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Fig. 1.

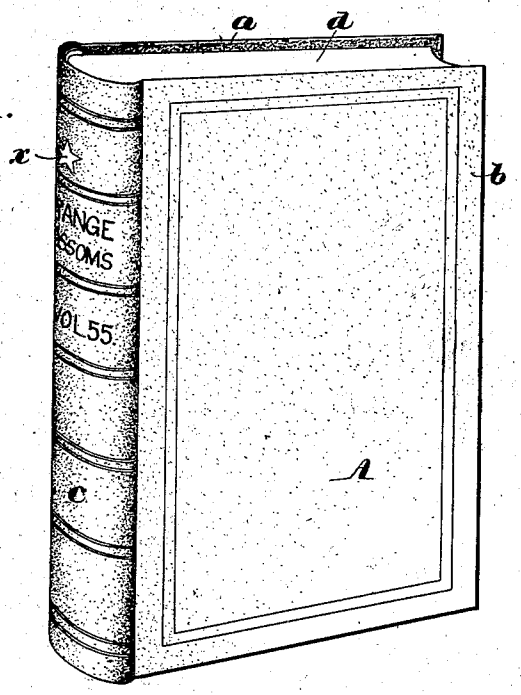


Fig. 3.

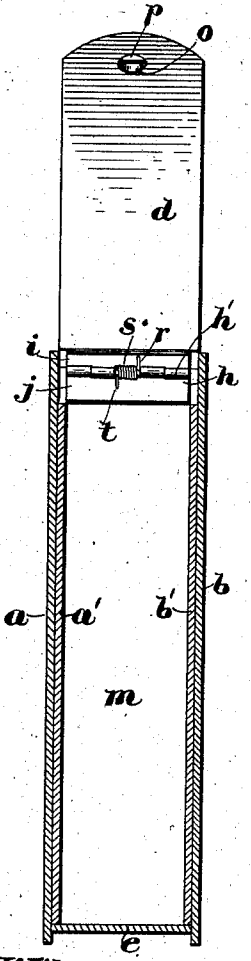
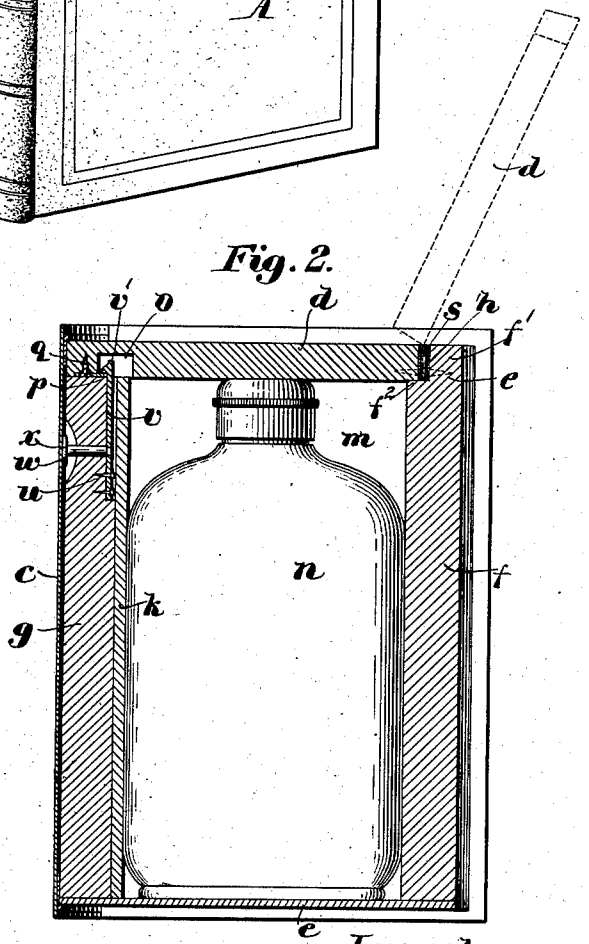


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES A. BRACKETT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Newtonville, in the county of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Boxes for Bottles, Candy-Boxes, or other Articles, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification.

This invention has for its object to provide a new and improved box or case in the shape of a book to hold a pocket-flask or other bottle or to hold another box having for its contents candy, nuts, or similar articles and so arranged that the flask, bottle, or second box can be partly withdrawn from the book-box and its contents extracted and the bottle or box quickly returned to its former place, the box to have all the appearance of a book, being covered with paper or other material for this purpose, without any visible catch, spring, or hinge to denote that it has a lid. The concealed catch or fastening, which holds the lid in a normal position, is so arranged as to be released when pressure is applied upon a certain part of the back between the two covers, which will be indicated by a star, letter, or similar mark. Its novel construction, arrangement, and combination of parts will be substantially as hereinafter described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 shows a perspective view of my box as it will look when closed. Fig. 2 is a front side sectional view of the box, showing its arrangement to hold a flask. Fig. 3 is a section of the box from front side to back side and looking at it from the binding side with the lid open and showing the hinge and its spring.

In the drawings, A represents the box; *a* the back side, and *b* the front side, of the same. *c* is the binding side, and *f* the leaf side. *d* is the top or lid side, and *e* the bottom, of box, the sides *a*, *b*, and *c* extending partly below the bottom of the box, as is common in books, and being the parts upon which the box would ordinarily rest. The leaf side *f* extends to the top, as at *f'*, and forms part of the top of box, as shown in Fig. 2, but is cut away, as at f^2, to form a support for the lid *d*, which is attached to it by the hinge *h*, having the two leaves *i* and *j*, the socket portions *h'*, and the torsional spring *s*. The leaves *i* and *j*, as is apparent, are attached by the screws or tacks *e*, respectively, to the lid *d* and the side *f*. The torsional spring *s* serves to force the lid open by having its ends *r* and *t* engaging the hinged leaves *i* and *j*, respectively.

Attached to the sides *a*, *b*, and *c* on their inner side, are the strips *a'*, *b'*, and *g*, which extend upward to the lid *d* and support the lid when closed, so that a downward pressure on the lid will not force the lid in. Through the upper part of this piece *g* extends the pin *w*, having at its outer end the button *x*, which is set within the side *c* so that it cannot be distinguished, but will be designated by the star or other mark on the side *c*. The pin has at its other end the upward-extending vertical bar *v*, having the foot *v'*, which when the lid is closed will extend into the slot or aperture *o* and latch on the catch *p*, which extends across the aperture, as is shown in Figs. 2 and 3, and which is securely fastened to the lid by the screws or tacks *q*. The side piece *g* is sufficiently hollowed out at *x* so that this button can be pushed inward to release the catch *p*. The bar or latch *v*, if desired, may extend downward below the pin *w* and its lower end attached, as at *u*. Attached to the strip *g* is another strip *k*, which, extending upward to the lid *d*, forms additional support for it and covers up the latch *v*, the side strips *a'*, *b'*, *k*, and *f* being of sufficient thickness to make a tight case for the flask or box *n*, which may be inserted in the box-cavity *m*.

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

A flask-box, in the shape of a book, having inner and outer walls, the outer walls having an imitation book-covering, a latch and catch for locking the lid of box when closed, the latch being inserted between the inner and outer walls and operated by a concealed but-

ton designated by a star or other mark, a hinge composed of two leaves attached to the lid and the box proper and a torsional spring whose ends engage the said leaves for springing the lid open when the button is pressed and the whole adapted to conceal a flask, substantially as shown and described.

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

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