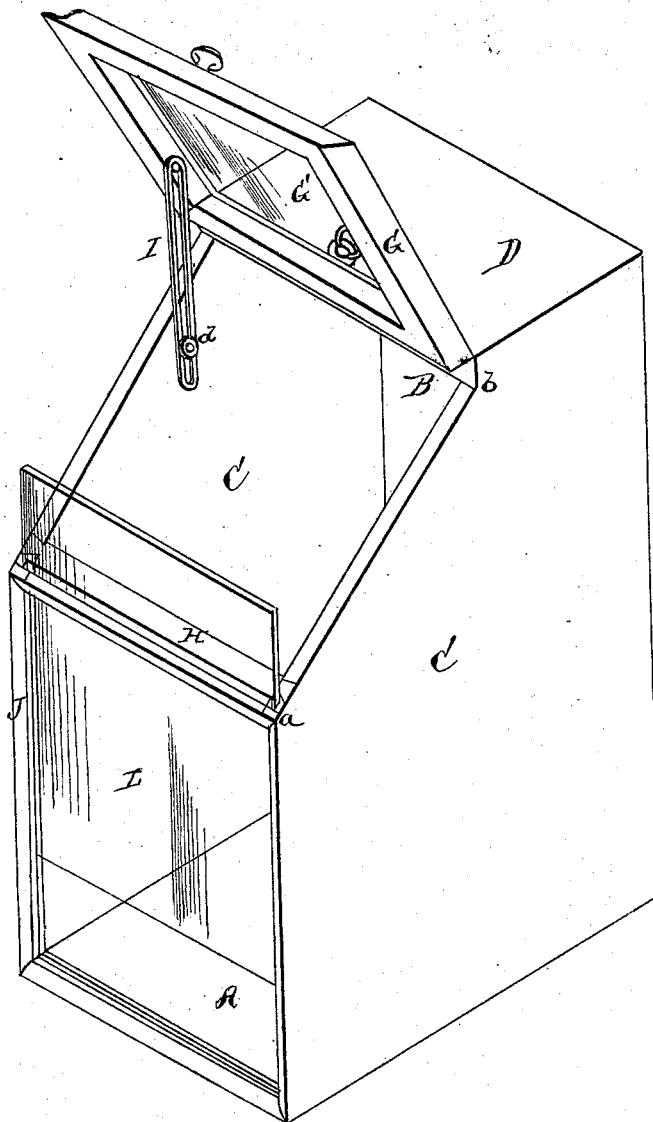


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN A. ANDERSON, of Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Cans or Caddies for Tea or other Articles; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

The nature of my invention consists in the construction of a tea-caddy or a case or caddy for tea or other articles, as will be hereinafter more fully set forth.

In order to enable others skilled in the art to which my invention appertains to make and use the same, I will now proceed to describe its construction and operation, referring to the annexed drawing, which forms a part of this specification, and in which the figure is a perspective view.

The entire body of this caddy is made of wood, and consists of the bottom A, back B, sides C C, and top D. The back B and sides C C are vertical to the bottom A, and the front edges of the sides C extend vertically upward from the bottom to a point, *a*, and from this point they are inclined upward and rearward to a point, *b*, where they join to the top D.

To the front edge of the top D is hinged a sash, G, with glass plate G', forming a door for closing the inclined portion of the front of the caddy. This door is provided with an arm, I, flexibly attached to it at one side. This arm is slotted longitudinally, and passes over a headed pin or screw, *d*, fastened in the inner side of one of the sides C. This pin or screw *d* is so arranged that sufficient friction

will be caused by it on the arm I, so that the lid or door G G' will, by such friction, be held at any angle to which the door may be raised.

The door G G' closes on top of and against a cross-bar, H, dovetailed in the sides C, near the points *a*, and to the vertical front edges of said sides and to the front edge of the bottom is secured a frame, J. Immediately inside of this frame there is a vertical groove made in each side C, and these grooves are connected by a groove in the upper surface of the bottom A, the cross-bar H lying immediately back of the grooves in the sides C, as shown. A glass plate, L, is slipped down into these grooves, forming the front of the caddy, through which the contents can be seen at all times, and said glass plate, being loose, can easily be taken out for cleaning or other purposes.

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

1. In a tea-caddy, a hinged lid or door provided with a slotted arm passing over a pin, or its equivalent, on the inside of the caddy, and so arranged as to hold such lid at any angle by friction only, substantially as herein set forth.

2. As an article of manufacture, a tea-caddy composed of the wooden box A B C D, hinged glass door G G', with slotted arm I and pin *d*, cross-bar H, frame J, and loose glass front L, all constructed substantially as and for the purposes herein set forth.

The above specification of my invention signed by me this 26th day of October, 1877.

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