

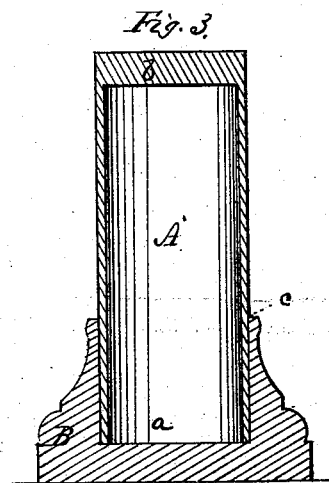
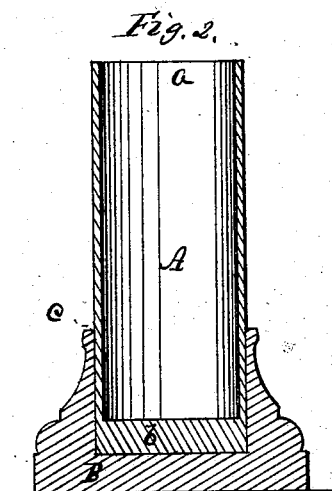
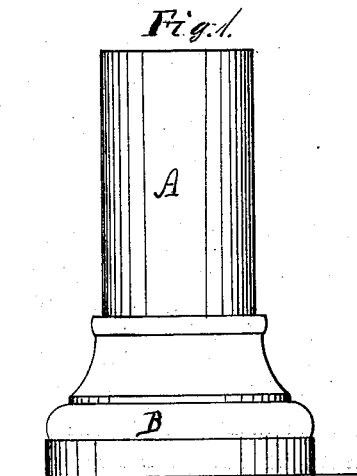
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, MORTON E. CONVERSE, of Winchendon, in the county of Worcester and State of Massachusetts, have invented an Improved Box or Receptacle for Containing Hair-Pins, Tooth-Picks, and other small articles of daily use; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making part of this specification—

Figure 1 being a side view of the improved box or receptacle; Fig. 2, a central vertical section thereof as arranged when open; Fig. 3, a similar section as arranged when closed.

Like letters designate corresponding parts in all of the figures.

I form the box in two parts, A and B, the former being the body or receptacle proper and the latter the base. The body A is preferably of cylindrical form, or, at least, the two ends *a b* thereof, which fit into a socket, *c*, in the base, are of cylindrical or equivalent and similar form, as well as of equal size, the socket *c* of course being of the same form and size, to receive either end of the body. The middle part of the body may be simply of cylindrical form, as shown in the drawings, or of any other desired shape. The base B is made of any suitable form, simple or ornamental, to constitute a proper base.

The body A is made hollow to form the receptacle, open at one end, *a*, and closed at the other end, *b*. Since either end of this body

fits in the socket *c* of the base, and the readily-removable body has or may have the same outward appearance, except as to the open or closed top, when either end is in the socket the box may be used either way for the following purpose: When the articles contained in the receptacle are to be exposed for immediate use as wanted the body is inserted in the base with its open end up, as shown in Fig. 2; but when the articles contained are to be hidden from view or protected from outside injury the open end, *a*, of the body is to be inserted in the socket, thereby closing the receptacle, as shown in Fig. 3. This is a simple, cheap, and neat construction, and the box has all the convenience of a cover without the trouble of one, which is always in the way when not in actual use.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The combination of the reversible close-bottomed body A and the separate close-bottomed socket-base B, both the upper and lower ends of the body being formed to fit accurately in the base-socket, and thereby adapted to hold the articles either covered or uncovered, substantially as and for the purpose herein specified.

The foregoing specification signed by me.

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