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PAPER OR LETTER BOX.

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Fig. 1.

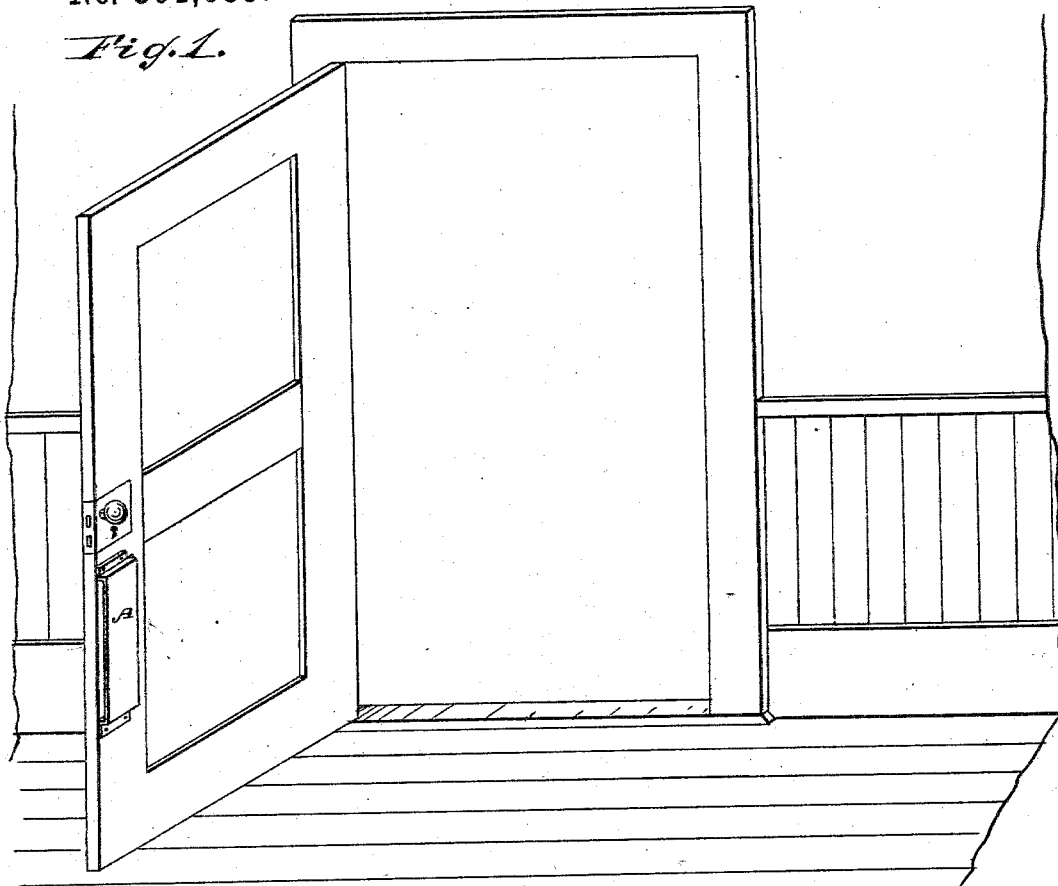
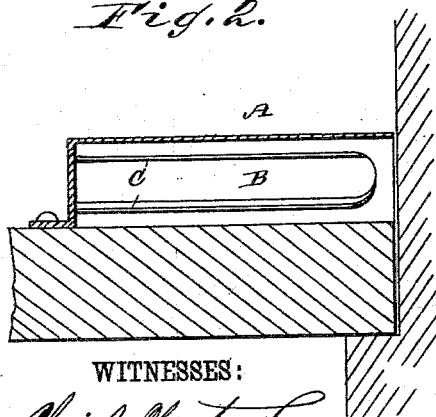


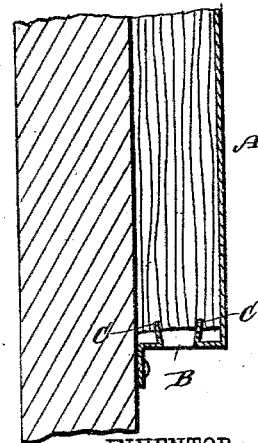
Fig. 2.



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Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HARRY STOCKS, of Lowell, in the county of Middlesex and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and Improved Newspaper-Box, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The object of my invention is to provide a new and improved newspaper-box adapted to be secured to the door or its casing, and so constructed that a newspaper placed in the box cannot be removed until the door is opened, and the papers will be protected from the inclemencies of the weather.

The invention consists in a box having a side opening and a slot in its bottom, the edges of which slot are turned inward to form flanges. The box is secured to the door or its casing in such a manner that the side opening is closed when the door is closed.

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

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a door on which my improved newspaper-box is secured. Fig. 2 is an enlarged sectional plan view of the same. Fig. 3 is an enlarged cross-sectional elevation of the box, showing a paper placed in the same.

A flat box, A, having an open side and one of the longitudinal edges open, is secured to a door in such a manner that the open side faces the door, and that when the door is closed the open edge of the box will rest against the side of the casing, which thus covers the opening; or the box can be secured to the casing in such a manner that when the door is closed it covers the opening in the box. The box is provided in its bottom end with a longitudinal slot, B, the side edges of which are turned inward to form upwardly-projecting flanges, C. The box is of sufficient size to receive a folded newspaper, and may be made larger. When the door is closed, the paper is pushed up into the box through the bottom slot, and as the bottom edges of the paper dis-

tend after the paper has been pushed up into the box, they extend over the flanges C, thus making it impossible to pull the paper out of the box through the slot B. The paper is thus held in the box in such a manner that it cannot be removed until the door is opened, when the paper can easily be removed from the box through the side opening of the box. The paper is protected from petty thieves and from the weather, it is not soiled, it is at all times in a safe and convenient place, the paper can be easily reached by the owner without stepping out of the room, no lock is required, and the box is simple in construction and cheap.

The box can also be used for letters, and can be secured to the door or casing by nails or screws passed through the flanges of the box, or in any other suitable manner.

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

1. In a newspaper or mail box, the box having an opening in one side, and a guarded receiving opening or slot in its bottom, said box being secured to the door at one edge, with its side opening presented toward and closed by the jamb or casing, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

2. In a mail or newspaper box, the box having in one side an opening presented toward and closed by the jamb or casing, said box having in its bottom a receiving opening or slot guarded upon the inside of the box by vertical flanges, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

3. A newspaper and letter box consisting of a box provided with a side opening, and with a slot in its bottom, which slot has its edges turned up to form flanges, substantially as herein shown and described.

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