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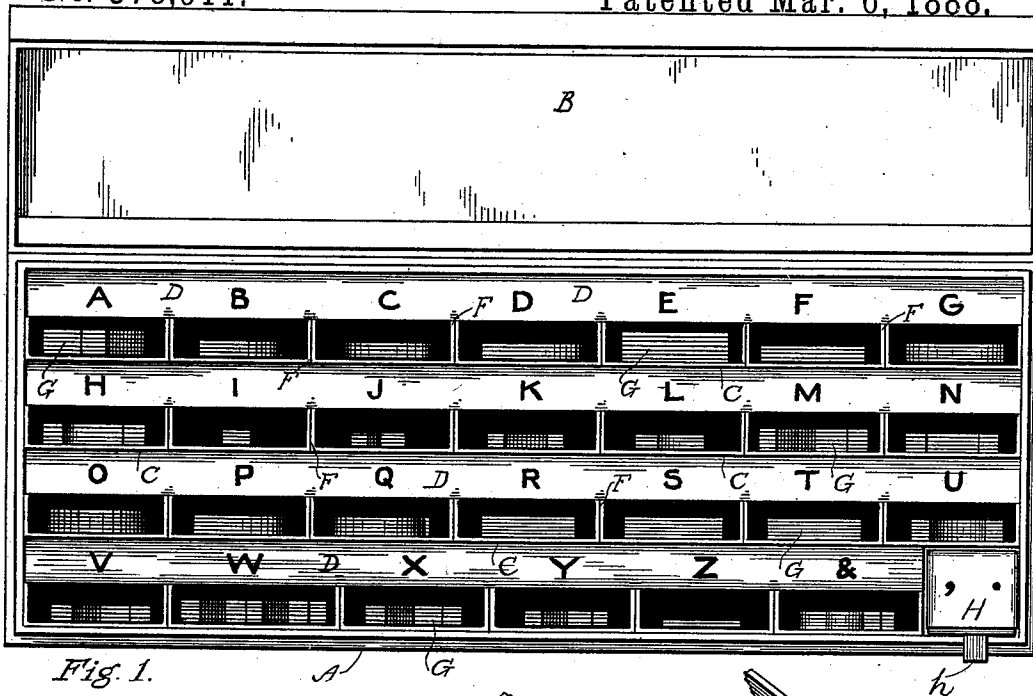


Fig. 1.

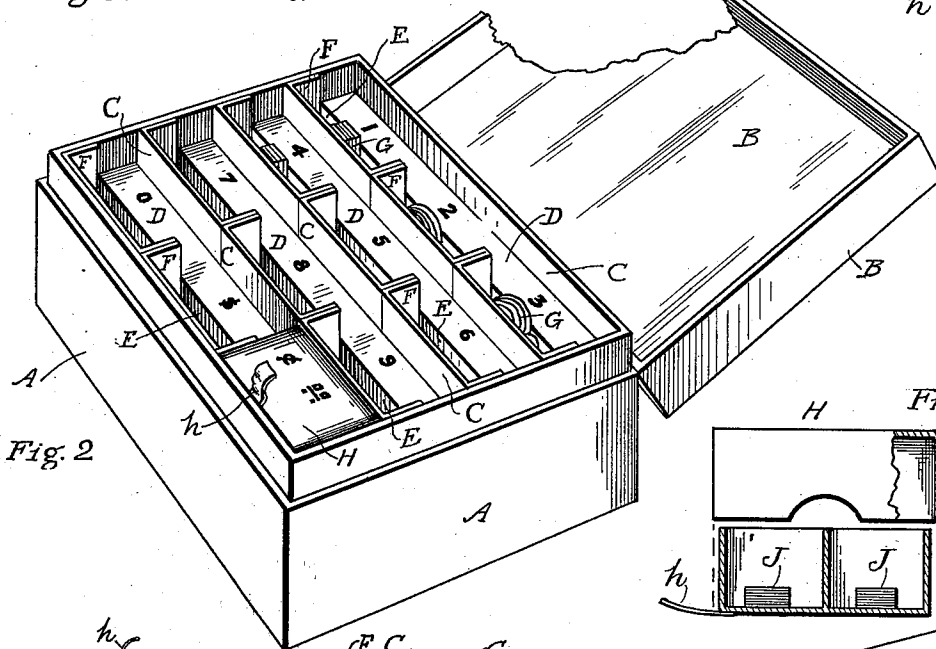


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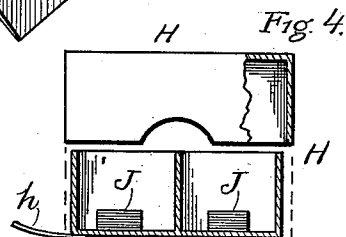


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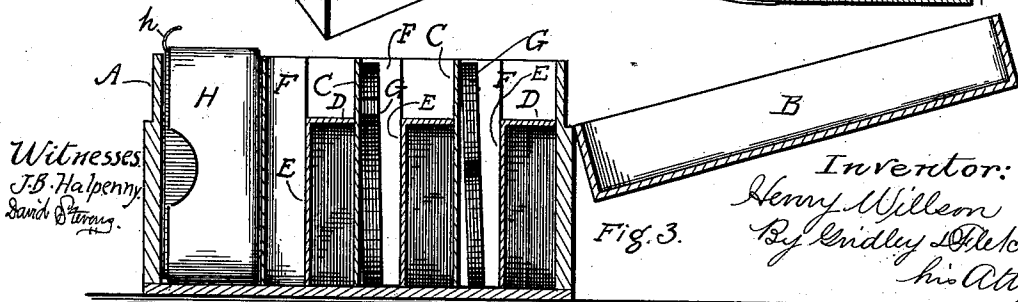


Fig. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY WILLSON, of Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a new, useful, and Improved Box for Holding Gummed Letters and Analogous Goods, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a plan view of my improved box as it appears when open and arranged for holding the letters of the alphabet. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of a like open box arranged to receive gummed numerals. Fig. 3 is an end sectional view of said box; and Fig. 4 is a detail view of a small removable box for holding punctuation-marks and small characters.

Corresponding letters of reference designate like parts in the various figures.

The object of my invention is to provide a box for holding gummed letters, labels, figures, and other characters in which said articles may be retained in assorted quantities separate from each other, their positions readily designated, and the letters, labels, or characters easily withdrawn for use when required.

To this end my invention consists in the combination of elements, substantially as herein shown, described, and claimed.

In the drawings, A represents a box provided, by preference, with a hinged cover, B. Within said box I place a series of vertical partitions, C, preferably extending from the top to the bottom and lengthwise of the box. Occupying ordinarily about half of the space between said partitions are ledges or shelves D, horizontal or inclined, as desired, and which are placed below the level of the top of the partitions C, and preferably rest upon vertical partitions E, Figs. 2 and 3, the two being formed in one piece of card-board or other thin material, bent as shown. Between the high and low vertical partitions, C and E, I place a series of narrow transverse partitions, F, extending from the bottom to the top of the box, and which form a series of compartments in which are vertically arranged the various numerals, labels, letters, or characters, G, as clearly shown in the drawings. Said characters are supported in the front by means of the partitions E, and at the back by the partitions

C. Upon the ledges D, immediately in front of each compartment, is placed the letter, character, or name of the gummed paper G, occupying that compartment, so that the user may know at a glance where to find the particular one for which he is seeking. The desired character being selected, a finger is placed against the front, and by gently pressing back against the partition C the character is withdrawn without interfering with or disarranging any of the others in that compartment. As the periods, commas, and other punctuation-marks are ordinarily too small to be arranged in this way, I provide a separate removable covered box, H, therefor, said box being by preference disposed in one corner, and having a small tape, h, by which it may be withdrawn. J, Fig. 4, represents the small characters therein.

Upon the ledges D, I have shown the numerals and letters of the alphabet opposite the respective compartments; but it is clearly manifested that the names of labels might be substituted therefor.

As gummed letters and numerals are coming to be very largely employed in the mercantile trade, and as the use of gummed labels by druggists and others is very great, the importance of providing a convenient and satisfactory receptacle therefor is obvious. My improved box meets every requirement.

Having thus described my invention, I claim—

1. A box for holding gummed letters, characters, or labels provided with a series of parallel partitions, a corresponding series of lower intervening ledges, transverse partitions between the ledges and said partitions first named, whereby compartments are formed between said transverse partitions for the reception of said characters, and characters or names upon said ledges opposite to said partitions, respectively, substantially as shown and described.

2. As an improved article of manufacture, a receptacle for holding paper letters, characters, or labels, consisting of a box provided with a series of parallel partitions, transverse divisions forming separate compartments corresponding in number to the various characters or labels to be placed therein, interven-

ing ledges arranged between and below the top of said parallel partitions, and characters or words thereon to designate the contents of said respective compartments, all combined and constructed substantially as shown and described.

3. The combination, with a receptacle for holding paper letters, characters, or labels, of the parallel partitions C, cross-partitions F, and ledges D, having characters or letters thereon opposite the respective compartments, substantially as shown and described.

4. The combination, with a box for holding paper letters, characters, or labels, of the par-

allel partitions C, cross-partitions F, ledges D, having characters or letters thereon arranged opposite the respective compartments, and a lid for covering said box and retaining said letters in place when the box is moved, substantially as described.

5. The combination, with the box A, of the partitions C and F, ledges D, marked as described, and the supplemental removable box H, substantially as set forth.

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