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REMAILABLE BOX.

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Fig. 1.

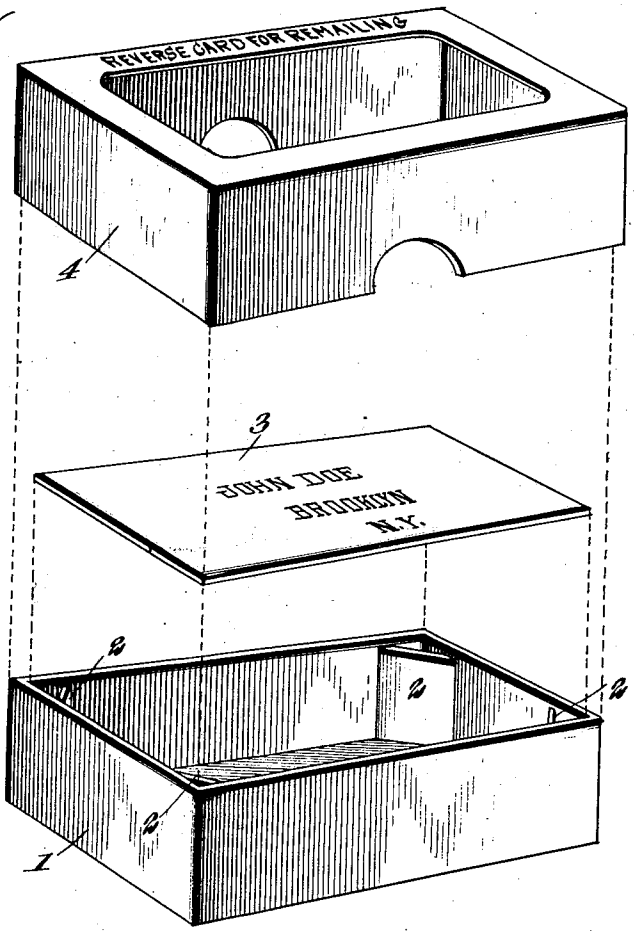


Fig. 2.

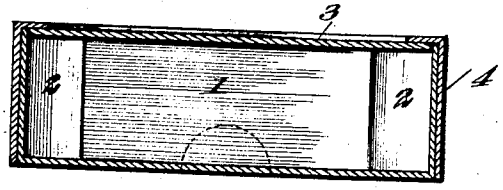
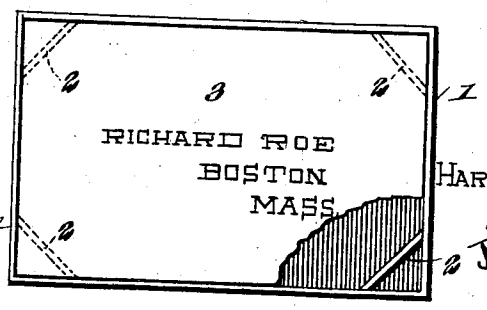


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HARRY W. RANDALL, citizen of the United States, residing at St. Johnsbury, Vermont, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Remailable Boxes, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in remailable boxes.

The object of this invention is to provide a remailable box which is simple in construction, unique in design, and comparatively cheap to manufacture.

Another object of the invention is to provide a box of this type which, because of its strength and durability, is adapted to successfully withstand the rough handling incident to its transit through the mails.

To the accomplishment of the recited objects and others coördinate therewith, the preferred embodiment of the invention resides in that construction and arrangement of parts hereinafter described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings, and embraced within the scope of the appended claim.

In said drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the component parts of the invention. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal section of the box in its assembled position and Fig. 3 is a top plan view, partly in section, showing the cover removed.

The box, as contemplated by this invention, is preferably made of pasteboard, although it is obvious that it may be constructed of paper, wood, metal or analogous material. The receptacle designated in the drawings by reference numeral 1 has a brace or support 2 facing each angle formed by the junction of the sides of the box and secured to said sides by any suitable means, such for example as an adhesive. These braces or supports extend from the bottom of the box vertically to a point just below the top edges of the sides of the box and are adapted to support the address card 3 so that the latter will be flush with said edges as clearly exhibited in Fig. 3 of the accompanying drawings. The cover 4 is formed with a substantially rectangular opening of somewhat smaller dimensions than the address card and the frame portion thus formed constitutes a means for securing said card and at the same time permits the address to be easily read.

It will appear evident that the braces 2 serve in a dual capacity, not only to reinforce the corners of the box but to support the address card in its proper relative position.

With this arrangement and construction of box, when it is desired to send out goods through the mails for inspection and subject to being returned, it is only necessary to place the address of the sender on one side and the address of the recipient on the other side of the card; the directions for its operation being printed on the frame portion of the cover.

The advantages to mail order houses and other concerns using large numbers of small boxes are manifold. A box constructed in accordance with this invention may be used and re-used several times before becoming impaired and is adapted to carry breakables and various other commodities and even pulverulent material.

It should be understood that in its broader aspects the invention comprehends the employment not only of the various means described, but of equivalent means for performing the recited functions. While the arrangement shown is thought at the present time to be preferable, I desire to reserve the right to effect such modifications and variations thereof as may come fairly within the scope of the appended claim.

What I claim is:—

In a remailable box, the combination with a receptacle, of a cover adapted to fit over the sides of the receptacle, and having in the top an opening, a vertical brace extending across each corner of the receptacle and located within the latter, and a reversible address card held directly between the cover-top and the tops of the braces, the braces having a vertical extent equal to the depth of the receptacle less the thickness of the card, the latter fitting within the upper portion of the receptacle flush with the edges thereof.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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