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 Pocket Traveling-Box.

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Fig. 1.

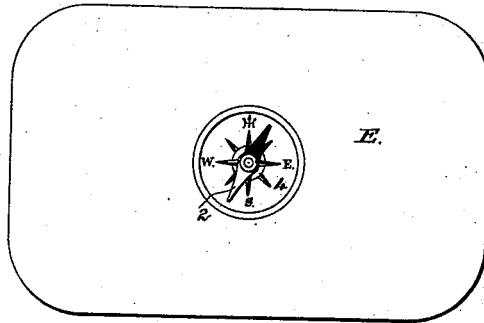


Fig. 4.

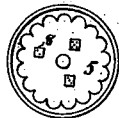


Fig. 5.

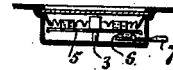


Fig. 2.

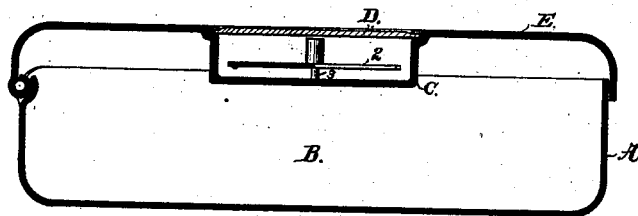


Fig. 3.



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## IMPROVEMENT IN POCKET TRAVELING-BOXES.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, DANIEL M. SOMERS, of the city of Brooklyn, county of Kings and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pocket Traveling-Boxes; and I do hereby declare that the following specification is such a full, clear, and exact description thereof as will enable others skilled in the art to make and use the same.

This invention relates to that class of traveling paraphernalia adapted for carriage in the pocket; and consists in an improved construction of a pocket-box, adapted not only for the reception of various articles of utility, but provides for the safe carriage and protection of an indicating mechanism, all of which will be more particularly hereinafter described.

In the accompanying drawings illustrating my invention, Figure 1 is a plan view of the box; Fig. 2, a transverse section thereof. Fig. 3 represents, in plan and section, a game indicator or counter; and Figs. 4 and 5 show, by similar views, a modified form of the indicating mechanism.

In carrying out this invention I form the body A and cover E of the box by swaging them from a metal blank cut from a sheet of such material or any equivalent thereof, and connect said body and cover by a hinge-joint, so that the latter may be conveniently opened to gain access to the interior or main compartment B. This compartment B is adapted to contain and protect matches, tinder, flint, and steel, confections—as troches—pilules, and other articles of utility or for consumption, and it may be subdivided, as such articles or its use may require.

I provide the cover or body of the box with a central recess or cup-like depression, constituting an auxiliary compartment, C, which is furnished with a suitable support for an indicating mechanism, as the compass shown in Fig. 2, which indicating mechanism may be protected by a glass or other covering plate, D. The preferable mode of providing the auxiliary or indicator-containing compartment C is to swage the same out of the blank constituting the cover or body of the box by the well-known operation of swaging; but said compartment C may be made separately, and be inserted in a suitable opening made to receive

it. The pointer or index-hand 2 of the indicator is poised upon the post 3, secured to the compartment, so as to swing freely thereon and move over the scale-plate 4.

In the modification, Fig. 3, the indicating mechanism has the form of a game-counter, the compartment C having the inside surface of its bottom marked to form a scale-plate, 4, and the pointer or hand 2 being poised on the post 3 so as to swing thereon; but the structure of this pointer is such that it forms a spring, which bears on the scale-plate 4 with sufficient friction to hold the pointer in any position to which it may be moved by hand.

In Figs. 4 and 5 is illustrated another modification of the indicating mechanism, where it is shown to be a counting mechanism. It consists of a rotating disk, 5, poised on the post 3 in a similar manner as are the pointers 2. This disk carries on its under side a projection, 6, which is engaged by a spring-sealed propelling-arm, 7, which, moved backward and suddenly released, strikes the projection 6 and rotates the disk 5, whereby the loose counters 8 resting thereon are caused to turn over and over until the disk and counters come to a state of rest, all of which will be readily understood.

By my improved construction a traveling-box having a main compartment, B, adapted to carry many and various articles of use, is provided with an auxiliary compartment, C, forming a part of the general structure, in which is supported an indicating mechanism, so that the latter is not only safely housed in a protecting-case, but said case affords a most convenient carriage for the same, which permits a ready use of the indicator.

These delicate indicating mechanisms, commonly carried loosely in the pocket with various articles, as keys and the like, from contact with which they are often injured or destroyed, are completely protected by my improved construction of box or case, while being so supported as to be readily handled and quickly used, being so enveloped by the compartment C as to be completely shielded from contact with other articles in the pocket, while said compartment does not materially abridge the carrying capacity of the box or case itself.

Having thus described my invention, what

I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. As a new article of manufacture, a sheet-metal box consisting of a body and of a cover, which is provided with an auxiliary compartment, C, from the bottom of which projects a central post, to which the rotating member of an indicating mechanism is attached, substantially as described.

2. As a new article of manufacture, a sheet-metal box consisting of a body and cover, which is provided with an auxiliary compart-

ment, C, from the bottom of which projects a central post, to which is attached the index-hand or pointer of a compass, 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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