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Mail Package.

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Fig. 1.

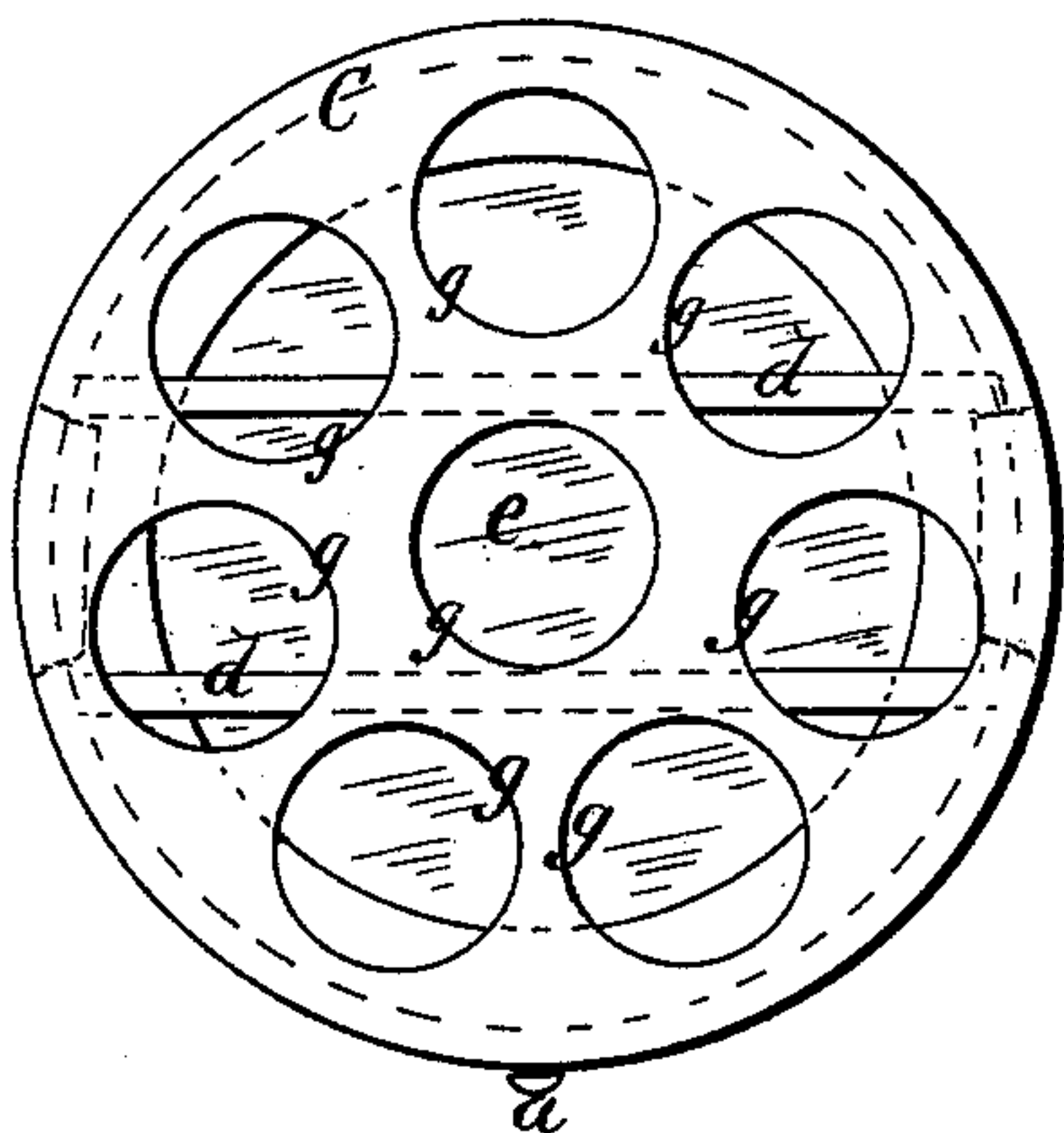


Fig. 2.

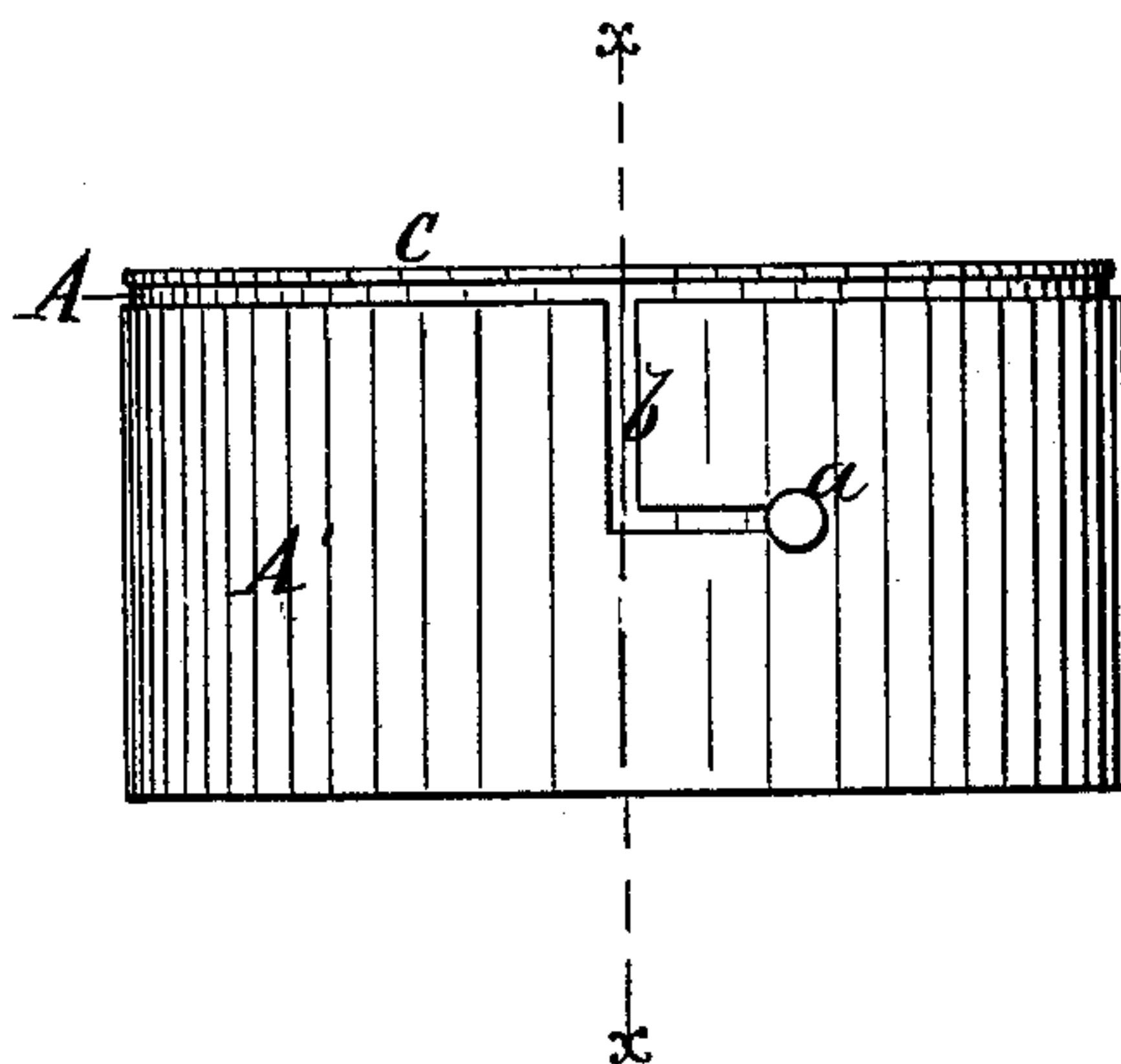
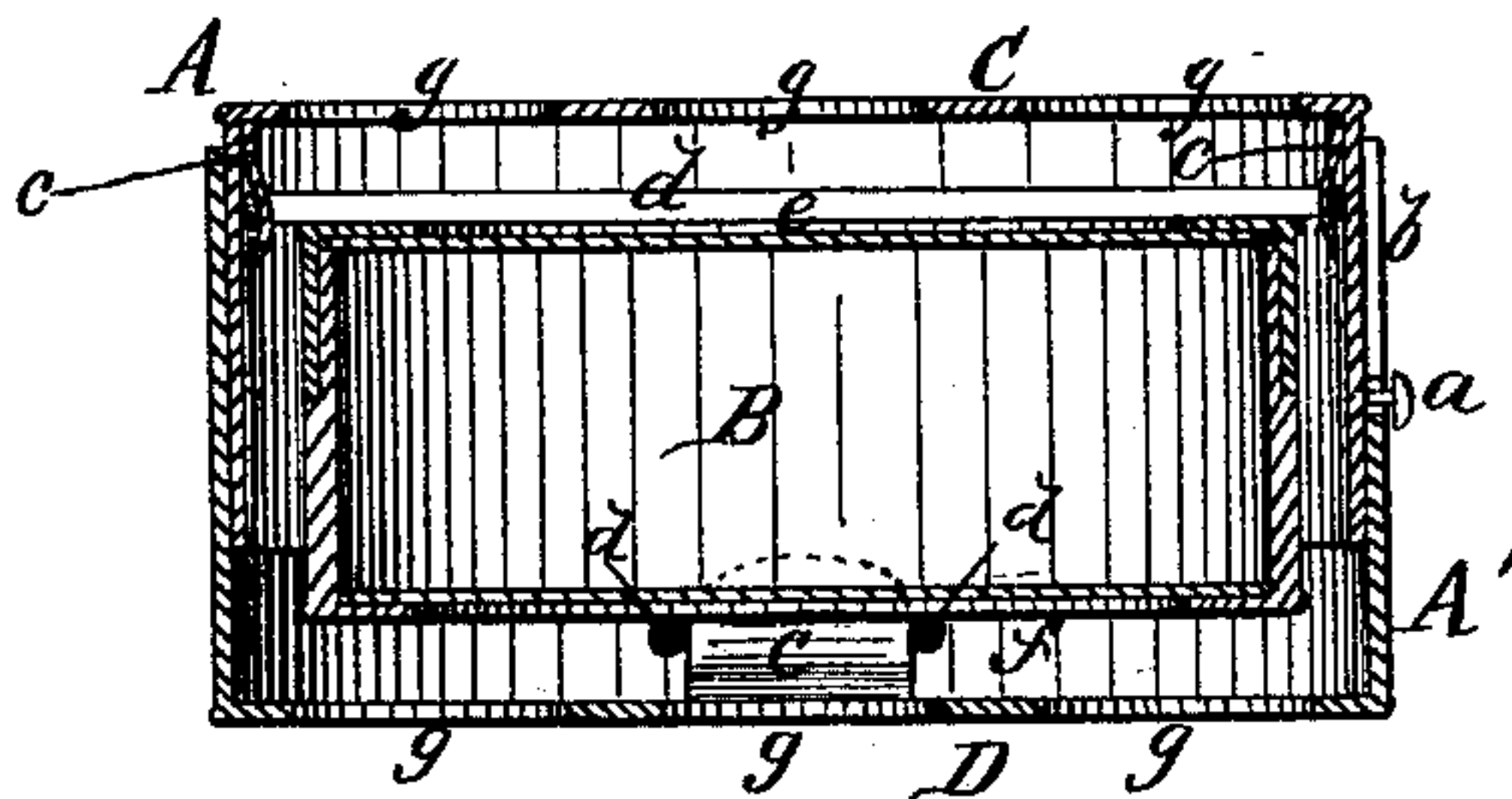


Fig. 3.



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IMPROVEMENT IN MAIL-PACKAGES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE BASSETT, of Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a new and Improved Mail-Package, of which the following is a specification.

The object of this invention is to enable the article inclosed in the package to be easily inspected, and to prevent it from being injured in transportation.

It consists of an outer metal case made in two parts, each having a perforated head and inside rubber springs, on which the transparent box containing the samples or other articles is held; so as to be free from the jarring and pressure to which the package is subjected.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a view of one end of the package. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the same, and Fig. 3 is a transverse section of the package on line *x x*, Fig. 2.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

Referring to the drawings, the outer metal case is composed of two parts, *A A'*, the former slipping in the latter, as shown. In the outside of the upper part is fixed a pin, *a*, and in the side of the lower part is a right-angular slot, *b*, one end opening out through the upper edge of the side. When closing the package the pin is slipped down the open slot, and when at the bottom is turned so as to enter the right-angular extension, whereby the two parts are securely held together.

Inside of the parts *A A'*, near the head, hooks *c c* are attached to the sides opposite each other, and over these is stretched in each a rubber band, *d*, so placed in their respective parts of the package that when it is put together the bands will be at or near right angles to each other, as shown in Fig. 3.

The inside box *B*, in which the sample or

other article is placed, has its top *e* and bottom *f* formed of glass, mica, or other suitable material, so that its contents can be inspected without opening it.

The box may be divided into a number of compartments for the purpose of carrying several different articles.

The top *C* and bottom *D* of the metal case are provided with numerous holes, *g*, for looking through to inspect the contents of the box *B*. The box *B* is set in the metal case on the rubber band *d*, and when the two parts are put together the box is supported on both sides by these bands, which serve as spring-cushions that prevent the jars and pressure given to the metal case from being communicated to the inside box. The package thus formed is thoroughly safe and well protected against injury to or loss of contents, and at the same time it offers every facility for the complete inspection of its contents by the post-office officials.

The package may be made of any desired shape.

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

1. As an improvement in mail-packages, the outside metal case composed of two parts, *A A'*, held together by the pin *a*, engaging the slot *b*, and provided with perforations *g* in their heads, hooks *c c*, and rubber springs *d d*, in combination with the inside or sample box *B* or other article, substantially as described.

2. In combination with the metal case having the top and bottom provided with holes *g*, the hooks *c c*, and spring-bands *d d*, the inside box *B*, provided with transparent top *e* and bottom *f*, substantially as described.

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