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CLASPS.

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Fig. 1

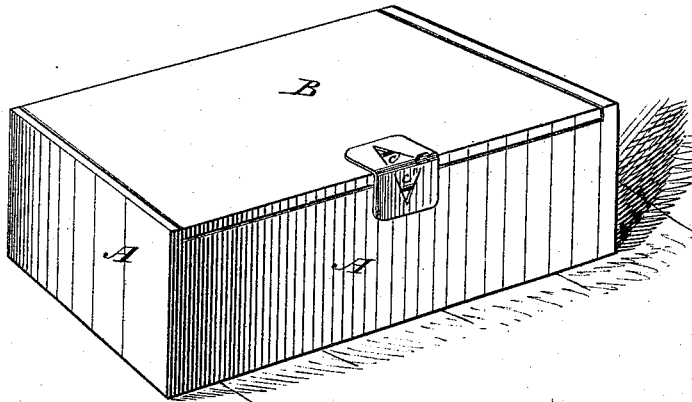


Fig. 2

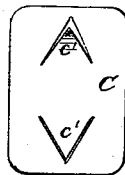
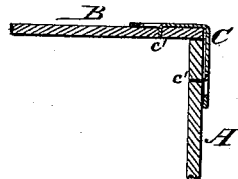


Fig. 3.



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IMPROVEMENT IN CLASPS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALVA M. BUTLER, of Constantine, St. Joseph county, Michigan, have invented a new and Improved Clasp for Fastening Cigar-Boxes, &c., of which the following is a specification:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of one of my improved clasps, illustrating its use. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the same, and Fig. 3 is a detail section of the same.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The object of this invention is to furnish an improved clasp for fastening cigar-boxes and other boxes and packages, which shall be simple in construction, may be easily attached and detached, and will hold the box firmly closed.

The invention consists in a clasp bent at right angles to fit upon the edge of a box, and having points formed upon its end parts, to enter the cover and side of said box, as hereinafter fully described.

A represents the body and B the cover of a box. C is the clasp, which is made of sheet metal, bent at right angles to fit upon the

edge of the box, and which may be square, oblong, round, oval, or of any other desired form. In the end parts of the clasp C are cut V-shaped slits, forming points *c'*, which are bent or curved inward to enter the cover and side of the box, and hold it closed.

The box may be readily opened by slipping the point of a knife beneath the forward part of the clasp C, and slipping its points *c'* out of the side of the box.

The points *c'* may be formed upon the ends of the clasp C, if desired. The clasp C may be made of wire, if desired.

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

A clasp, C, bent at right angles to fit upon the edge of a box, and having points *c'* formed upon its end parts to enter the cover and side of said box, substantially as herein shown and described.

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