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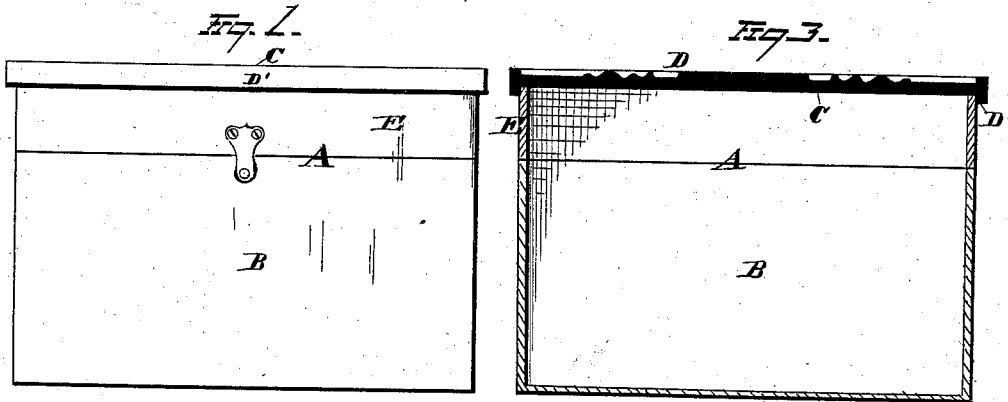
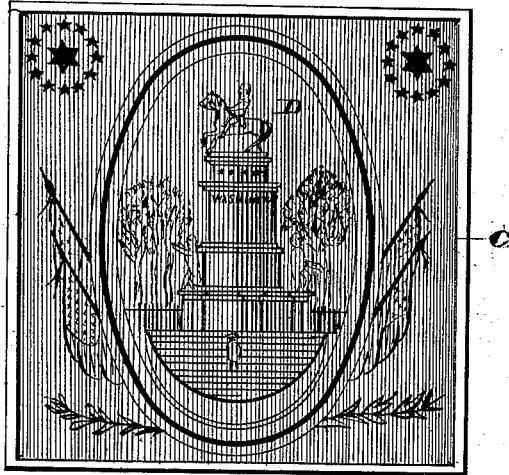


Fig. 2.



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## IMPROVEMENT IN BOXES FOR PAPER COLLARS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, GEORGE C. THOMAS, of New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Paper-Collar Boxes; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it pertains to make and use it, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form part of this specification.

My invention relates to an improved box for paper collars, the object of the invention being to provide a box which shall be neat and tasty in appearance, economical in construction, and strong and durable for use.

Heretofore paper-collar boxes have been made of light material, and, owing the shrinkage and swelling of the material of which the boxes are made, caused by the variable temperature and conditions of the atmosphere, the joints of the cover are often loosened and the tops cracked, thereby disfiguring the appearance of the box, and also allowing dampness to enter the same and injure the contents thereof; and, to obviate these difficulties, my invention consists in a paper-collar box having its top made of composition molded into any desired form, and constructed with depending flanges to engage the sides of the cover, and thereby prevent the several parts composing the cover from injury from the causes above set forth.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a side elevation of my improved box. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the top, and Fig. 3 a vertical section of the box.

A represents the box, the lower portion B of which is made of the ordinary material, and in the well-known way. C represents the composition top, any desired composition being

employed for such purpose. The upper surface D of the top C is molded in any desired form—as, for instance, the representation of statuary, landscape, the proprietor's address, or any fanciful design may be embodied in the upper surface of the top C, as best suits the design of its manufacturer.

The edges of top C are provided with depending flanges D', which fit over the upper edges of the sides E composing the cover, and serve to hold the parts E snugly in place, and prevent any injury that ordinarily affects such parts.

It will be observed that the top C, with its depending flanges, is formed without seam or joint, and hence is adapted to receive a high finish, and afford a tasty finish to the box at a small initial cost, while the box itself thus secured is much stronger and more durable than those of ordinary make.

It is evident that this form of top may be applied to any box, and equally advantageous results attend its use.

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

As a new article of manufacture, a paper-collar box consisting of the lower portion B and the sides E of the cover, firmly secured in place by means of the composition top C, the latter having depending flanges D', which fit over the upper edges of the sides E of the cover, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 19th day of July, 1877.

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