

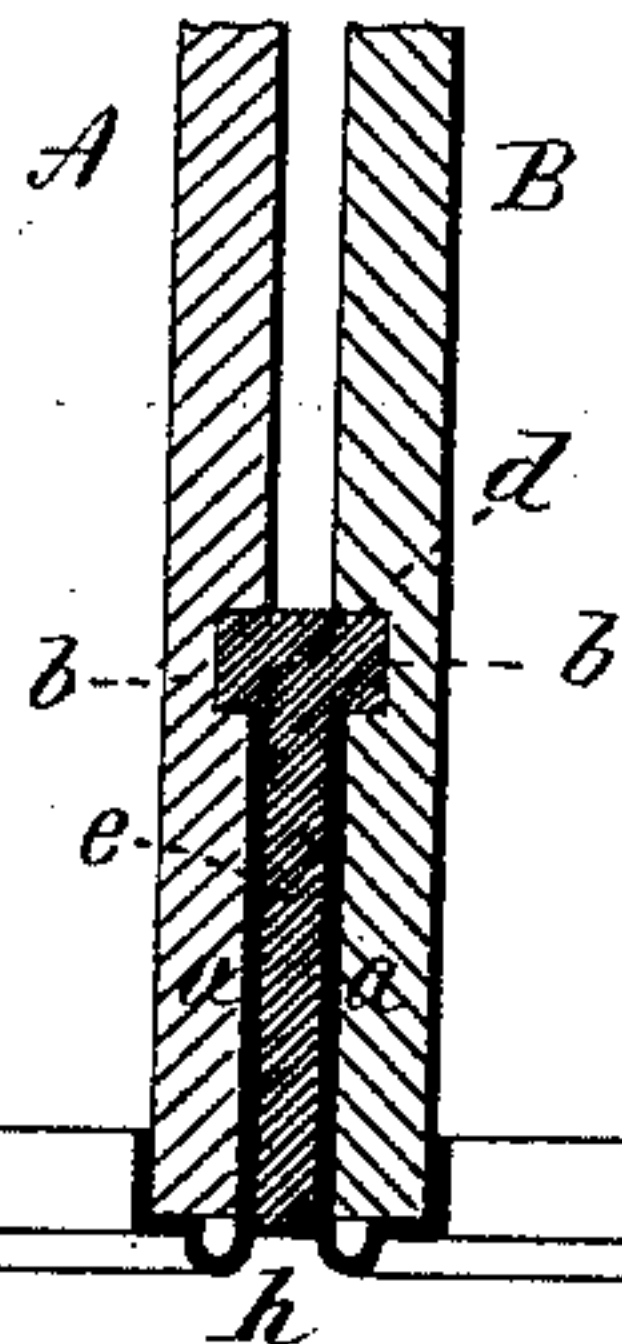
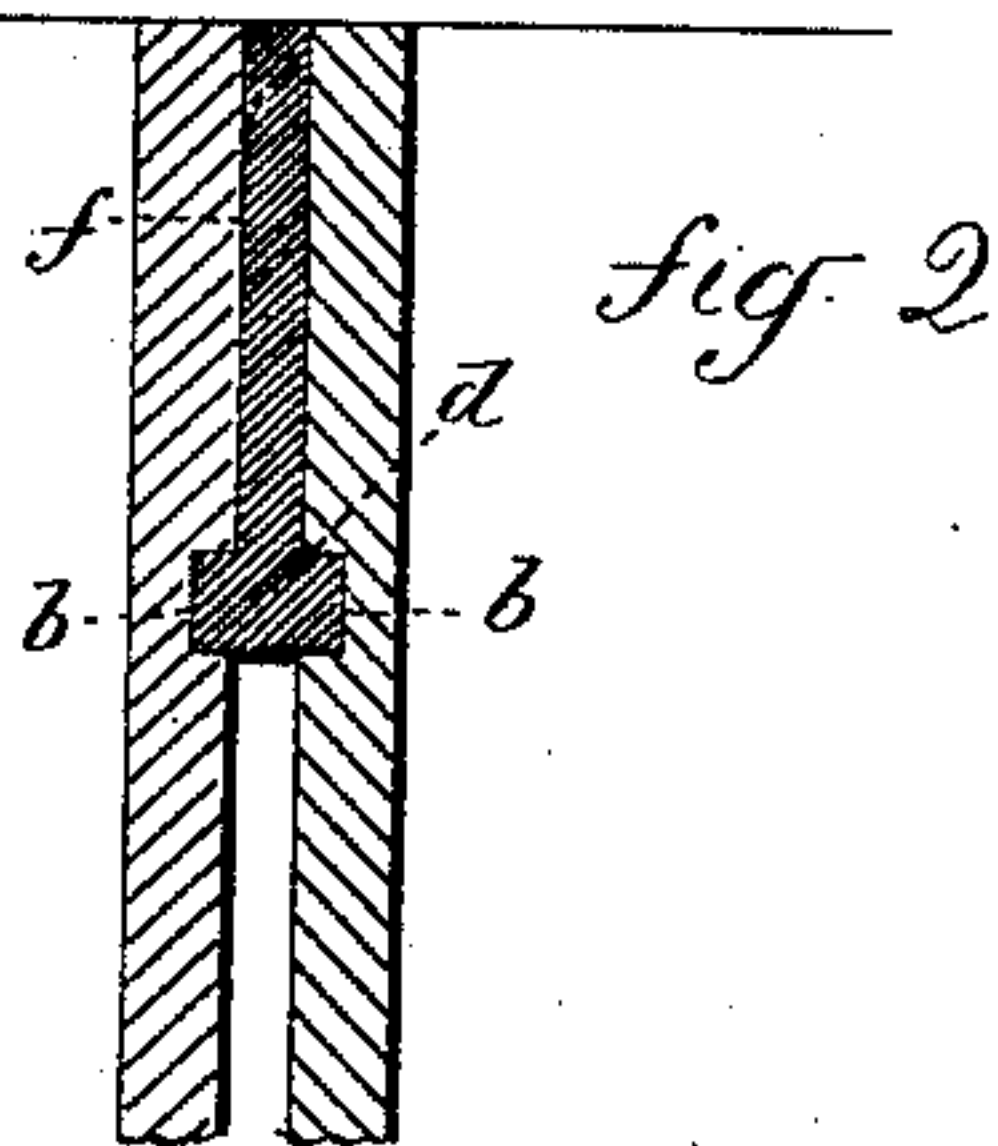
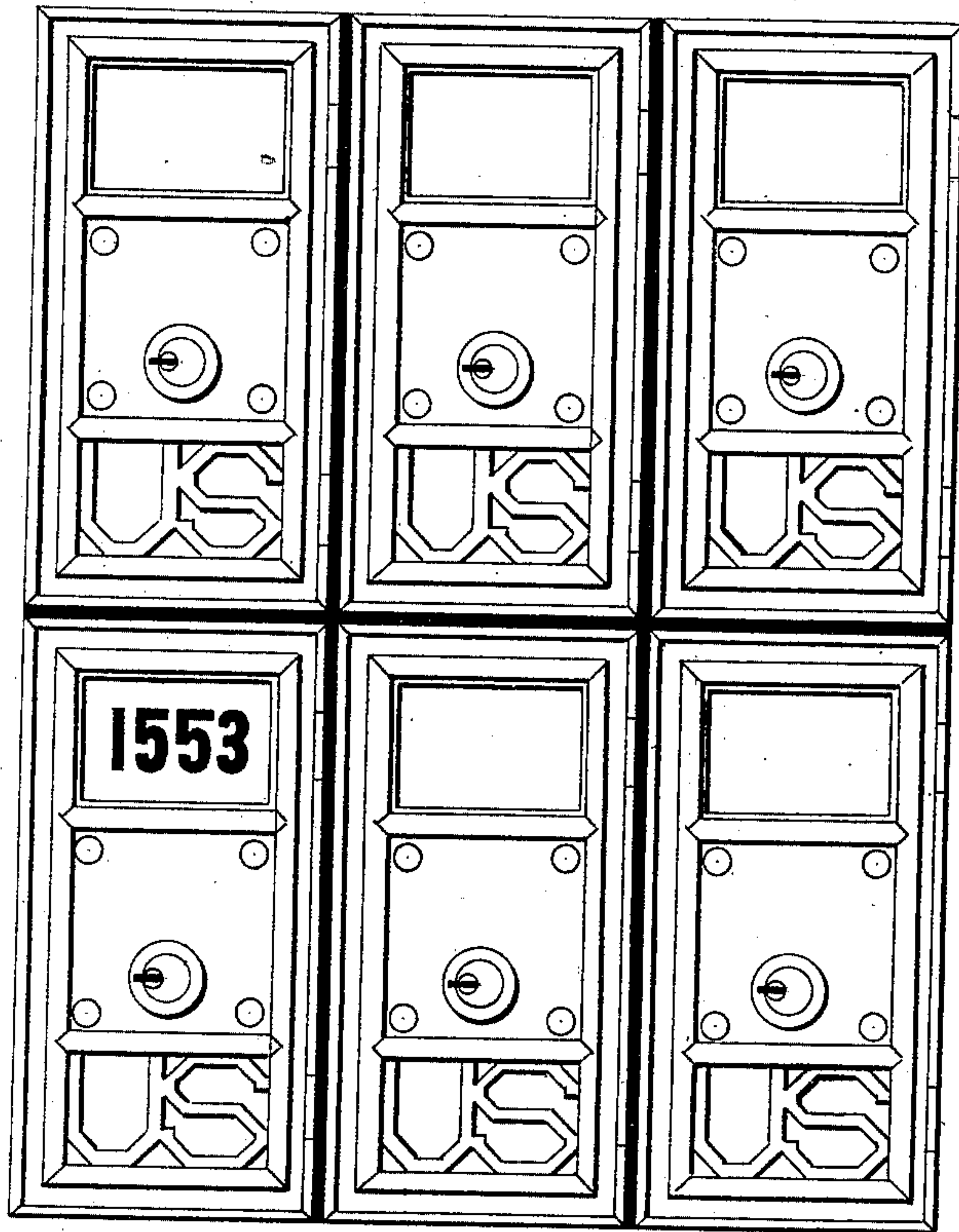
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## POST-OFFICE BOX.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WALLACE H. CAMP, of Waterbury, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented a new  
5 Improvement in Post-Office Boxes; and I do hereby declare the following, when taken in connection with the accompanying drawings and the letters of reference marked thereon, to be a full, clear, and exact description of the  
10 same, and which said drawings constitute part of this specification, and represent, in—

Figure 1, a front view; Fig. 2, a transverse section between two boxes.

This invention relates to an improvement in  
15 the post-office box for which Letters Patent were granted to R. H. Camp and myself September 4, 1877, No. 194,890. In that patent the metal frame of each independent box comes in close contact with the frame of adjacent  
20 boxes.

It is found very difficult to so construct the boxes that there shall be a close fit between the frame of one box and the frame of adjacent boxes, as many times a joint is left, which  
25 detracts materially from the appearance of the front.

The object of this invention is to overcome this difficulty; and it consists in the construction, as hereinafter described, and particularly  
30 recited in the claims.

A represents the side or wall of one box, and B the side of the adjacent box. *a* is the metal frame, which covers the outer edge of the box. Adjacent boxes are secured together  
35 by forming corresponding grooves *b* in each box and introducing a tongue therein. In our previous patent this tongue was in thickness only equal to the combined grooves.

In the present invention I make the tongue *d* a little thicker than the depth of the two  
40 grooves and extend one toward the front, as at *e*, the other toward the rear, as at *f*, and so as to form a partition, as it were, between adjacent boxes and show at the front and rear. By making the one at the front so as not to extend flush with the frames a space, *h*, appears between the two frames, as seen in Fig. 2, and the edges of the frames, rounded in shape of a bead, give to the front a neat and finished appearance, and hide to a great extent  
50 the heretofore open joint between boxes. This tongue *d e* is made of wood or other non-metallic material which will present a strong contrast with the metal, and the part *e* is preferably made in the same piece with the tongue  
55 *d*; but they may be made separate, the object being to show a strip between adjacent boxes.

I claim—

1. The herein-described improvement in independent post-office boxes, each provided  
60 with a metal frame at its front end, consisting in a tongue, *e*, between the metal frames of adjacent boxes, substantially as described.

2. In independent post-office boxes, the corresponding grooves *b* in adjacent boxes, combined with the T-shaped tongue *d e*, serving  
65 to secure the boxes in position and form a partition between the metal frames of adjacent boxes, substantially as described.

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