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Apparatus for Holding Stamps.

Fig. 1

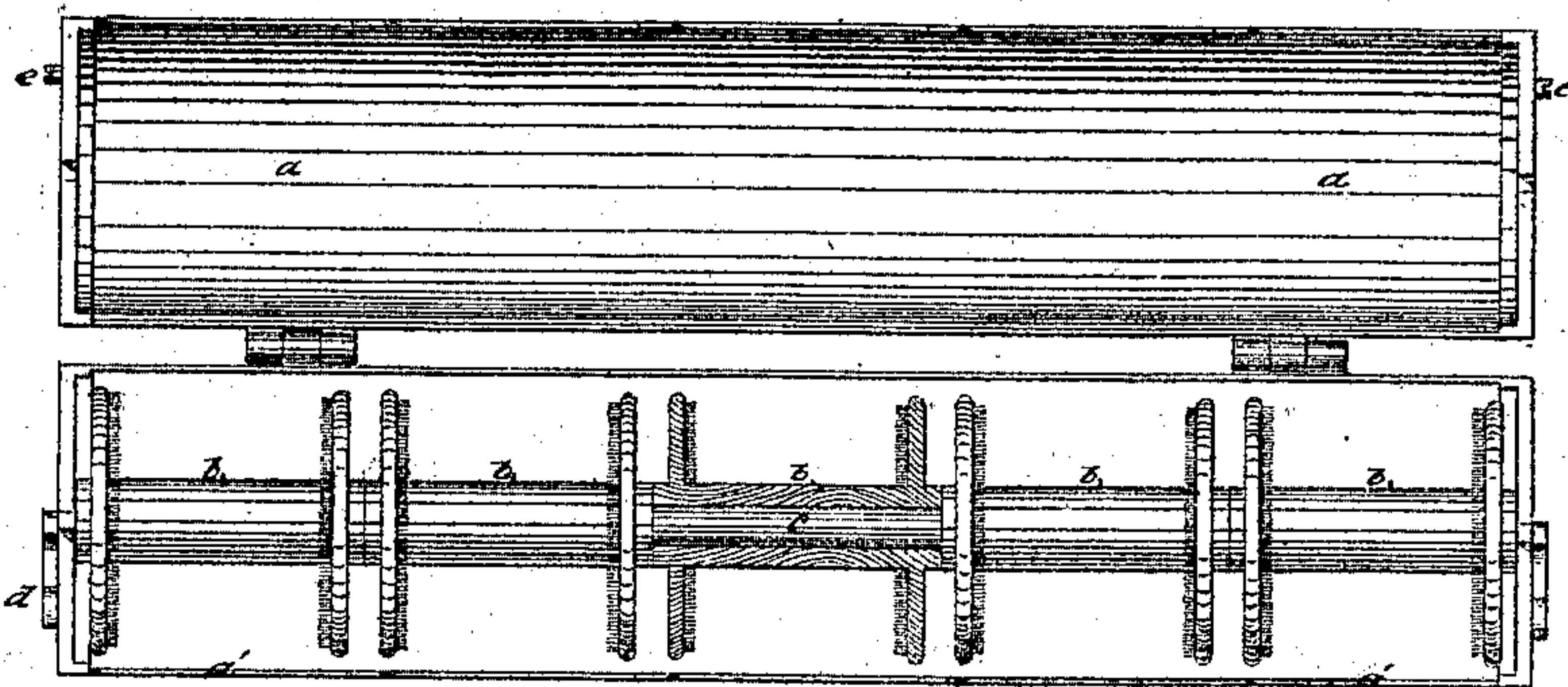
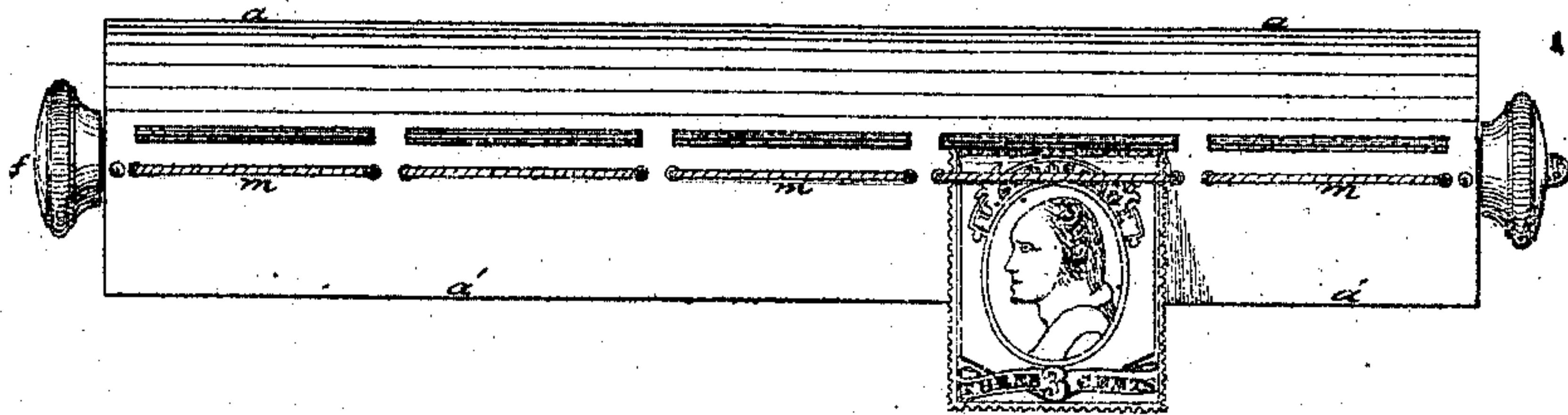


Fig. 2



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IMPROVEMENT IN POSTAGE-STAMP HOLDERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE CLIFFE HATCH, of Calcutta, India, Colonel and Deputy Judge Advocate General in Her Majesty's army, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Apparatus for holding Postage and other Stamps; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description thereof, sufficient to enable others to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing making part of this specification.

In the accompanying drawing, Figure 1 is a longitudinal central section of a box for holding postage-stamps. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the box when closed.

This invention consists in lining the reels for holding postage and other stamps, arranged within a suitable box or case, with fabric or other material, to act upon the edges of the stamps and prevent them from recoiling and springing from their original position when once wound thereon, as will be more fully set forth hereafter.

In the drawing, *b b* represents a series of spools or reels, the flanges of which may be of any desired height so as to receive a large number of stamps, which are wound upon the reels. These reels are covered with any material, such as cloth, velvet, or other fabric, to give sufficient holding power at the edges of the stamps to prevent them from being drawn off too fast, or to recoil into the case or box through the slots formed in the same. The reels may be used singly, or a series of them may be used in the same box, as desired, and they may be made of different widths, as found most suitable and convenient and available for receipt, bill, or other stamps

or labels. The box or case within which are arranged the reels or spools thus constructed may be of any size or form; but I prefer to use such as I have shown, which, in the present instance, is composed of a short piece of tube, *a a*, longitudinally divided, and so arranged that one piece acts as a lid to be opened and closed. The reels *b b* are mounted upon a spindle, *c*, which has its bearings upon the end pieces of the case, and is prevented from shifting its position by its ends being made square to fit a corresponding opening or recess in the ends of the case. The top piece of the case *a* is hinged to the bottom, *a*, at the rear side, while the front edges are notched, to form recesses or slots for the stamps to pass freely through when drawn by the hand. The spools or reels are mounted upon the spindles *c* in such a manner that either may revolve independently of the other. By this means the withdrawal of one class of stamps will not unwind or interfere with those arranged upon the other reels.

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

The lining of reels with a fabric or other material, when employed for holding stamps or labels, in the manner and for the purposes hereinbefore shown and described.

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