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RECEPTACLE FOR MAIL.

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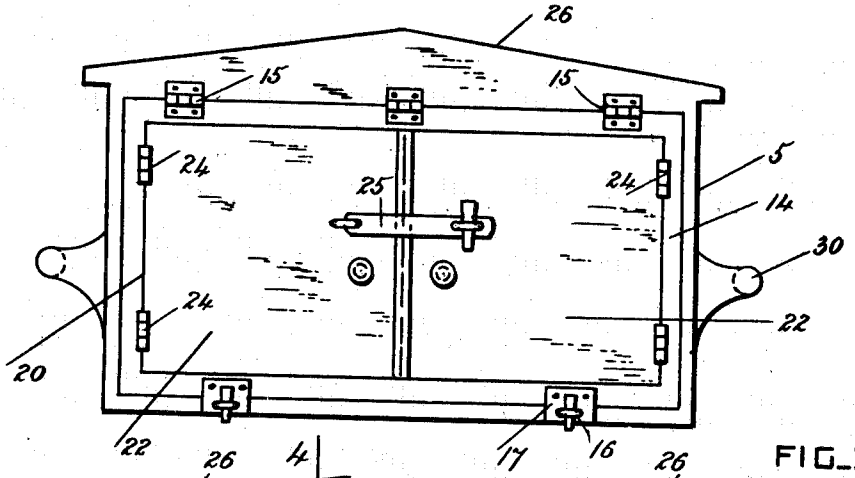


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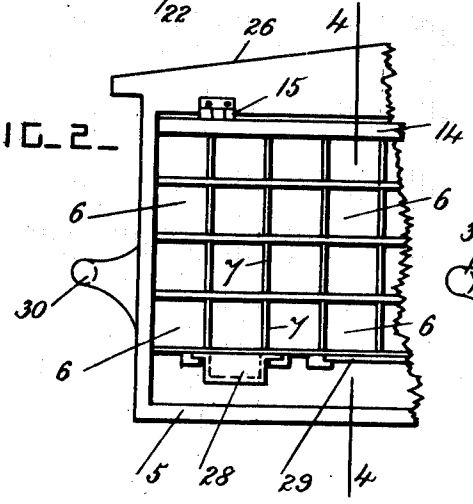
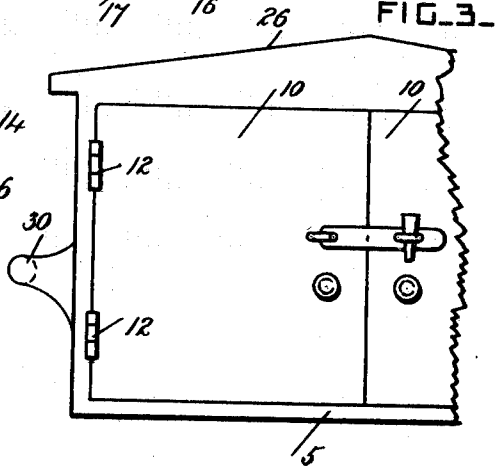


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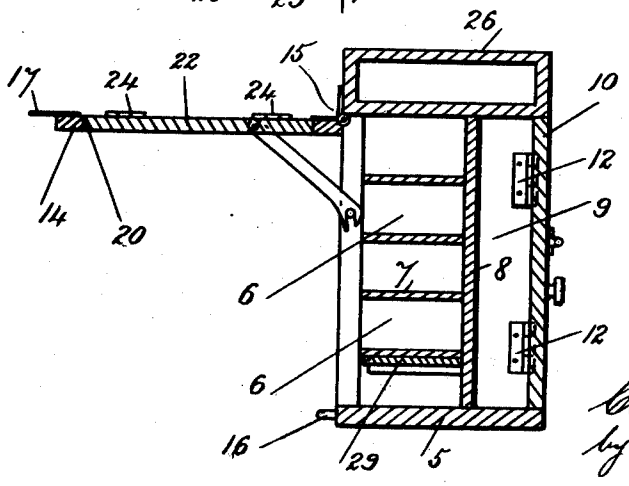


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CLARENCE L. ABBETT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Milton, in the county of Trimble and State of Kentucky, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Receptacles for Mail, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to receptacles for holding mail matter in transit; and it consists of a receptacle or cabinet constructed as hereinafter fully described and claimed and specially adapted to be carried or transported by motor cycles on rural routes and adapted to prevent injury to the mail matter in bad weather.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a front view of the receptacle showing the doors closed. Fig. 2 is a similar view showing a portion of the receptacle with the large door open. Fig. 3 is a rear view showing a portion of the receptacle. Fig. 4 is a cross-section through the receptacle, taken on the line 4—4 in Fig. 2.

The receptacle is preferably formed of thin sheet steel, but any other approved material can be used if desired. The receptacle is provided with a rectangular casing or frame 5 which is divided into compartments 6 arranged in rows vertically and horizontally and formed of partitions 7, and a back plate 8 common to all the receptacles and secured longitudinally at the middle part of the casing. This back plate forms a large chamber 9 at one side of the receptacle which is used for parcels. This chamber 9 is closed by a pair of doors 10 hinged to the opposite ends of the casing by hinges 12.

The other side of the casing from the doors 10 is closed by a hinged door 14. This door has its hinges 15 at its upper edge, and when it is raised it forms a shield or awning for the compartments. This door is provided for use in bad weather, and it is provided with staples 16 and loops 17 for locks, or other approved fastening devices.

A large rectangular opening 20 is formed in the door 14, and this opening is provided with doors 22 hinged to it at their ends by hinges 24 and opening outwardly. These doors 22 are provided with any suitable fastening devices 25 for holding them closed, and they are provided for use in fine weather. The top 26 of the receptacle is provided with sloping portions to shed the rain. The compartments 6 can be made of various sizes, and the mail matter is sorted and placed in the various compartments, each house or other locality along the rural route being provided with a separate compartment. A drawer 28 for cash, and a slidable desk 29 may also be provided, and 30 are handles at the ends of the receptacle for lifting it. The receptacle is secured to the motor cycle or other approved tractor or carrier by any suitable fastenings or bolts.

The receptacle can be detached from the motor car, and carried into any office or place from which the distribution of mail matter is effected.

What I claim is:

1. A receptacle for transporting mail matter by motor cycle, comprising a casing provided with a series of compartments rigidly secured in it and having open front ends, a door hinged to the top portion of the casing and covering the open ends of all the compartments when closed and forming an awning when raised, said door being provided with an opening for giving access to the said compartments, and doors hinged to the end portions of the said door and normally closing the said opening.

2. A receptacle for transporting mail matter by motor cycle, comprising a casing provided with a series of compartments having an end plate common to all the compartments and arranged longitudinally at the middle part of the casing thereby forming a single large chamber on one side, said compartments being rigidly secured in the casing and having open front ends, hinged doors closing the said chamber, a door hinged to the top portion of the casing and covering the open ends of all the said compartments when closed and forming an awning when raised, said door being provided with an opening for giving access to the said compartments, and doors hinged to the end portions of the said door and normally closing the said opening.

In testimony whereof I have affixed my signature.

CLARENCE L. ABBETT.