

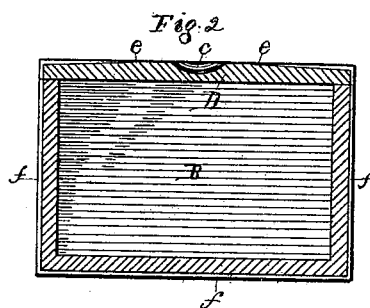
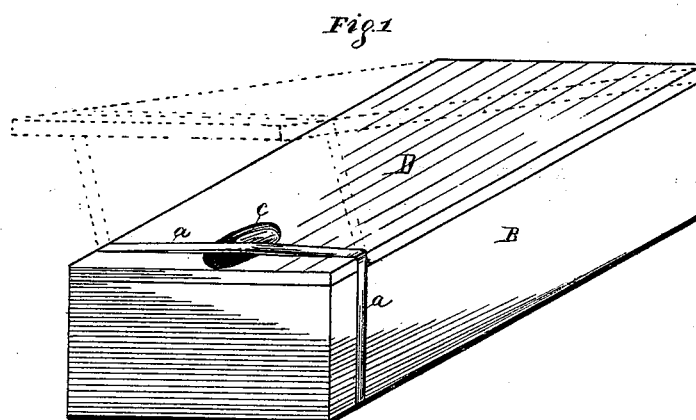
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MAIL-SHIPPING CASE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SAMUEL E. WALBRIDGE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Kalamazoo, county of Kalamazoo, State of Michigan, have invented a new and useful Mail-Shipping Case, of which the following is a specification.

My invention has for its object certain improvements in the construction of mail-shipping cases to facilitate the operation of unfastening the cover.

In the drawings forming a part of this specification, Figure 1 is a perspective of a case, and Fig. 2 a section on a line near band *a a* in Fig. 1.

B is the case, and D the cover, hinged at one end.

c is a concave or dishing recess in the upper side of the cover, at the forward end. From a point at *e* on either side of recess *c* extends a groove on an incline, increasing in depth to the outer edge of the cover, said groove, *ff*, thence continuing at the same depth around the box or case. In said groove a rubber band is located for holding the cover

closed in the usual manner of such elastic fastenings, Fig. 1. By this arrangement the band *a a* is held in position, and is raised by being located over the ungrooved surface between *e e*, so as to leave a space under it in recess *c*, and to readily admit of catching hold of said band with the thumb and finger in pulling it off over the end of the case in examining the contents.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

1. The case provided with the dishing recess in the forward end of the cover, the ungrooved portion each side of said recess, and the groove extending from said portion around the case, in combination with the rubber band, substantially as set forth.

2. The combination of the case, having a band-retaining groove and a finger-recess in the cover, with the cover-retaining band, all substantially as set forth.

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