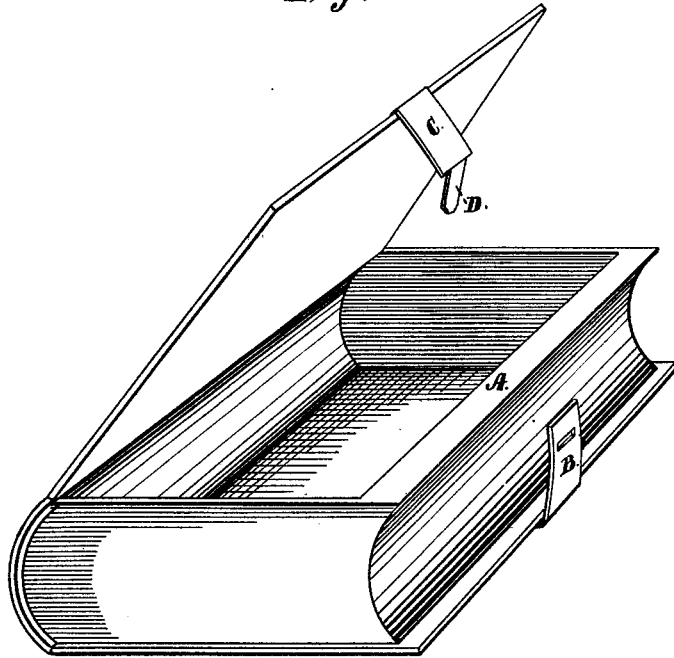


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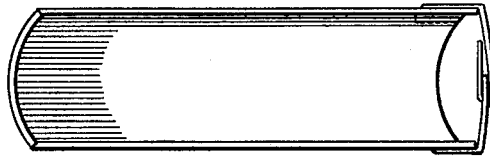
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*Fig. 1*



*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, HENRY L. R. WOLF, of Dayton, in the county of Montgomery and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Paper Boxes; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same.

This invention relates particularly to that class of paper boxes made in the shape of a book, and used by confectioners for holding candy.

The novelty consists in the combination, with the projecting lid and bottom of a paper box, of a peculiarly-constructed paper clasp, which can be inserted and folded back to form a secure fastening for the lid, as will be here-with set forth and claimed.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved box with the clasp open and the lid raised. Fig. 2 is an end view of the box with the clasp closed.

As ordinarily made, these boxes have no clasp, except of metal, which is expensive and, in such connection, unstable, and they have nothing to brace the edge where the lid presses, so that their front side, which is curved, is easily pressed out and readily broken or torn.

To remedy these defects in making the box the front side is left projecting about half an inch, so that it can be turned in and pasted to form a flange or shoulder, A, on which the outer side of the lid rests. This arrangement

greatly strengthens the front concave side of the box, and enables it to bear considerable pressure without breaking.

I am aware that a cigar-box of paper-pulp has been made with a vertical front side and an extraneous flanged portion.

The essential feature of my invention, which can be applied to any-shaped box, is the paper clasp (which may be backed with linen) in two parts—the one, a slip, B, pasted to the under side of the box, and having a transverse opening or slot through it, near the end, and the other, a slip, C, pasted to the lid and having a tongue, D, which, when the lid is closed, is passed through the slot of the piece B and turned up, as shown in Fig. 2. This forms a simple but sufficiently durable clasp to hold the lid closed.

Having thus fully described my invention, I claim—

In combination with the projecting lid and bottom of a paper or straw board box, the paper clasp, composed of a slotted strip, B, and the strip C, provided with a narrow tongue, which can be inserted through the slot and turned up to form a fastening.

Witness my hand this 16th day of January,  
A. D. 1877.

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