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LETTER BOX.

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Fig. 1.

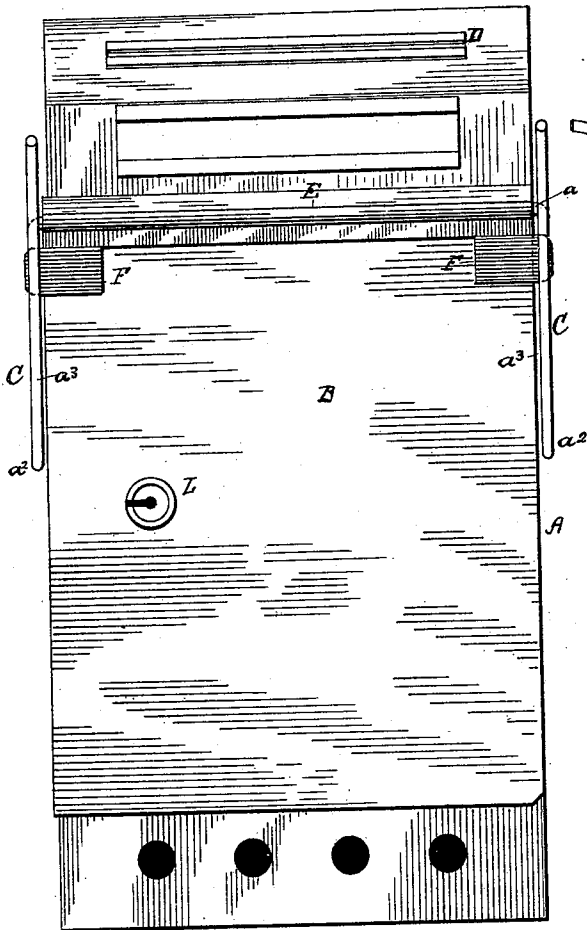
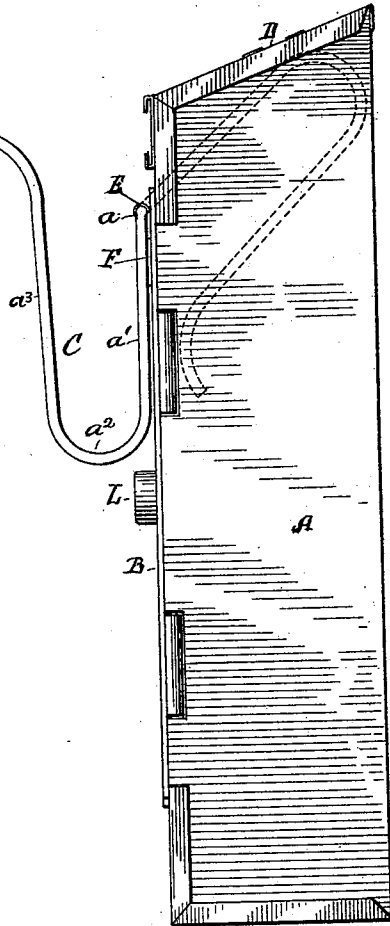


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FREDERIC P. HUBBARD, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Durham, in the county of Middlesex and State of Connecticut, have invented a new and Improved Mail-Box, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The object of my invention is to provide a mail-box of cheap and simple construction, designed to receive letters and to hold upon the outside papers, magazines, and such mail-matter as cannot be dropped into the box through the slit designed to receive letters, &c.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification, and in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in both figures.

Figure 1 is a front elevation of a mail-box constructed in accordance with my invention. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the same.

The body A of the box may be of any suitable size and shape and may be made of sheet metal or of any other suitable material. The front of the box is closed by a door B, to the inner surface of which a lock L is applied for locking the door. To the outer surface, and preferably near the top of the door, is attached a pair of hooks C C to receive papers, magazines, and other mail-matter which may be too large to be dropped into the box through the slit D at the top. These hooks are hinged, preferably, by means of a sleeve or tube E, so that they may be turned back to the position shown in Fig. 2, out of the way when not in use, and to adapt the box to be packed in small space for shipment. The said hooks are by preference made of a single piece of wire bent so as to form a central straight portion a, held in the tube E, the two downwardly-

projecting portions a' a', the bottom loops or curves a² a², and the upwardly-extending hook portions a³ a³.

F F are small lugs or stops attached to and projecting out beyond the edges of the box and located a little below the hinge of the hooks to limit the downward or backward movement of the hooks, so that when tipped down they will be held firmly in position for use by the said lugs, as clearly illustrated in Fig. 1.

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

1. The combination, with a mail-box, of two open hooks adapted to receive and hold mail-matter, hinged to the box and held at the sides thereof, and adapted to be turned back at the sides of the box, substantially as described.

2. The door B of a mail-box, provided at its front with hinged hooks held outside of the plane of the sides of the box and adapted to be turned back, substantially as described.

3. The combination, with a mail-box, of suitable hooks hinged at the front thereof and held outside the plane of the sides of the box, and suitable stops F, arranged substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

4. The door B of a mail-box, provided at its front with a loop or tube E and lugs F, in combination with hooks C, hinged in said loop or tube and held outside of the plane of the sides of the box, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

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