to be supported as an easel, to conveniently expose its contents, as such, I am aware, is not new; but

What I do claim is—

1. In a display box, the combination with the body thereof, of a partition or strip arranged within the lower portion of the said body, and forming an upwardly opening pocket, and a support arranged parallel with the strip, located in the upper portion of the said body, and containing an outwardly opening groove which is entered by a portion of the articles being displayed for their retention in the box, substantially as described.

2. The combination in a display box with the body thereof, of a partition or strip lo-

cated within the lower portion of the said
body, and forming an upwardly opening
pocket, a support arranged parallel with the
strip, located in the upper portion of the said
5 body, and constructed with an outwardly
opening longitudinal groove, and a readily
puncturable cover applied to the said support
over the said groove, and punctured by por-
tions of the articles displayed by the box,

whereby they are assisted in being retained to
therein, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have signed this
specification in the presence of two subscrib-
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