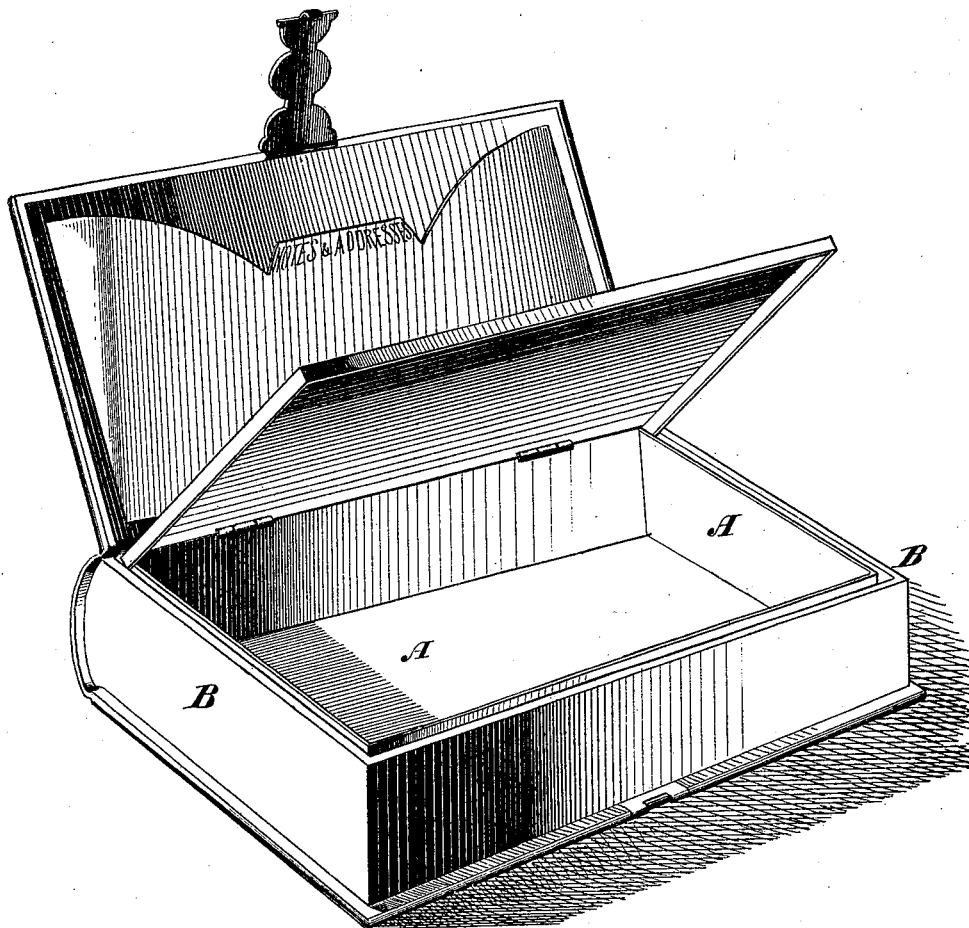


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IMPROVEMENT IN LUNCH-BOXES.

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, JAMES ELSON, of Northampton, in the county of Hampshire and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and improved Lunch-Box; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing forming part of this specification.

This invention relates to improvements in that class of lunch-boxes which are made to resemble books; and

It consists in inclosing an inner case of tin, like the said boxes as now made, in another box or case made of paper, pasteboard, or other like substances of the same character as the covers of books, by which I am enabled to provide neater boxes, more nearly resembling books, and better calculated to protect the contents from heat or cold, the said paper being non-heat-conducting.

The drawing represents a lunch-box in perspective view, constructed according to my improvements.

A is the ordinary tin box, and

B is the outer box, which I propose to make of

thick strong paper or pasteboard, exactly resembling the cover of a book in material and style, the coarse board being covered with such fancy paper as is used in finishing the covers of books.

The boxes will not only be more desirable on account of their resemblance to books, but they will be better for being stronger, and the paper being a non-conductor of heat, the contents of the box will be less exposed to the effects of heat when carried in the sun in summer, or to cold in winter.

The tin box can be taken out of the other for washing at any time, and it prevents the paper from being soiled by the food.

Having thus described my invention,

I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

As an improved article of manufacture, a lunch-box, composed of a sheet-metal box and a paper box combined, substantially in the manner described.

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