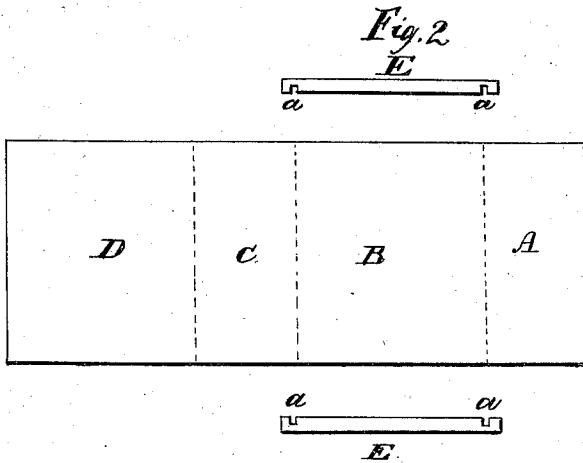
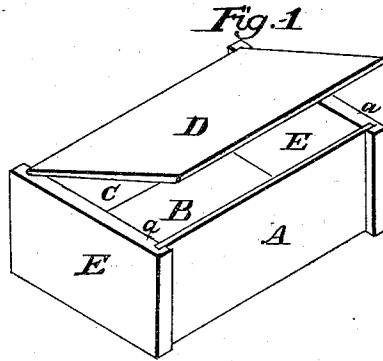


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Match Box.

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IMPROVEMENT IN MATCH-BOX.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

To all whom it may concern :

Be it known that I, L. W. BEECHER, of Westville, in the county of New Haven, and State of Connecticut, have invented a new Improvement in Match-Boxes; and I do hereby declare the following, when taken in connection with the accompanying drawings and the letters of reference marked thereon, to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, and which said drawings constitute part of this specification, and represent in—

Figure 1 a perspective view, and in

Figure 2, the bottom, top, and sides, before being folded, and the edge of the two ends.

This invention relates to an improvement in boxes for packing matches for market; and consists in forming the bottom and two sides from the same piece of material, bent to the proper angles to each other, combined with the two ends, each grooved so as to clasp the edge of the two ends, and whether the cover be attached to or part of the same.

In order to the clear understanding of my invention, I will fully describe the same, as illustrated in the accompanying drawings.

From a strip of thin wood, I cut to the required size, by preference, so as to form the front A, bottom B, back C, and cover D, and score the wood at the place where the angles are to be formed, as denoted in broken lines, fig. 2. The two ends E E, I form

from a thicker material, and groove them at *a*, so that when the two sides are turned up, the grooves in the ends will lock on to and secure the two sides in the position seen in fig. 1, the ends setting on to the bottom, thus completing the box, and producing an article cheaper than paper boxes.

While it is essential that the two sides A and C be in one and the same piece, it is not essential that the cover be in the same piece, inasmuch as when the cover is placed in position, the label which is placed upon the top may overlap, so as to secure the cover at its edges.

I do not broadly claim a box in which the cover, bottom, and two sides are formed in one piece, so as to enclose and be secured to ends of thicker material; but

What I do claim as new and useful, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The herein-described box, as an article of manufacture, consisting of the bottom B, two sides, A and C, in one and the same piece, with the two ends E, in which the grooves *a* are formed, so as to receive and secure the two sides, as set forth.

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