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PAPER BOX.

No. 189,899.

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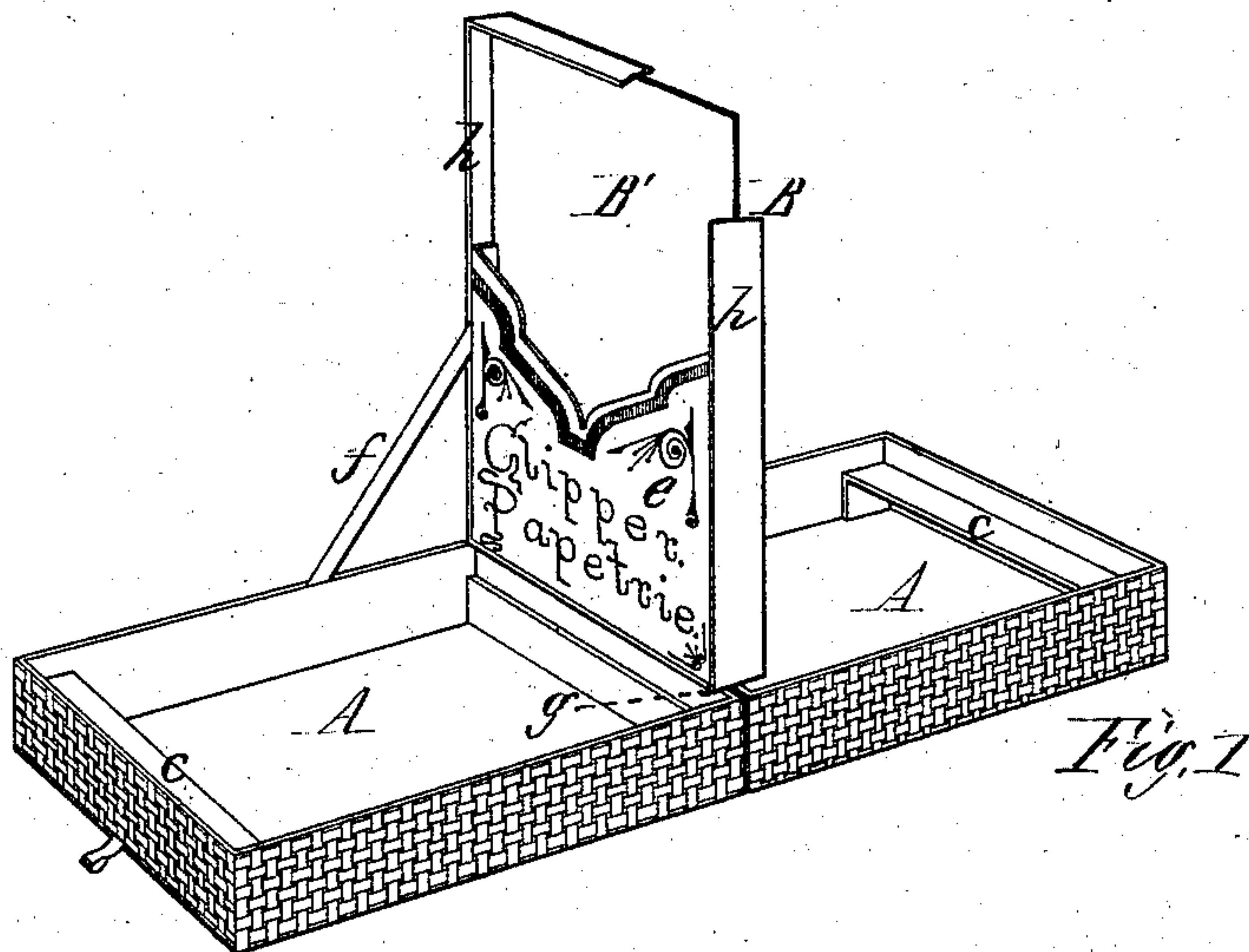


Fig. 1

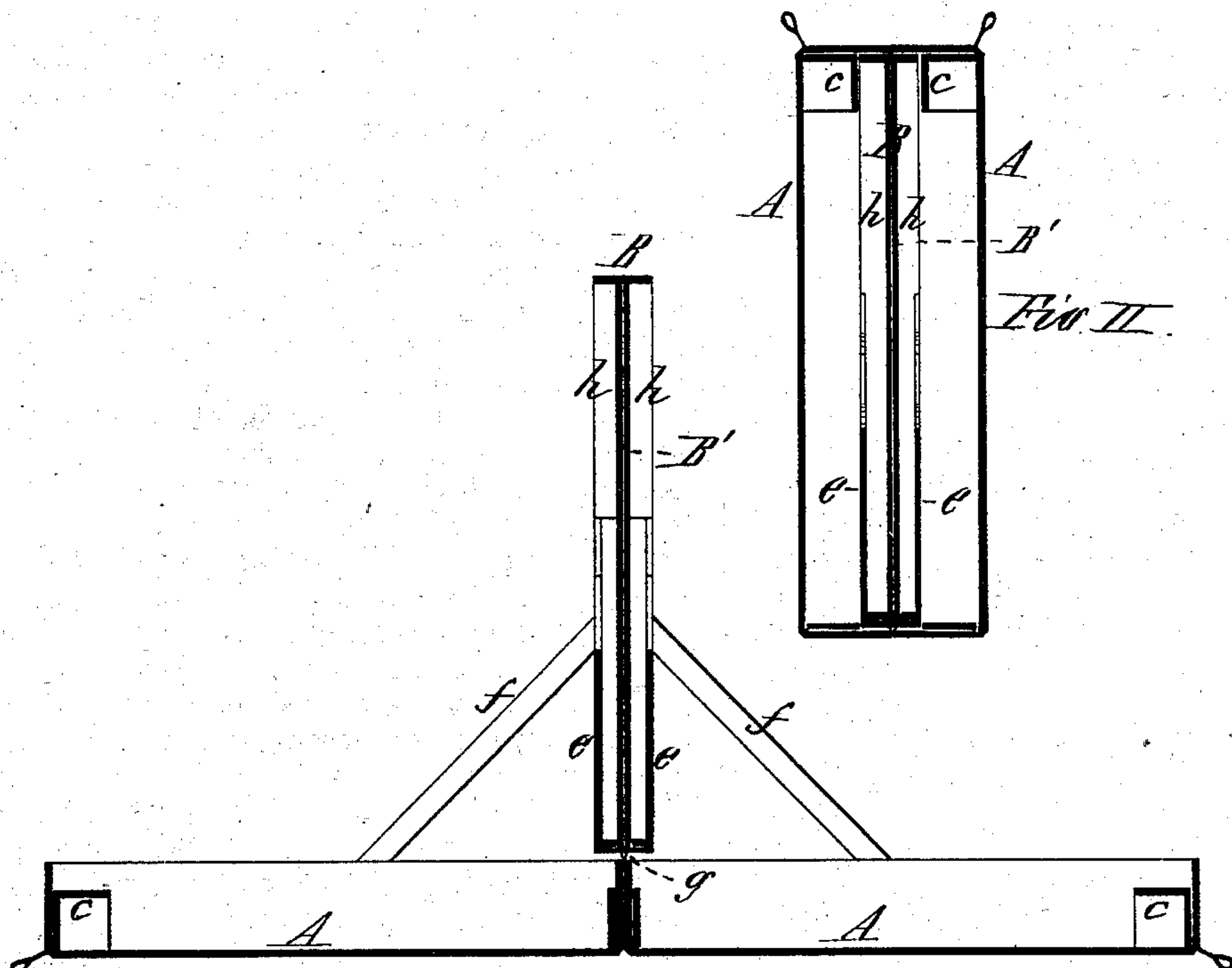


Fig. II.

Fig. III

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IMPROVEMENT IN PAPER BOXES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ELISHA MORGAN, of Springfield, in the State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Improved Box for Stationery; and that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making a part of this specification, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

The object of my invention is to provide a box for fancy stationery or papeteries, adapted to contain two different kinds of stationery, either in quality or color, both of which are equally exposed to view and accessible when the box is open, said box being provided with means for holding the stationery in place, and also to hold the pocket more firmly when the box is shut; and to this end my invention consists of two box-bodies, each provided with a stop, and hinged together at one side, and with a double pocket hinged to and common to both box-bodies, and which, when both bodies are shut together, fits into and is inclosed by both.

Figure I is a perspective view of my invention, with a part of the double pocket broken away to show the construction. Fig. II is a vertical section, showing the box-bodies shut together, and Fig. III is a vertical section, showing the boxes open.

In the drawings, A A represent two box-bodies of rectangular form, and hinged together at *g*, and B is a double pocket, hinged to the box-bodies also at *g*, and this pocket consists of a band, *h*, of rectangular outline or form, having a partition, B', placed about midway its width, and with a piece, *e*, which may be made more or less ornamental, secured near each edge of the band *h*, so that two pockets are formed, one behind each piece *e*, with the single partition B forming the back of each pocket. This part B is made of such size as to shut into either box-body A half its width, a stop, *c*, being made in each

body against which the part B shuts when the bodies are closed together; and a brace, *f*, of any suitable flexible material, is secured at one end to each body A, and at the other end to the part B, to hold the latter in a perpendicular position when the box is opened, with its parts A in a horizontal position. By placing the box upon its back edgewise, as shown in Fig. II, and bringing the parts A A down to a horizontal position, as shown in Fig. III, both the paper and envelopes, the former in the double pocket B and the latter in the bodies A, are exposed to view, and readily accessible for use. By bringing the parts A A up to a vertical position again, the part B is shut into the parts A completely, and the box closed.

I am aware that a box for stationery, provided with a central partition, having two pockets, and hinged to two box-bodies in a similar manner, has heretofore been made, as shown in patent to W. Wallach, April 27, 1875, and assigned to me; and I do not, therefore, claim the same, irrespective of my construction and arrangement of the parts, as an improvement upon the device shown in said patent, as my invention possesses the advantages of greater strength, and the envelopes are held more firmly in place in the two box-bodies by the stops *c*, beneath which the envelopes are placed, and against which the band *h* rests when the box is closed.

Having described my invention, what I claim as new is—

An improved box for stationery or papeteries, consisting of the combination of the two parts A A, each having the stop *c*, and the double pocket B, provided with the inclosing-band *h*, hinged to said parts A, substantially as herein described.

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