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Hotel-Casket.

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Fig 1.

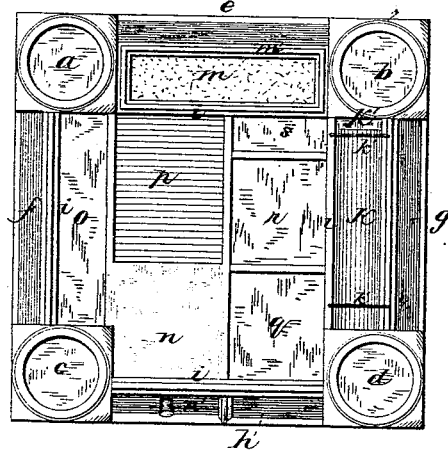


Fig 2.

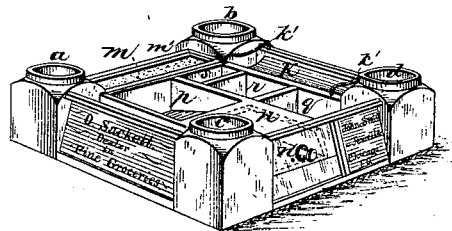
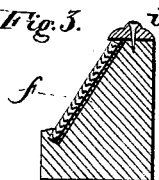


Fig 3.



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IMPROVEMENT IN HOTEL-CASKETS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, O. SACKETT, of Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a new and Improved Hotel-Casket; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a top-plan view; Fig. 2, a perspective view of the casket; and Fig. 3 is a detailed sectional view, showing the manner of securing the glass side plates.

Similar letters of reference in the several figures denote the same parts.

The object of this invention is to provide for the use of hotels, offices, and other places of business a simple, neat, and compact device for holding conveniently for use various kinds of inks, pens, pins, cards, envelopes, paper, sand-paper, call-bells, tooth-picks, card-trays, matches, pencils, and similar articles, and also to hold conspicuously various advertisements, cards, notices, directories and other articles of that character; and the invention consists in a structure which I will now proceed to describe.

In the drawings the ground plan of the casket is represented as square, although it may be triangular or of any other regular form, having straight sides between the towers.

The towers (shown at *a b c d*) are constructed preferably of solid blocks of wood of any suitable form, secured to the base and the side walls in any suitable manner, and provided with wells or cavities in their upper ends adapted to hold the various articles which are to be contained by them.

Between the towers the sides *e f g h* are inclined, so as to display the cards more advantageously, and terminate at their lower edges in a groove, which holds the lower edge of the glass plates that cover and protect the advertising-cards.

The upper edges of the side walls are horizontal, and upon them a molding, *i*, of wood or other suitable material is secured by screws, so that it can be easily removed and re-

placed, for convenience in taking out the glasses and changing the cards.

The glass plates being inclined, the molding, projecting horizontally over their upper edges and fitting closely upon them, secures them firmly in place, and yet permits their ready removal in the manner above set forth.

The moldings, however, may be constructed with a slight shoulder projecting down over the upper edge of the glasses, if preferred, and the lower edge of the glasses may be secured by a strip of wood screwed or riveted on.

K is a concaved inclined bed, adapted to hold pens, and having a drip-box or opening, *K'*, at its lower end to receive any ink that may fall from the pens when laid thereon; and *k' k'* are curved pen-rods, upon which the pens and holders rest when not in use. The racks are raised above the bed sufficiently to prevent it from being smeared with ink by the pens, as will be readily understood.

m is a bed for the reception of a strip of sand-paper, on which to scratch matches, the paper being secured by moldings *m' m'*, fastened by screws to the frame of the casket.

n is a covered receptacle provided with one or more drawers, *n'*, to hold stamps or other small articles, the top of the receptacle serving also as a suitable support for a call-bell, to be secured thereon.

o is an elongated receptacle, padded, if preferred, at its sides and bottom, for the convenient holding of the silver card-trays used in hotels.

p is a receptacle having an inclined bottom, adapted to hold wash-bills, letter-paper, or other similar articles.

q is a box for envelopes. *r* is a similar box for hotel-cards, and *s* is a box for visiting-cards.

Other boxes may be added; or, for other purposes than hotels, some of those above enumerated—such as boxes *o*, *r*, *s*, or *p*, or the bell-stand may be omitted, and the space thus vacated may be utilized for different purposes; or the size and shape of the remaining boxes may be correspondingly modified.

I claim as my invention—

1. The inclined concaved pen-receptacle K, having a drip-box, K', at its lower end, substantially as described.

2. The improved casket having the inclined straight sides, connected at the corners by hollow posts or towers, and provided with a set of boxes arranged and adapted for con-

veniently containing and displaying the various articles referred to, substantially as herein described.

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