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Advertising Card.

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Fig 1

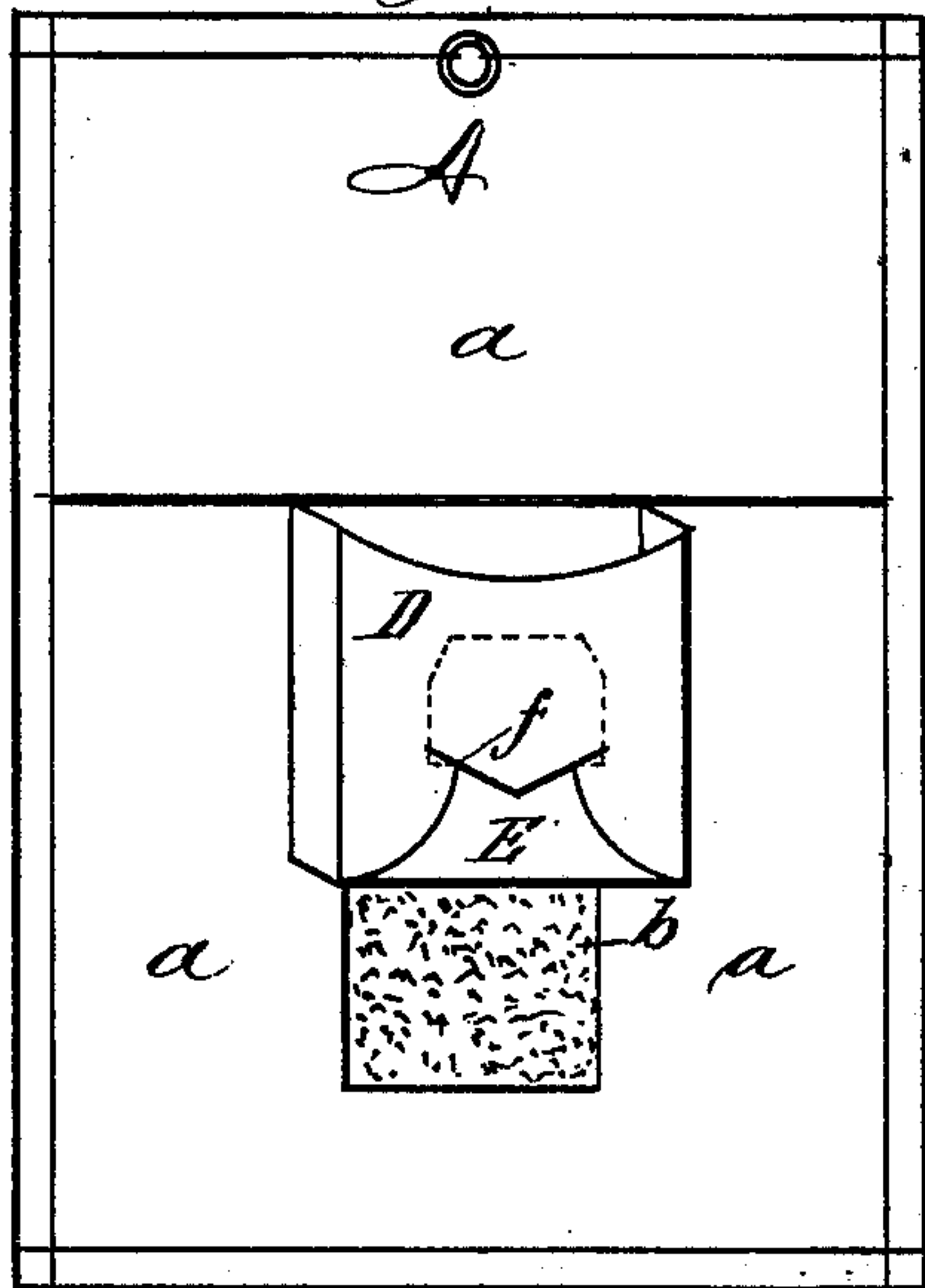


Fig 3

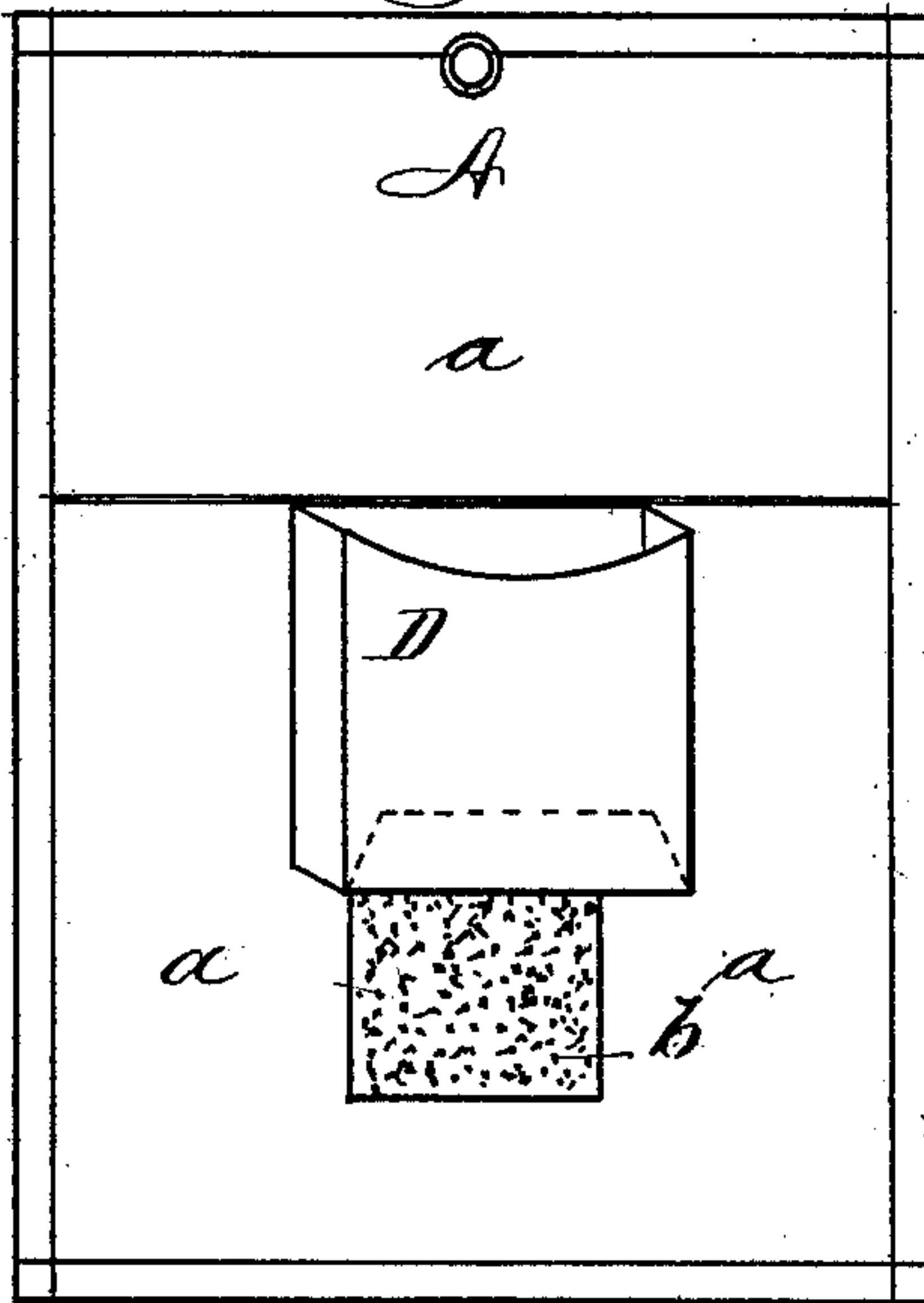


Fig 2

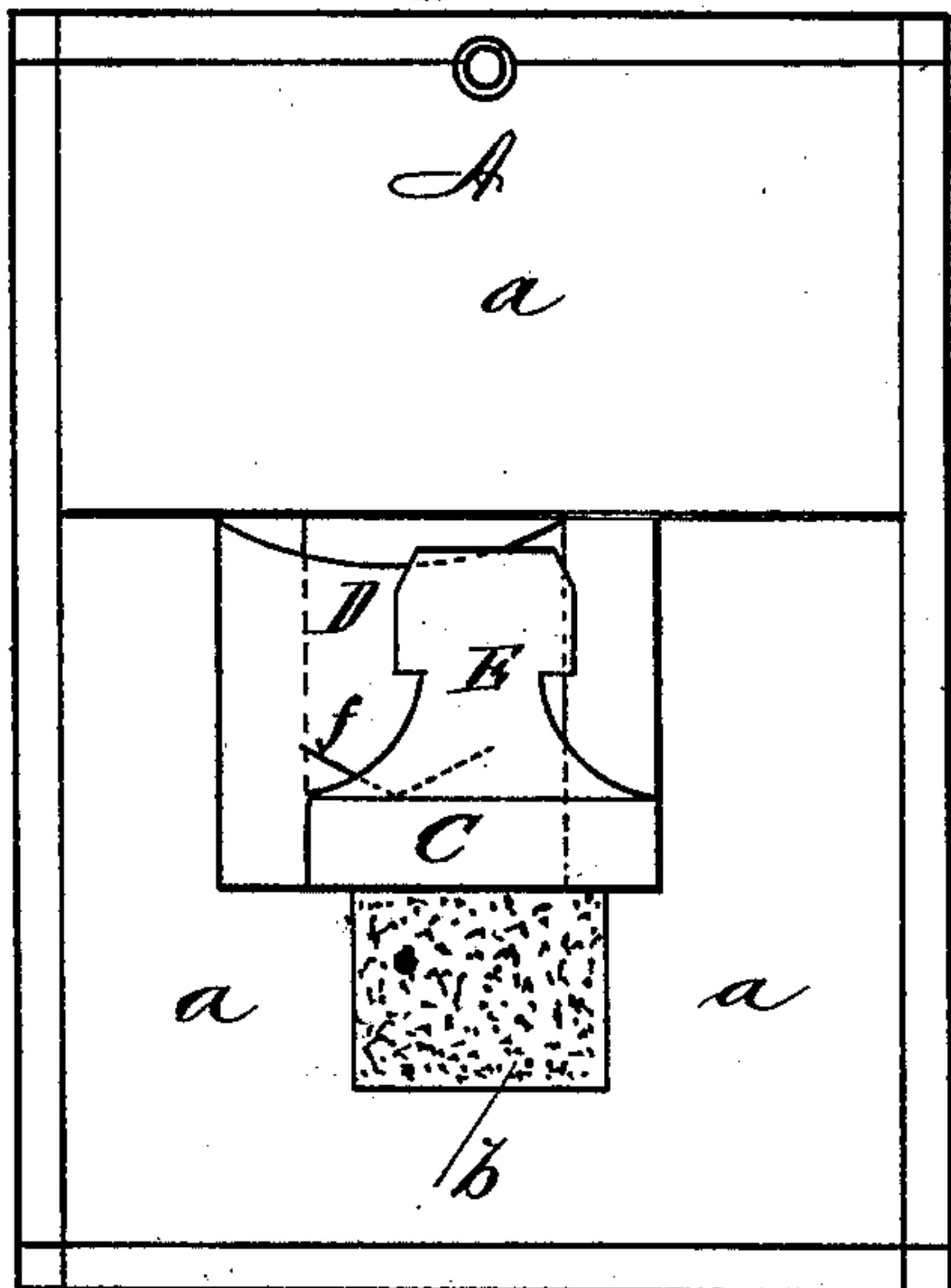
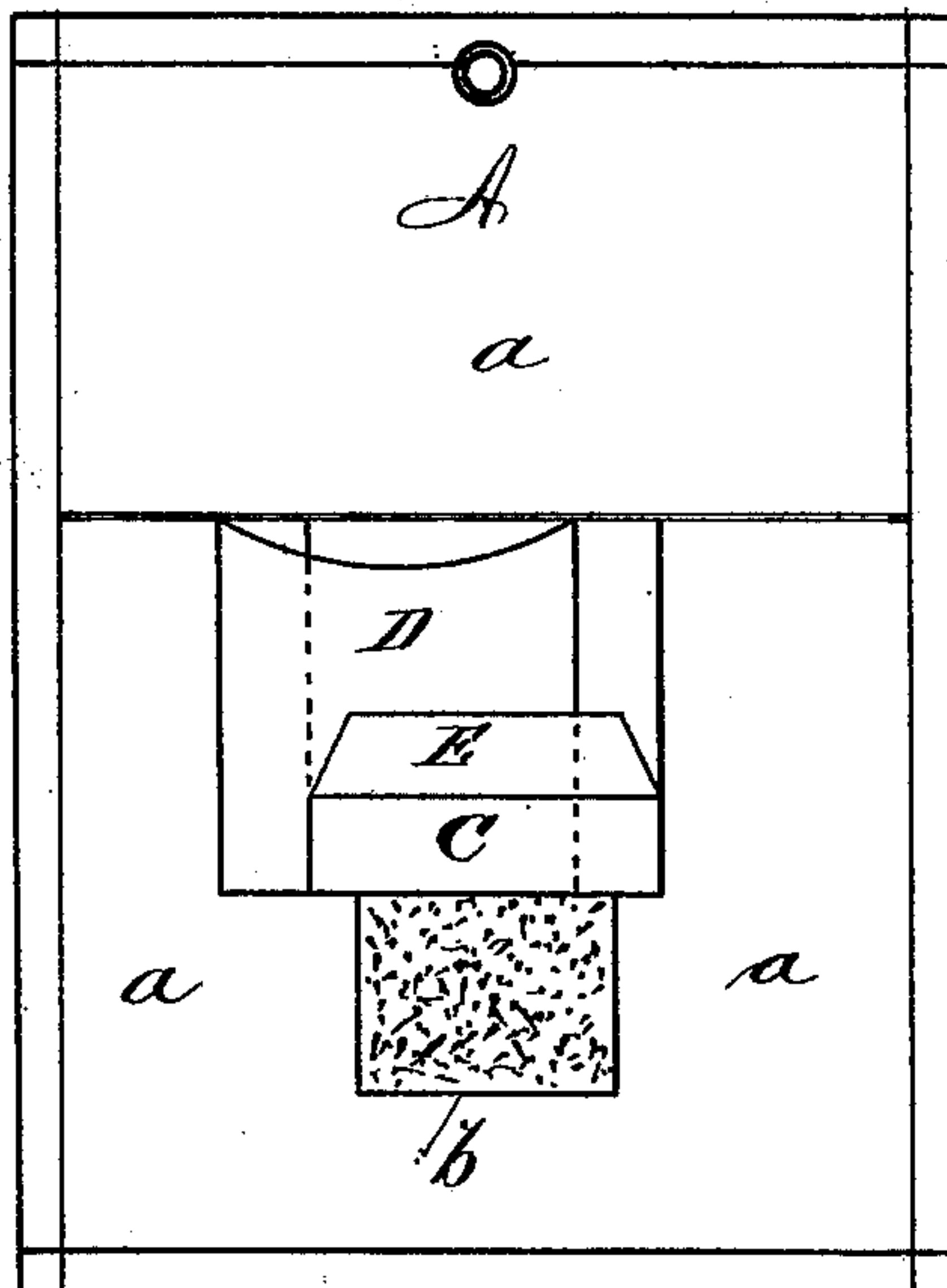


Fig 4



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## IMPROVEMENT IN ADVERTISING-CARDS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, OSSIAN J. RAMSDELL, of Springfield, county of Hampden, and State of Massachusetts, have invented new and useful Improvements in Combined Advertising-Card and Match-Box, which improvements are fully set forth in the annexed specification and in the accompanying drawing.

My invention relates to that class of advertising or calendar cards which have a match-receptacle attached to the face thereof, and arranged with spaces on the card around the match-receptacle, on which may be printed advertisements or a calendar.

Such cards, with a match-receptacle attached thereto, as have heretofore been made, have been constructed with the match-box standing out, fully formed, on the face thereof, and so made it has been found inconvenient to pack the same into sufficiently small compass for transportation; and to obviate this inconvenience I construct my improved cards with match-box thereon with what is called in the trade a "knock-down box"—that is to say, a match-box which, for purposes of close packing, can be folded flat down against the card, and when it is desired to put the card and box into use the former may be suspended and the latter be opened out in form to receive matches, and be so secured in permanent position by folding and locking or otherwise securing to it the box-bottom, which is made with a folding-up flap on its front edge.

Referring to the drawing, which consists of four figures, Figure 1 is the card and box with the box locked into open form by locking the point of the flap through a slit in the front. Fig. 2 shows the same box knocked down. Fig. 3 shows the formed box with the flap tucked under the bottom end of the box-front, and Fig. 4 shows the same knocked down.

A is the card. *a a a* are advertising-spaces thereon. *b* is a sanded spot under the box. D is the box. C is the bottom. E is the flap, and *f* is the flap-slit in the front of the box.

Like letters refer to like parts in the several figures.

In constructing my card and box, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, I cut the box-blank so as

to leave the locking-flap E on the front edge of bottom C, and the front face of its upper inlocking end may be gummed or not. I then cement the back of the box to the face of card A. In this position the box may be folded flat against the card, as shown in Fig. 2.

To set up the box, the front and sides of the latter are lifted up from the card, and flap E is inserted through slit *f*. This keeps the box firmly in shape and locks up the bottom permanently.

When it is preferred to gum the upper portion of said flap, said gummed part is moistened before being inserted through slit *f*, and subsequently caused thereby to adhere closely to the inner surface of the front of the box. If the end of said flap E be not gummed, it retains its place quite firmly when slipped through slit *f*; but I prefer to gum it.

Figs. 3 and 4 show a slightly different form of flap from those shown in Figs. 1 and 2. In these figures the flap E consists of an extended front edge of the bottom, made to turn up inside of the bottom end of the box-front, and the portion of said flap which lies against said front when so turned up inside of it is gummed, and when the front and sides of this box are lifted up into open form, as in Fig. 3, the said gummed portion of the flap is moistened and made to adhere to the inner side of the front when inserted under it. Thus this box is retained in open position on the card, substantially like the box shown in Fig. 2.

I secure on card A, under the box, a piece of sand-paper, *b*, or other frictional material, against which to ignite matches.

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

As a new article of manufacture, an advertising-card and match-box consisting of the knock-down box D, with its bottom C, having upon its front edge the gummed or locking flap E, secured to the face of the advertising-card A, substantially as shown and described.

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