

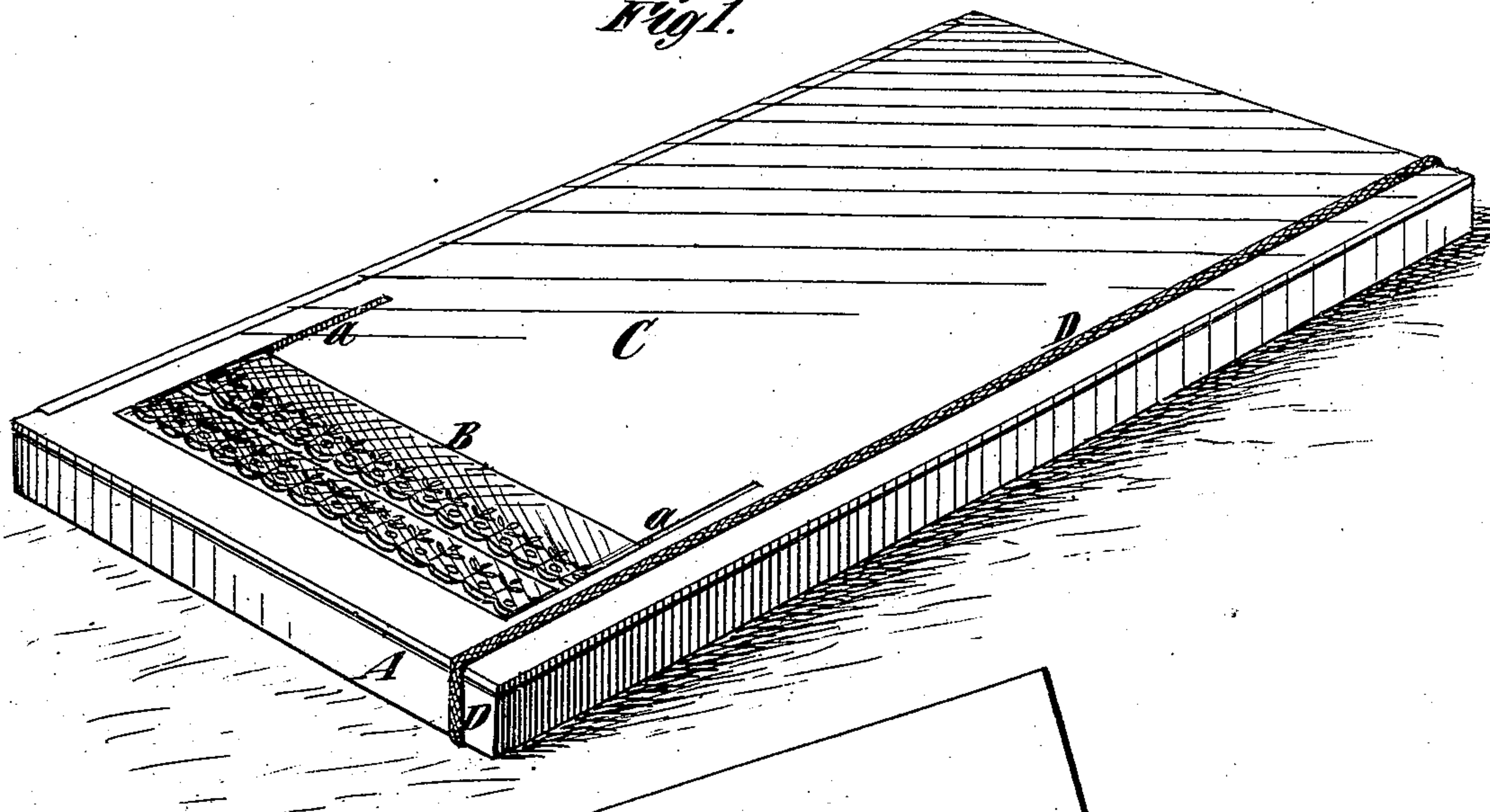
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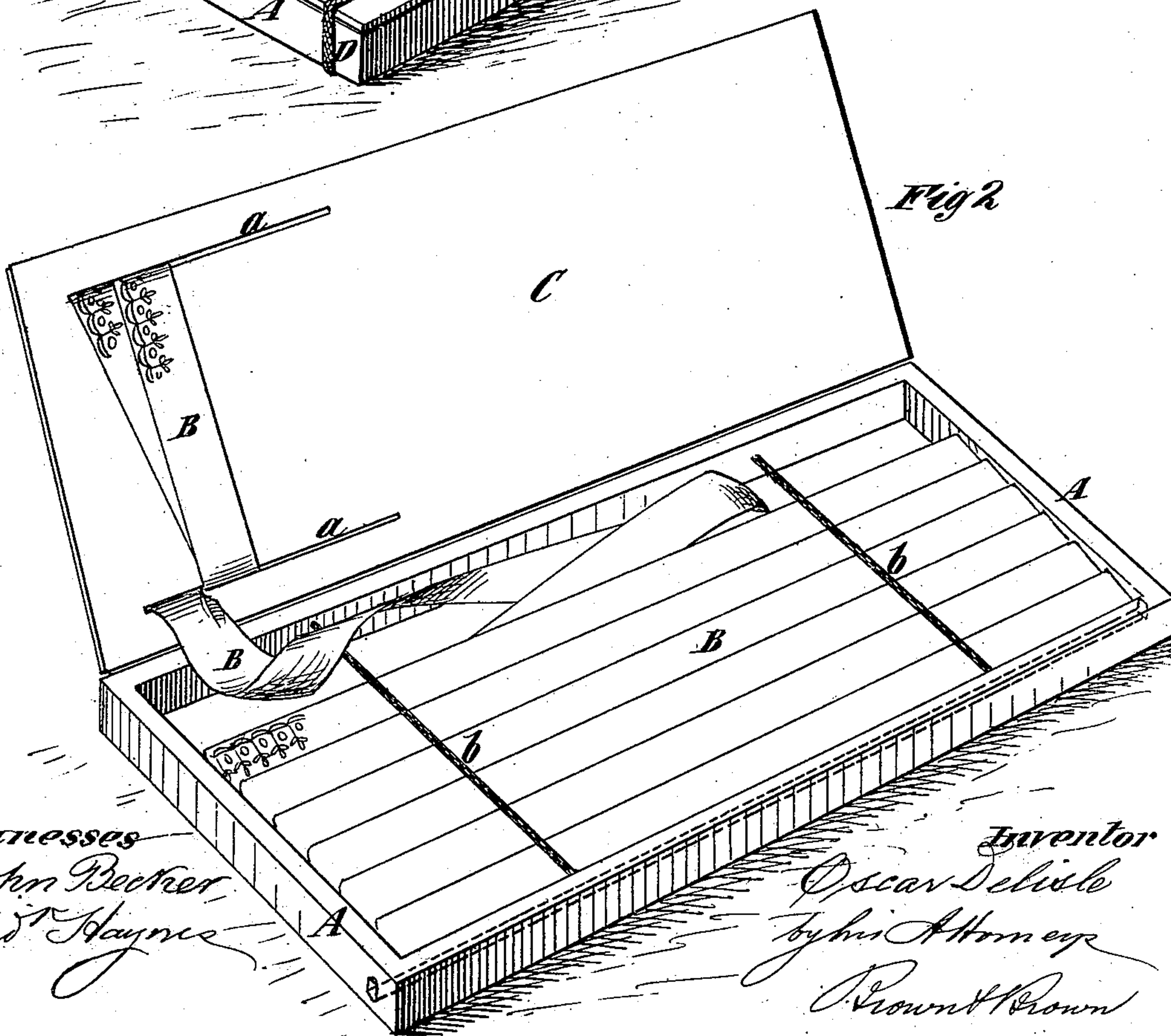
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*Fig 1.*



*Fig 2.*



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## SHOW-BOX.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, OSCAR DELISLE, of Hoboken, in the county of Hudson and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Boxes or Cases for Holding Embroideries and other Goods, of which the following is a specification.

My invention consists in a box or case for holding embroideries, laces, or similar goods in continuous lengths, and having a hinged cover or front, in which are slots extending parallel with the hinged side, through which the embroidery or other goods may be passed and extend outside the box at a right angle to the direction in which the length of the goods is arranged within the box, so as to display the goods in an attractive manner and to allow the top cover or front to be conveniently opened and closed.

As the slots are near one end of the cover a number of boxes piled one above another may be so arranged as to leave exposed those parts of each top cover or front through which the goods are presented to view on the exterior. Cords extending across the box or case under the cover, and having their ends secured in opposite sides of the box or case, may be used for confining the goods in the box or case.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a perspective view of a box or case embodying my invention; and Fig. 2 represents a perspective view thereof, the cover being raised.

Similar letters of reference designate corresponding parts in both figures.

A designates the box or case, in which a continuous strip or strips, B, of embroidery are to be placed in folds or layers extending from end to end of the box.

C designates the top cover of the box or case, which is hinged thereto along one of its side edges.

The free edge of the cover is here represented as secured in a closed position by the elastic cord or band D, secured at each end to the box or case and adapted to be brought over the free edge of the cover, as shown clearly in Fig. 1.

In the cover C, at one end thereof, are slots *a*, which extend parallel with the opposite edges of the box for a small portion of its length and which are parallel with the hinged side of the said cover.

The strip of embroidery or other goods is passed one or more times through the slots *a* at right angles to the folds of the strip within the box or case, as clearly illustrated in Fig. 1, and the portion displayed outside the box or case affords opportunity for examining the quality and pattern of the goods without opening the box or case.

As the slots *a* only extend through a small portion of the length of the cover, a number of the boxes or cases, when piled one on top of another, may be arranged so as to leave one end of the upper surface of the cover exposed sufficiently to show the goods.

Within the box or case under the cover are two or more cords or bands, *b*, preferably of elastic material, which extend transversely across the box or case at right angles to the strip of embroidery or other goods and which serve to retain the goods in the box in a flat state. These bands or cords, and also the band or cord D, might be dispensed with and the cover C held closed by other means. As the slots through which the goods pass are in the front of the box, it is not necessary to turn the box to examine the goods, as would be the case were they displayed on the side opposite to the hinged cover.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The combination, with a box or case for holding continuous strips of embroidery or other goods, of a hinged top cover provided with slots extending parallel to the hinged side thereof, through which the embroidery or other goods may be passed and kept extended outside the box at a right angle to the goods contained therein, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

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