

(No Model.)

C. W. COOK.
STATIONERY PACKAGE.

No. 305,896.

Patented Sept. 30, 1884.

Fig. 1.

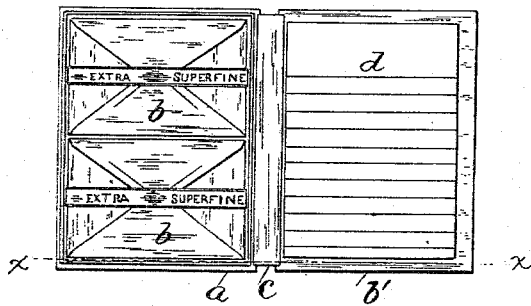


Fig. 2.

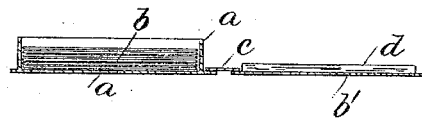


Fig. 3.

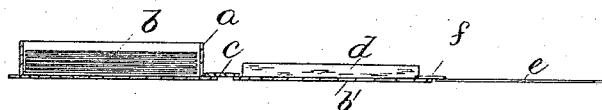


Fig. 4.

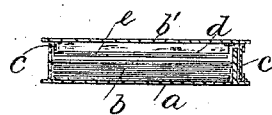


Fig. 5.

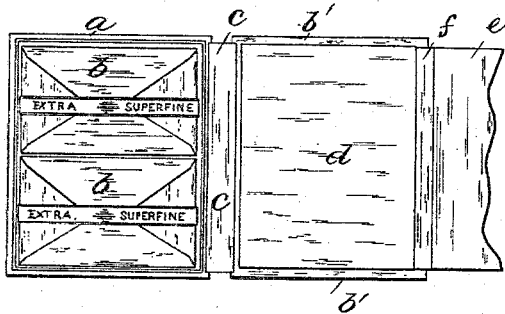
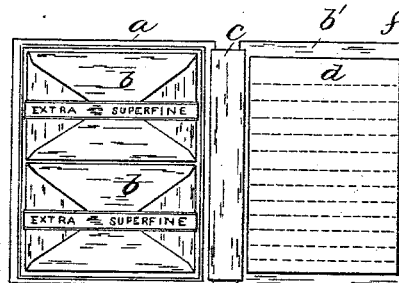


Fig. 6.



WITNESSES

N. D. Hughes
J. B. Carter

INVENTOR

C. W. Cook

UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE.

CHARLES W. COOK, OF HOLYOKE, MASSACHUSETTS.

STATIONERY-PACKAGE.

SPECIFICATION forming part of Letters Patent No. 305,896, dated September 30, 1884.

Application filed July 2, 1884. (No model.)

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES W. COOK, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Holyoke, in the county of Hampden and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Stationery-Packages, of which the following is a specification.

My invention consists of a stationery-package of writing material comprising a quantity of envelopes and writing-paper, together with a paper box for inclosing them for protection while in store and in use, which is specially constructed for greater convenience in use than as ordinarily packed by the arrangement of the paper and pad attached to the inside of the cover of the box, together with the arrangement of the cover of the box so that it will lie flat down on the writing desk or table when opened, with the pad uppermost and ready for writing on it above and without any handling or adjustment of it other than the opening of the box, and also together with the construction of the box in suitable depth, or the arrangement of the quantity of material therein for the envelopes to be contained in the lower portion of the box, where they may remain undisturbed while the pad is out and in use, with sufficient space above for re-covering the pad when the cover is turned over on and closes the box.

My invention also consists of a blotter-tablet in combination with the paper pad thus attached to the box-cover, and being jointed to the cover at the outer margin of the pad, as the cover is jointed to the box to be opened out at the side of the pad, so as to lie flat on the table while the pad is open for use, and so that said tablet may be turned over on the face of the pad for blotting the writing thereon and for folding together with the pad into the box, the whole making a very simple and much more convenient package of stationery than as commonly packed, without appreciable addition of expense, as hereinafter fully described, reference being made to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a plan view of my improved stationery-package as when open for use. Fig. 2 is a section of Fig. 1 on the line *xx*. Fig. 3 is a section of Fig. 1 on line *xx*, with the blotter-tablet attached. Fig. 4 is a section of the closed package on line *xx*, Fig. 1, with the

blotter-tablet included. Fig. 5 is a plan view of the open package with the blotter-tablet; and Fig. 6 is a plan of the open package, with the blotter-tablet folded under the upper sheet of the pad, as it may be used with unruled paper for a line-gage, the upper side of the blotter being ruled for the purpose, if desired.

I make a neat paper box, *a*, of suitable quality and style, according to the quality of the goods to be packed in it, and of suitable size and depth to place one or more layers of packages of envelopes, *b*, in it without filling the box to the top, and preferably arranging the envelopes with their greatest length crosswise of the box, in order that the paper, which should be nearly equal in width to the length of the envelopes, will pack in the box lengthwise to utilize the space in the best manner, and to this box I attach a flat cover, *c*, without any flanges or ribs—such as are commonly employed to close down in or outside of the sides and ends of the box—by a broad strip of muslin, leather, strong paper, or other suitable material, *d*, having one margin pasted along one side of the box to a projecting edge of the bottom or other approved part, and the other margin pasted to the margin of said cover, the said muslin or other strips being wide enough to allow the cover to swing up over and close flat down on the top of the box, and being connected so low down the side of the box that the cover will lie down flat on the writing table or desk, as shown, when opened out thereon; and on this cover I attach the writing-paper to be sold and used with the envelopes in the form of a pad, *e*, so that the cover serves the purpose of the straw-bound bottom commonly used in the arrangement of paper sheets in pads, and the paper opens out of and closes in the box with the opening and closing of the cover, and the paper pad dropping down within the sides and ends of the box serves the purpose of the before-mentioned flanges or ribs, generally used with the cover of a box for causing it to “register” properly with the box by closing inside or outside of it.

It will be seen the paper is made ready for use simply by raising the cover of the box and laying it over on the table on the right-hand side of the box, where it is available without any interference with or obstruction by the box itself, in which the envelopes remain to be

taken as wanted, and the paper is as readily disposed of again by turning the cover back over the box.

In order to make the package still more complete by the connection of a blotter, *e*, as a part of the whole, and so that it will, while being permanently connected, always be available while the pad lasts, I joint the blotter along one margin to the margin of the cover opposite to and parallel with the one that is jointed to the box, connecting it in the same way by a strip, *f*, of muslin or other suitable material adapted to allow the tablet to fold over flat on the pad, and also flat on the table for use on the pad, without any obstruction on account of being jointed to the pad, and for lying on the table, where it retains connection with the pad without any interference with the use of the pad.

The blotter *e* may be ruled with heavy lines on the back, to be used for a line-gage with unruled writing-paper by raising the sheet to be written on and folding the blotter down under it, as indicated by the dotted lines in Fig. 6.

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

1. The improved stationery-package consisting of the box *a*, adapted to contain envelope-packages *b* in the lower part of said box, cover *b'*, jointed to the box *a*, suitably to lie flat on the table and on the box, and the paper pad *d*, attached to the inside of the cover, suitably to close in the box over the envelopes when the cover is closed thereon, substantially as described.

2. The improved stationery-package consisting of the box *a*, adapted to contain envelope-packages *b* in the lower part of said box, cover *b'*, jointed to the box *a*, suitably to lie flat on the table and on the box, the paper pad *d*, attached to the inside of the cover, suitably to close in the box over the envelopes when the cover is closed thereon, and the blotter-tablet *e*, jointed to the margin of the pad *d*, substantially as described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have signed my name, in presence of two witnesses, this 24th day of May, 1884.

CHARLES W. COOK.

Witnesses:

MICHAEL C. FOSTETH,

JOHN M. TATE.