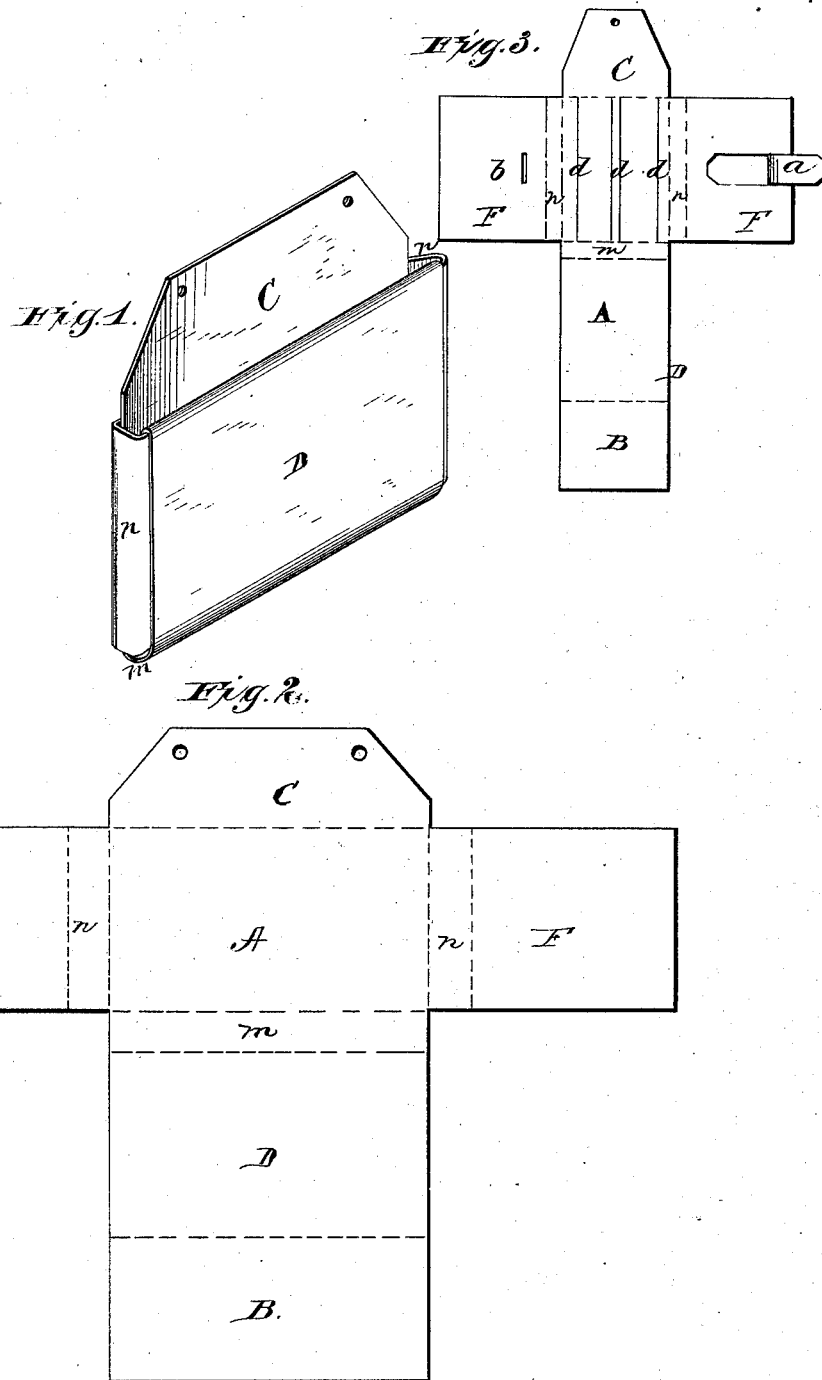


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## IMPROVEMENT IN PAPER-POCKETS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, HART A. FISHER, of Toledo, in the county of Lucas, and in the State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Paper-Pockets or Receptacles for Papers; and do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, making a part of this specification.

My invention relates to that class of pockets used by railroad companies and others in advertising, and can be nailed or hung up in any place to receive papers which it is desired the public should help themselves to. It is also adapted to office uses as a receptacle for bill and letter heads, or any other papers which it is desired to keep at hand, and can, further, be used also as a file-case for papers, such as legal and other written documents, and can be held entirely closed by the use of a tape or rubber band, and many other uses of a similar nature.

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 drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of paper pocket folded. Fig. 2 shows the blank of which the same is made. Fig. 3 shows a modification of the same.

My paper-pocket is cut from a single piece, A, if desired; but to prevent waste it is made of two straight pieces, cut from stiff cardboard, and pasted together in the shape of a cross, as shown in Fig. 2, and then folded as shown in Fig. 1, and indicated by dotted lines in Fig. 2, with the lower end, B, of the upright piece doubled over and tucked inside the pocket.

By reference to Fig. 2 of the drawings it will be seen that the main or vertical part of the blank forms at the top a flap, C, which is intended for suspending the box, and then comes the back of the box. Below this part is the portion *m* of the blank which forms the bottom of the box, and below the same is the front D, and next to this front comes the flap B.

Each side wing of the blank forms a side, *n*, and a flap, F, as shown.

In folding the blank the two side flaps F F overlap each other, and the flap B is doubled over and tucked inside the pocket, holding the side flaps in position. This completes the pocket, ready for use without any other fastening, and it can be hung up and filled with cards or papers, and when filled is more substantial and holds to its place as well or better than when empty.

The end pieces of the blank may be formed with a slit and tuck, as shown at *a b*, in Fig. 3, cut from the same piece.

In said Fig. 3 I have also shown slits *d d* in the upright piece, to represent how the cross-piece can be passed through the same to do away with the use of paste or other material to hold the two pieces together.

If desired, a small tin or other paper fastener may be used to hold the whole together after it is folded to hang up, by passing it through the four thicknesses of the front at any suitable point.

The important feature, however, of my invention is that when folded for use the whole is self-supporting, without any device whatever to hold it except itself and the peculiar shape in which it is folded.

The pockets may be made of any size and shape desired.

They are convenient in shipping, or for carrying by advertising agents, as they can be carried flat and doubled together as they are wanted to hang up, thus saving great bulk, and being so much lighter and cheaper than tin or other metal will largely take their place.

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

A box made of one or more pieces of paper or other material folded to form back A, front D, sides *n n*, and flaps F F, bottom *m*, and securing-flap B, substantially as described, whereby the box may be opened out for use and closed together for packing, without unfolding any part of it, substantially as herein set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 3d of March, 1878.

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