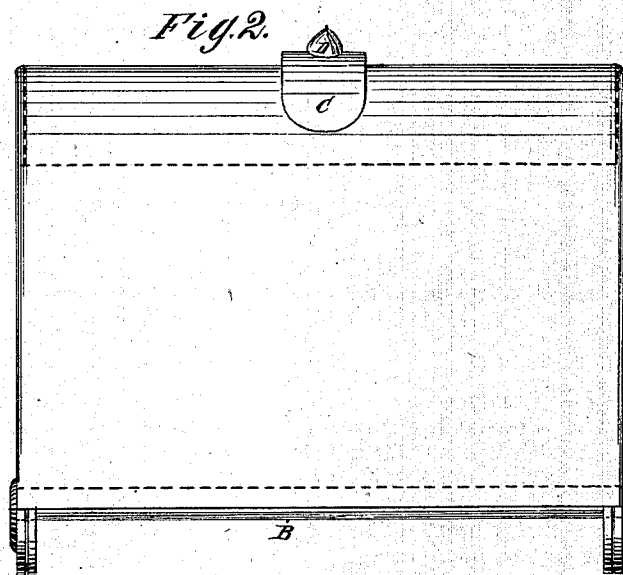
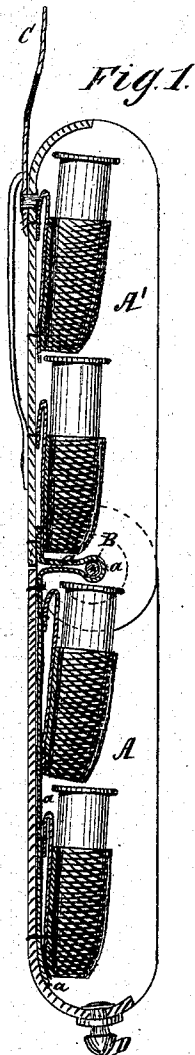


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IMPROVEMENT IN CARTRIDGE-BOXES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, Captain SAMUEL McKEEVER, of the United States Army, stationed at Mobile, in the county of Mobile and State of Alabama, have invented a new and Improved Cartridge-Box; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is vertical section showing the box open. Fig. 2 is a front view.

The invention relates to the construction of that class of cartridge-boxes which are made in two parts hinged together.

The invention will first be fully described in connection with all that is necessary to a full understanding thereof, and then clearly pointed out in the claims.

In the drawing, A A' represent the two parts of a cartridge-box, in which the cartridge-holders are attached thereto by leather or other flexible fabric. These two parts are connected by a pliable strip of leather, *a*, and provided with a pivot-rod, B, which is on the outside of this leather and about the middle thereof. These parts would turn on the leather hinge, but the latter would tend to bulge outward and work disadvantageously if the

rod did not compel them to divide evenly over itself. On this rod the part A turns, and is made sufficiently higher than the one A' to fold over it at the upper end and form a cover thereto. On one part, A', is a flap, C, which is slotted to fasten over a button, D, on the part A. By this improved construction I obtain a very strong and durable cartridge-box, and one which needs no slotting or lifting to enable it to swing open.

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

1. A cartridge-box formed of two parts hinged together, one made higher than the other so as to fold over it at top and allow it to be latched in the manner described.

2. The flexible connection *a* combined with the rod or pivot B arranged across the middle thereof, as and for the purpose set forth.

3. The flap C and button D applied at the top of a two-part cartridge-box, as and for the purpose specified.

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