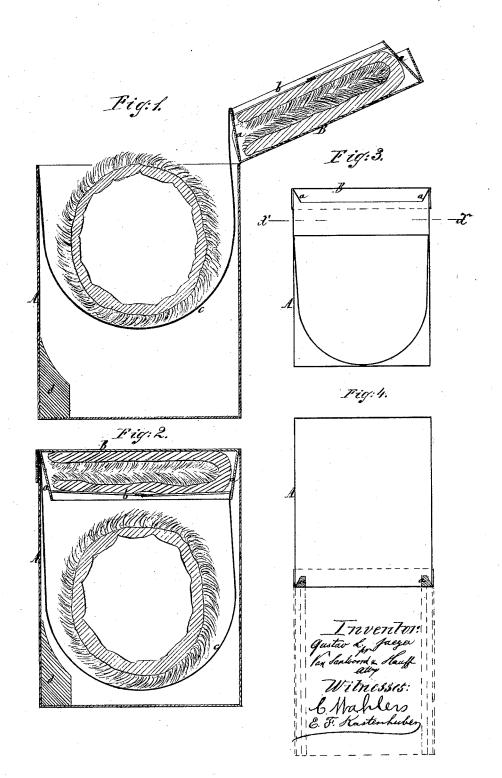
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## IMPROVEMENT IN MUFF AND COLLAR-BOXES.

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, GUSTAV L. JAEGER, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and improved Muff and Collar-Box; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable those skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing forming part of this specification, in which drawing—

Figure 1 represents a transverse vertical section of

this invention when the box is open.

Figure 2 is a similar section of the same when the box is closed.

Figures 3 and 4 are two sections of a modification of the box represented in the previous figures.

Similar letters indicate corresponding parts.

This invention relates to a box, the cover or body of which is provided with an internal flange in such a manner that, when the cover is turned down or closed, a double joint is formed which effectually prevents the entrance of moths or other insects.

The flange on the cover is, by preference, made inwardly inclined, so that the space inclosed by the same forms the receptacle for a collar, while a muff

can be placed in the body of the box.

From the inner edge of the cover extends an apron to the opposite side of the body of the box in such a manner that, on opening the cover, the muff or other article resting on said apron is raised up to facilitate its removal from the box, and, at the same time, the apron forms a convenient support for the muff.

A balance weight secured to the front side of the body of the box prevents said box from tipping over

when the cover is opened.

In the drawing-

The letter A designates the body of my box, which

is provided with a top or cover, B.

This cover is furnished with internal flanges a, so that, when the same is closed down upon the body A, a close joint will be formed, (see figs. 2 and 3,) and the muff and collar or other articles contained in said box will be effectually protected against dust and also against insects.

If desired, the flanges a instead of being secured to the cover may be attached to the box, and in this case a receptacle will be formed for insect-powder or other suitable material, so that, when the cover is closed down, the entrance of insects will be most ef-

fectually prevented.

When the box is constructed as shown in figs. 1 and 2, I make the flanges a, by preference, inclined inwardly, so that the space inside said flanges forms a

convenient receptacle for a fur collar or other article of a similar nature, and that, when the cover is thrown open, easy access can be had to the muff contained in the body of the box, and also to the collar contained in the cover.

By making the flanges a inwardly inclined, the receptacle formed by them is capable of retaining a fur collar without much, if anything, to hold it in position.

If desired, an elastic band, b, may be stretched across

the collar to prevent it from dropping out.

When the cover is hinged to the body of the box, as shown is figs. I and 2, I attach to its rear edge an apron, c, said apron being secured at its opposite end to the inner surface of the front side of the body of the box, so that on opening the cover the apron is raised from the position shown in fig. 2, to that shown in fig. 1, and a muff or article placed on said apron is automatically lifted up, so that it can be conveniently taken out of the box. Said apron forms a convenient support for a muff or other article of a similar nature.

To the inner surface of the front side of the body of the box opposite to that side to which the cover is hinged, I apply a counter-weight, d, so that when the cover is thrown open the box is prevented from

tipping over.

The box may also be constructed as shown, figs. 3 and 4, where one side thereof is hinged at the bottom, so that it can be turned down to get access to the two compartments of the box. In this case the cover, instead of being hinged to the body of the box, lifts right off, and both the cover and the hinged side of the box are provided with internal flanges to produce tight joints.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Let-

ters Patent, is-

- 1. The apron C, forming both a support for a muff or other article when the lid is closed, and a means for elevating when the lid is raised, said apron extending from the rear edge of the hinged cover to the front edge of the body of the box A, as herein shown and described.
- 2. The box A, with its lid B, provided with the flanges a, in combination with the above, substantially as set forth.
- 3. The inwardly-inclined flanges a a upon the lid B, forming a double joint and a receptacle, as described, in combination with the box A, substantially as set forth.

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