

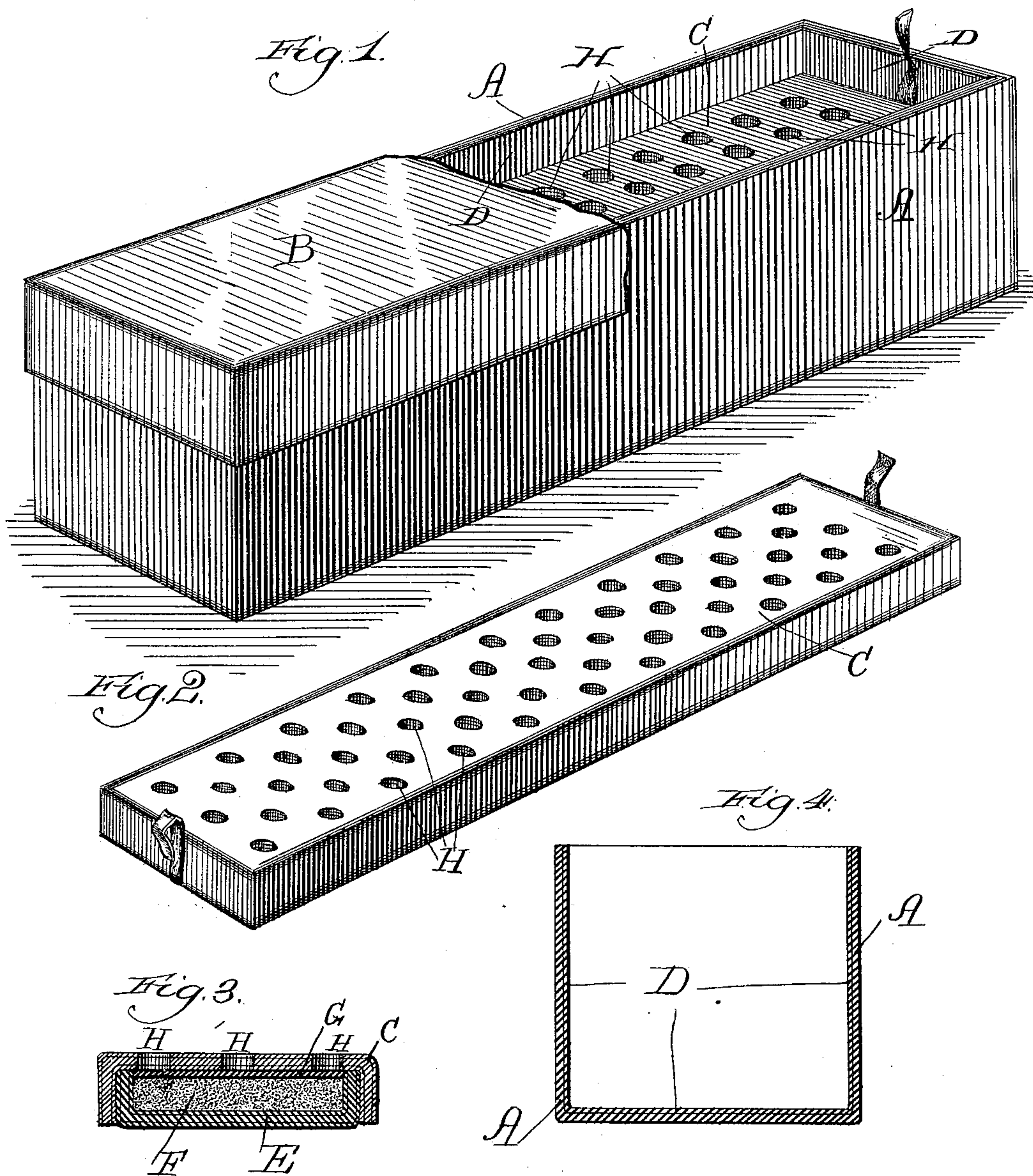
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## MERCHANDISE-RECEPTACLE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, LEWIS WHITEHEAD, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a certain new and useful Merchandise-Receptacle; and I hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same.

My invention relates to an improvement in stock-boxes used for the protection of kid-gloves and other goods liable to damage by spots or discolorations from the effect of dampness and mildew, or by rust or corrosion, in the case of fine steel or other metallic surfaces from the same causes, to the great impairment of the value of such goods.

It is my object to provide a receptacle for goods of the foregoing descriptions, the construction of which shall prevent access to its contents of atmospheric moisture; and to this end my invention consists in a receptacle having an interior lining composed of a moisture-absorbing substance and a tray composed of and containing a moisture-absorbing substance.

My invention also consists in certain details of construction and combinations of parts, all as hereinafter more fully set forth.

Referring to the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved device, having a portion of the outside cover broken away to display interior details; Fig. 2, a similar view of the tray; Fig. 3, a transverse sectional view of the tray; and Fig. 4, a transverse sectional view of the receptacle having the tray and cover removed.

A is a stock-box, in the form commonly used to contain kid-gloves, a glove-box being the article selected with which to illustrate my invention, and it is therefore preferably constructed of pasteboard in the form shown, and provided with the usual cover, B. The interior of the box A is lined at its ends and sides and on the bottom with a moisture-absorbing substance, preferably absorption-paper D, and of the kind known to the trade as "English cloth-blotting paper."

E is a tray comprising a shallow receptacle formed of a moisture-absorbing substance, preferably absorption-paper of the kind mentioned, as composing the lining of the receptacle filled with a moisture-absorbing substance, F, preferably lime, as shown, and is provided with a permanent covering of a material of loose texture—such as cloth G—the

purpose of which is to retain the lime in the receptacle, and to permit access to the lime of atmosphere that shall come into contact with the tray, whereby any moisture the atmosphere may contain will be absorbed by the lime, and be thus prevented from coming into contact with the contents of the receptacle, whereby the injurious effects hereinbefore stated are avoided.

The tray E is provided with a permanent perforated cover, C, composed of a moisture-absorbing substance, preferably absorption-paper, the openings H in which serve the purpose of affording communication between the atmosphere and the contents of the tray.

The manner of utilizing my improved device is as follows: The goods—such as kid-gloves—are placed within the receptacle A, and covered by inserting the tray E, when the box-cover B, of ordinary construction, is adjusted upon the receptacle. When thus protected, it will readily be seen that whatever moisture may gain access to the interior of the receptacle must be absorbed by the lining D, cover C, and lime F.

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

1. A merchandise-receptacle having a lining composed of a moisture-absorbing substance, in combination with a tray composed of a moisture-absorbing substance and containing a moisture-absorbing substance, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

2. A merchandise-receptacle having a lining composed of a moisture-absorbing substance, in combination with a tray, E, containing a moisture-absorbing substance, F, a covering, G, of a material of loose texture upon the tray, and a perforated cover, C, the whole being constructed and arranged to operate substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

3. A merchandise-receptacle, A, having a lining, D, of absorption-paper, in combination with a tray, E, formed of absorption-paper and containing lime F, a cloth-cover, G, for the tray, and a perforated cover, C, upon the tray, the whole being constructed and arranged to operate substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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