

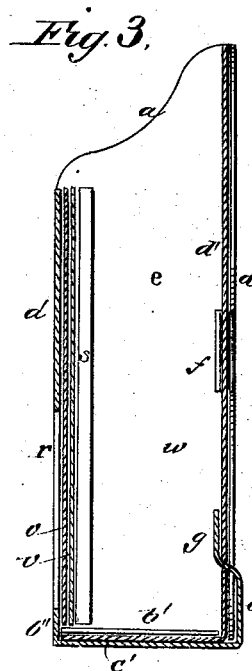
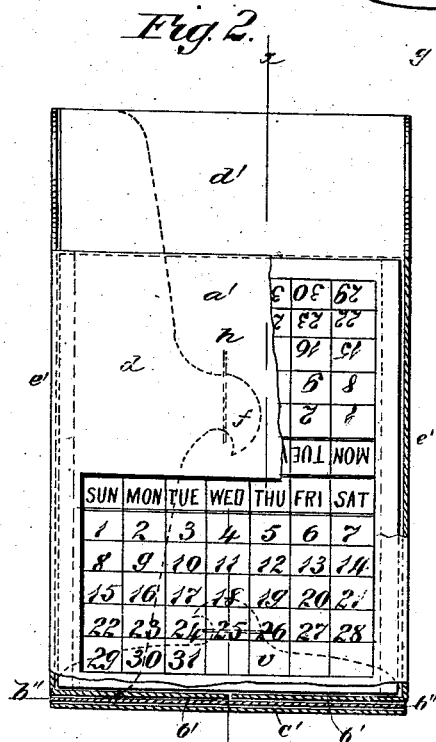
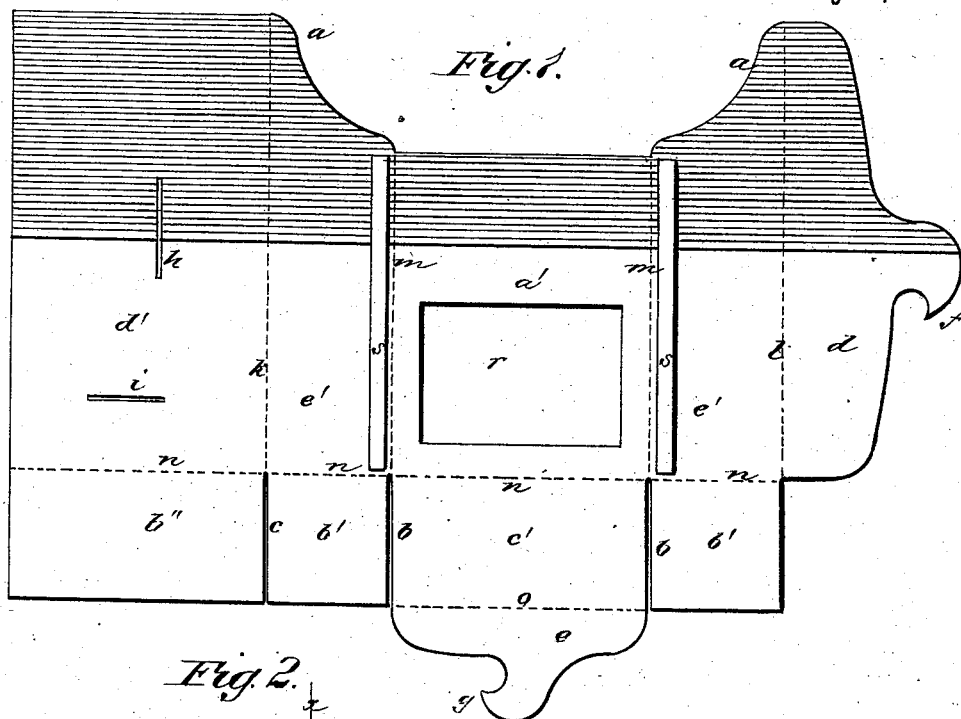
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM L. CALDWELL, of Chicago, Cook county, Illinois, have invented a new and Improved Combined Calendar and Bill or Letter Box, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 represents a piece of paper or card-board cut, creased, and otherwise suitably prepared to form a combined calendar and bill or letter box in accordance with the invention.

Fig. 2 is a partly-broken front view of said box, and Fig. 3 transverse vertical section thereof on the irregular line *x x* in Fig. 2.

This invention consists in a box constructed to hold within its front and to expose successively through an aperture in its front a series of calendar-cards for the several months and days of the week throughout the year, and having a chamber or space in the rear for bills, letters, or other documents, the whole forming a very useful and convenient appendage for counting-house and business use generally.

The invention also consists in the construction of said box from one sheet or piece of paper or card-board, whereby the same may be produced at such reduced cost as to make it a convenient gift article for advertising purposes.

In Fig. 1 is represented a piece of paper or card-board cut on its one edge, *a a*, to form an ornamental top to the box, and with slits *b b* and *c c* running inward from its opposite edge, and flaps *d e*, having hook-shaped extremities *f g*. It has also slots or incisions *h i* cut in it for reception of the tongues or hooked portions *f g*, and is creased to fold as at *k, l, m, n*, and *o*. Said piece of paper or card-board likewise has a square or oblong opening, *r*, cut in it for exposure of the calendar-cards, and parallel strips of wood or other material, *s s*, secured to it on its inside face outside of the creases *m m*. Thus cut and creased the paper is folded in direction of its creases, the portion *a'* forming the front of the box, the portions *b' b'* an inner divided bottom, the portion *b''* a full-sized bottom re-enforcing the di-

vided bottom *b' b'*, the portion *c'* an outer bottom, the portion *d'* the back of the box, and the portions *e' e'* the sides thereof. After the paper or card-board has been thus folded the flaps *d* and *e* are folded over at the back of the box and their tongues or hooked extremities *f g* entered through the incisions *h i* to hold the whole firmly together, as shown in Figs. 2 and 3 of the drawings. Thus constructed or folded, without gum or cement for securing it, the box, which has an open top, is ready for use, the strips *s s* forming a vertical divided space in front for exposure successively through the opening *r* of a series of removable and reversible or other suitable calendar-cards, *v v*, which may be printed to constitute a perpetual calendar, and said box forming in the rear of such card-space a receptacle or space, *w*, for bills or letters.

Not only is this combined calendar and bill or letter box cheap and easily constructed and secured after the manner of a pocket-book, but the connection of a calendar with a bill or letter box affords the most ready convenience for properly dating the bills or letters received within the box.

The paper or card-board of which the box is made may, if desired, be covered or faced with leather or other suitable material.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. An open-topped box having the division-strips *s s* and hole *r*, in combination with a series of removable and reversible cards, *v*, whereby a perpetual calendar and bill or letter space are formed, as described.

2. A combined calendar and bill or letter box constructed from a blank of paper or card-board having cuts *b b c*, forming bottom flaps, *b' b' b''*, and incisions *h i* in it, creased as at *k, l, m, n*, and *o*, provided with an aperture, *r*, in its front portion, *a'*, and with parallel strips *s s* outside of the creases *m m*, and formed with flaps *d e*, having tongued or hook-shaped extremities *f g*, essentially as and for the purposes herein set forth.

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