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PAPER-BOX.

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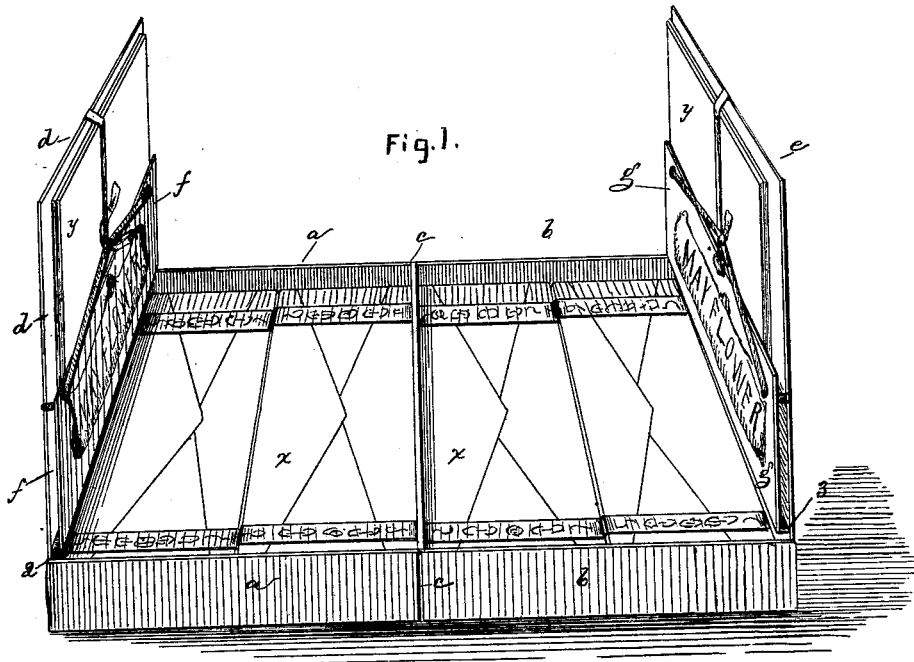
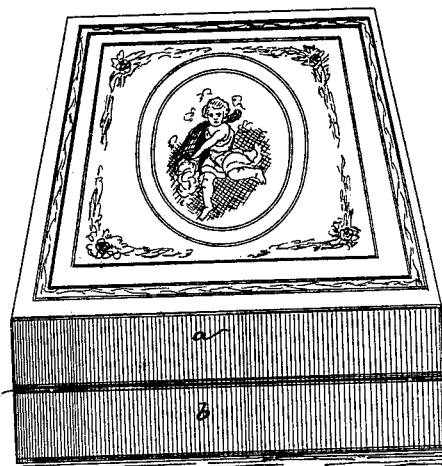


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN PAPER-BOXES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LINUS B. PLIMPTON, of Hartford, in the county of Hartford and State of Connecticut, have invented an Improved Box for Paper and Envelopes, of which the following is a specification:

This invention relates to an improved portfolio-box, adapted to contain paper and envelopes.

The invention consists in a centrally-hinged portfolio or double box, each half of which is provided with a lid having a pocket to contain sheets of paper, the lids being connected each with one of the outer edges of the two box-like portions, so that they can be raised or opened when the portions are separated or opened, and so that, with the portions opened and lids closed, the box will serve the purposes of a portfolio, or as a support for the sheet of paper when being written on.

Figure 1 represents the box opened and the lids raised, and Fig. 2 the box and lids closed, the lids then being invisible.

The box consists of two box-like portions, *a b*, having their two contiguous edges hinged together at *c* by a cloth, paper, or other flexible strip. At the outer edges of the portions *a b* are similarly-hinged lids *e d*, having attached pockets *f g*, the back or outer sides of which are made as plane surfaces. These lids and pockets, as *d f e g*, are preferably formed of single pieces of stiff paper, folded or bent at 2 3, the free end of the shorter portions of the pieces constituting the pocket-pieces *f g* being tied to, or connected with, the larger or lid portions *d e* by suitable ribbons or cords. The portions *a b* are to contain the envelopes *x*, and the sheets of paper are to be placed in the pockets forming part of each lid.

Fig. 2 shows the portfolio-box closed. When opened on its hinge *c* the portions *a b* will appear as in Fig. 1. The lids *d e* may then be raised to expose the envelopes and paper. In Fig. 1 the lids are turned ninety degrees upon their hinges. They may be turned a little beyond one hundred and eighty degrees, and

then the outer ends of the lids will rest on a level with the bottom of the opened box.

When the portions *a b* are opened and the lids *d e* are closed, the backs of the lids will rest on a level with the upper side edges of the portions *a b*, and in such condition the backs of the lids serve as a surface upon which the paper may be placed, as on a portfolio, when writing.

This box is very convenient, and serves, when traveling, the purposes of an ordinary portfolio for writing purposes, and contains a considerable quantity of paper in a very compact space.

The lids with pockets might be hinged to either of the other edges of the portions *a b* without departing from the invention.

It is obvious that the sheets of paper might be placed in the box, and the pocket on the lid be made large enough for the envelopes.

If desired, one of the lids may be omitted, and the pocket in the single lid will then be made larger. The pocket upon the lid, fitting within the top of the box, prevents the lid from being moved latterly over the box, and obviates the usual flanges or side pieces upon the lid to embrace the outside of the box.

I claim—

1. As a new article of manufacture, a portfolio-box for paper and envelopes, consisting of portions *a b*, centrally hinged together at *c*, and provided with lids *d e*, having pockets *f g* for the reception of sheets of paper, the lids and portions *a b* being arranged to operate together, and to fold at three places, substantially as described.

2. The combination, with the hinged boxes *a b*, of a hinged lid provided with an internal pocket, to operate substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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