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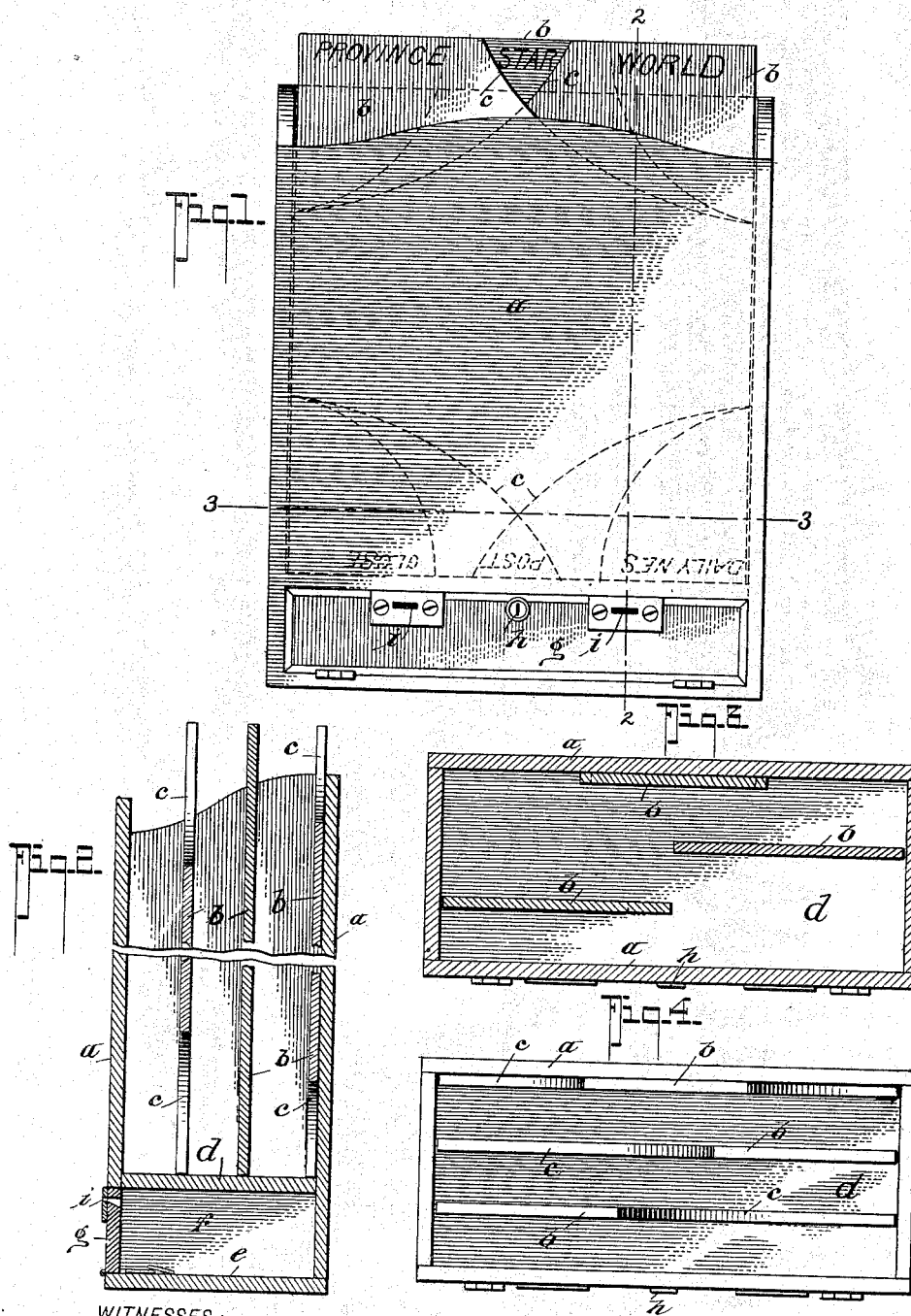
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, ARTHUR J. KAPPELE and JAMES WALKER, citizens of the Dominion of Canada, residing at Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, Canada, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Vending-Boxes, of which the following is a specification.

Our invention has for its purpose to provide a simple, inexpensive, and attractive vending device for supplying newspapers, periodicals, &c., to the public; and it consists in certain details of construction and novel arrangement of parts, as will hereinafter be fully described, and specifically pointed out in the appended claims, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a front elevation of our vending-box. Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view of the same, taken in line 2 2 in Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a horizontal section taken on the line 3 3 of Fig. 1, and Fig. 4 is a top plan view of the vending-box.

Similar letters refer to similar parts in the views.

The box or receptacle *a* is made in the form as shown to accommodate newspapers and journals and is of convenient depth to properly hold the papers, with the upper side of the same when folded in the usual manner projecting just above the open end.

Arranged within the receptacle *a* are tablets or boards *b*, with the titles of the different papers contained in the box marked on the upper reduced ends, as *c*. These tablets are placed between the different papers for sale in the box and may be increased according to the different papers being vended, there being a tablet for each kind of paper carried.

Arranged near the lower end of the box and forming a lower closable receptacle is a closure member *d*, placed at a suitable distance from the bottom proper, *e*, and thus forming a convenient box *f* for the money paid for each paper as it is taken from the box *a*. Hinged to the front side of the box *f* is a door *g*, which is provided with a lock *h*, by which it is securely fastened, and for inserting the coin, which is the price of the paper appropriated, we provide slotted openings *i*, passing diagonally downward through the door.

These vending-boxes are placed in street-

cars and other convenient places accessible to the traveling public. The papers are inserted in the box *a*, with the tablets dividing them off, as per titles, and the box *f* is locked.

Cutting away the upper ends of the several division tablets or boards *b*, and making the cuttings of the said upper ends in such a way that portions of the upper ends of all the tablets or boards are exposed to view, provides a convenient means for the titles of the different newspapers or periodicals to be held in the several compartments of the vending-boxes, and, furthermore, it admits of an easy withdrawal of the periodical or paper from one end of the said box, this being readily understood by reference to Fig. 1, from which it will be seen that as the upper ends of all three of the tablets *b* are in view the purchaser can quickly see at a glance the different periodicals or newspapers held within the box. Furthermore, by cutting the lower ends of the said tablets and removably holding the tablets within the box *a* it is obvious that the lower ends of the tablets may have the titles of their periodicals or newspapers. This permits of the said tablets being interchangeably held within the box *a*, so that the said box will be adapted for holding quite a number of different newspapers or periodicals, it being understood that the said tablets or boards *b* will have indicating-titles on the reverse sides. This will permit one tablet being used for selling or indicating four different newspapers or periodicals, thereby adapting the vending-box when provided with three division-tablets for selling at least twelve different kinds of papers or periodicals.

An attendant visits the boxes at regular intervals with a fresh supply of papers, and at such times the cash is removed from the box *f*.

From the foregoing it is shown that our vending-box provides a cheap and effective device for supplying news to the public and at a minimum of trouble and annoyance to the traveler, transportation company, and others.

What we claim, and desire to be protected in by Letters Patent, is—

An improved vending-box having a suitable base and a compartment extending up from the base, said compartment being open at the

top; a series of parallelly-disposed partition
members of equal height detachably held in
the said compartment, said series of members
including a central member having its oppo-
5 site ends cut away at both sides and its cen-
ter or body portion extending its full length;
the other partition members having their di-
agonally-opposite corners cut away, all being
arranged substantially as shown, whereby

the several members can be interchangeably
adjusted within the compartment and the up-
per front faces of all of the partitions appear
in view.

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