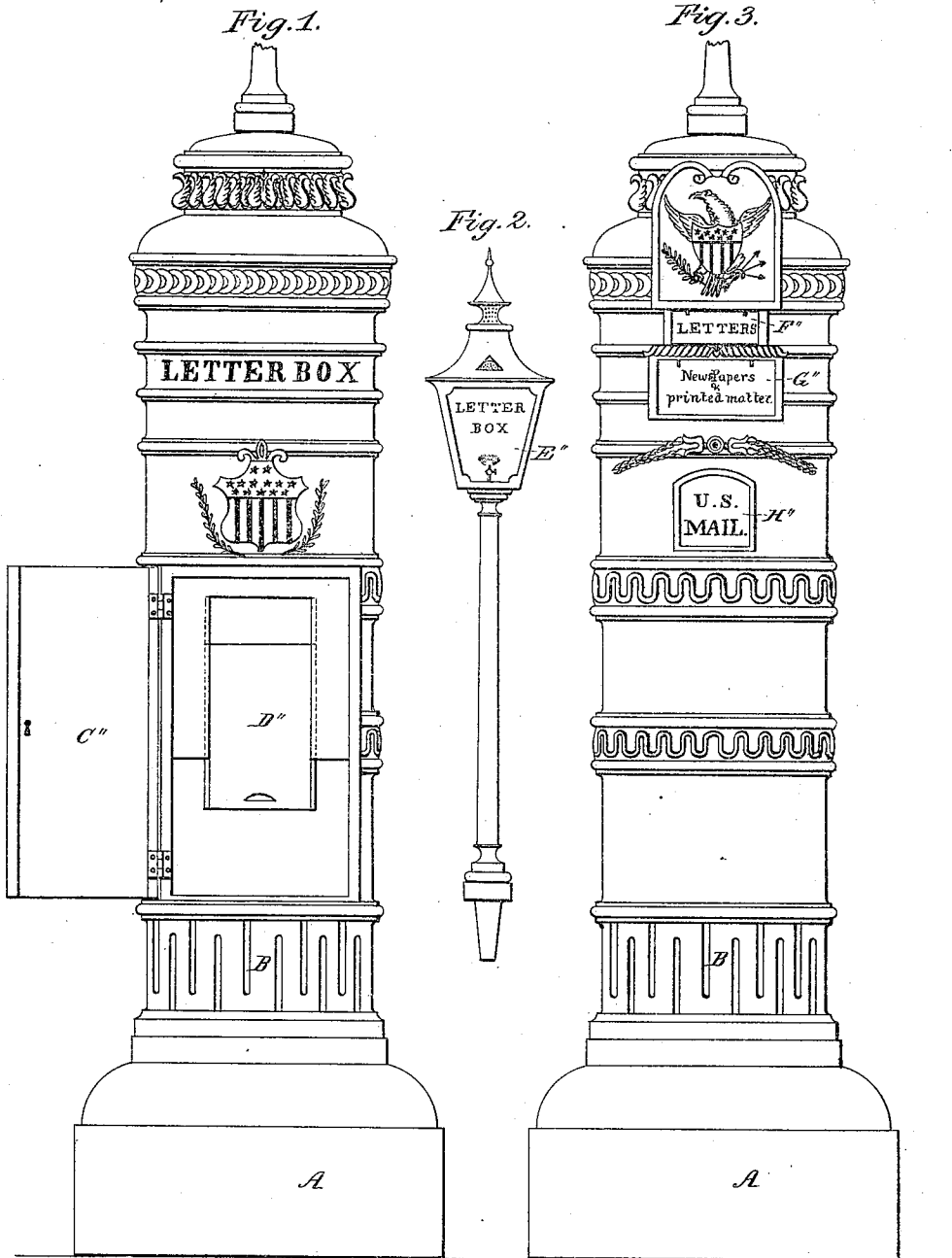


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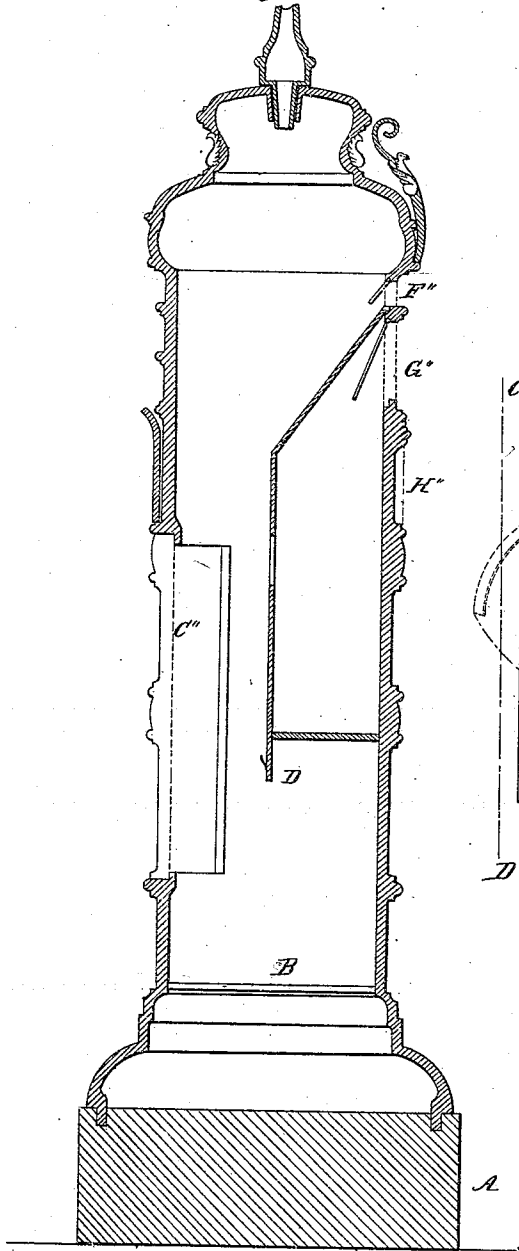
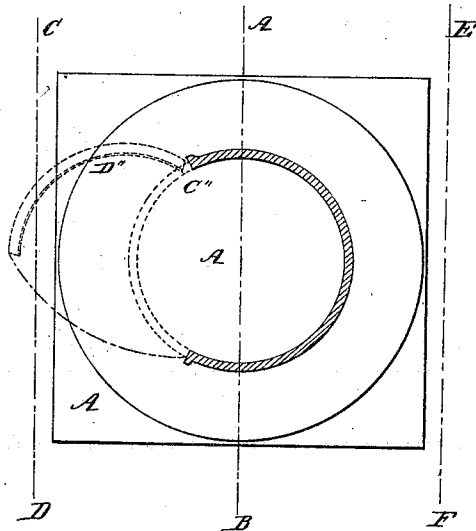


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LEONCE DE METS, of the city of Elizabeth, in the county of Union and State of New Jersey, have invented certain Improvements in Street Post-Office Letter-Boxes, of which the following is a specification:

Nature and Objects of Invention.

My invention relates to the enlargement of the boxes and separation of them into receptacles for letters and printed matter, respectively; the object being to give additional security and symmetry, as well as to supply a receptacle for printed and bulky matter, now totally wanting.

Description of the Accompanying Drawing.

Figure 1 is a rear elevation of a letter-box embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a street-lamp to be placed thereon, if desirable. Fig. 3 is a front elevation of the same. Fig. 4 is a transverse vertical section of the same. Fig. 5 is a transverse horizontal section of the base, showing also the position of the main door when open.

General Description.

A is a granite block for a foundation, to be inserted in the ground to a sufficient depth, and project above the surface by its curved

portion only. B is the body of the box, of cast iron, of a suitable height and size at once for the public in front and for the carrier in the rear, marked "Letter-Box." C is a swinging door with suitable lock, admitting the carrier into the main body of the box and the receptacle for letters. D is a door sliding downward, admitting the carrier into the smaller receptacle for newspapers. E is a street-lamp, to be superimposed, if desirable. F is the opening for receiving letters, closed by a door opening inward, hinged at the top, and provided with a spring. G is a corresponding opening for newspapers and bulky matters. H is a plate, which may indicate the hours when the mails are collected, or simply be marked "U. S. Mail."

I claim as my invention—

1. A letter-box provided with two orifices, one adapted for the reception of letters and the other for larger packages, such communicating with distinct compartments, substantially as described.

2. The case B having an opening, F, and door C, interior box and its closing door D, and orifice G, said parts being combined and arranged substantially as described.

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