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SHOE-BOX.

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Fig. 1.

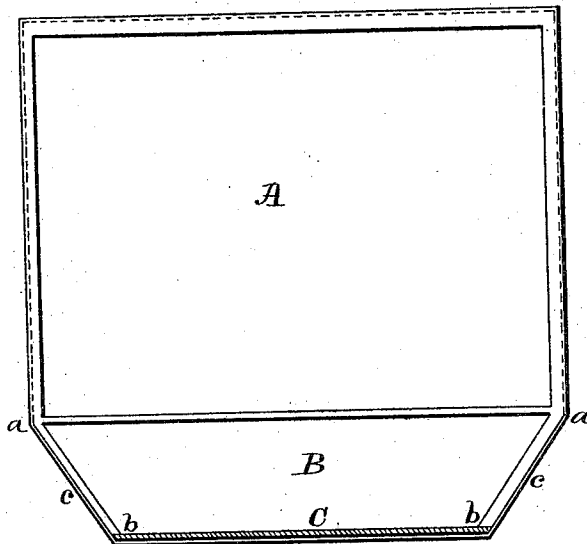
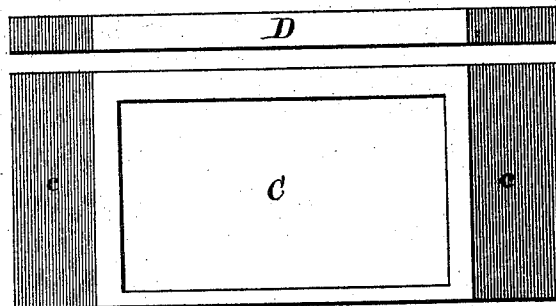


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN SHOE-BOXES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, W. SCOTT CORNING, of Batavia, in the county of Kane and State of Illinois, have invented an Improvement for a Shoe-Box, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part hereof.

The object of my invention is to make a shoe-box to be used by shoe-dealers in their stores, to keep their stock of shoes in, which they have for sale. It is customary for shoe-dealers to keep their stock of shoes in large paper boxes, keeping different sizes and different styles, of which every dealer has a variety, separate from each other.

In order that the dealer may know what size or variety is kept in any particular box, without taking the box down from its shelf and removing the cover, it is necessary to have a sample-shoe hung upon the outside of the box. These samples become soiled and shop-worn.

To obviate these objections, I have invented certain improvements in the construction of the shoe-box, which consist of making the box in two compartments, the front compartment being sufficiently large to contain a sample-shoe, and having a glass front, so that the shoe can be seen. The cover of the box is removable, and covers both compartments.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a top or plan view of my shoe-box; and Fig. 2 a front elevation of the same.

I make my box of thick board-paper, with

stiffening-pieces of wood, or other suitable material.

A represents one compartment of the box; B, the other compartment; C is the glass front of the front compartment. The compartment B is intended to contain the sample-shoe. In order to make the front compartment small and make the box more accessible to get hold of, to move it from the shelf and diminish the size of the glass, I make the front part of the box smaller by having the angle-corners *c*.

b are stay-pieces upon the inside of the front part of the box, making a groove into which the glass front C slides.

D is the cover of the box, made of the same shape as the two compartments of the box.

As these boxes set upon the shelves in the shoe-dealer's store, he can see the sample-shoe and take down the box containing the shoes his customer wants. He then removes the cover D from the box and takes the shoes from the compartment A, in which a quantity of shoes are kept.

I claim—

A shoe-box constructed with a main compartment, A, and a small show-compartment, B, in front, the latter having inclined sides *c* and a transparent front, C, substantially as specified.

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