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COMBINED DRAWER AND SHIPPING BOX.

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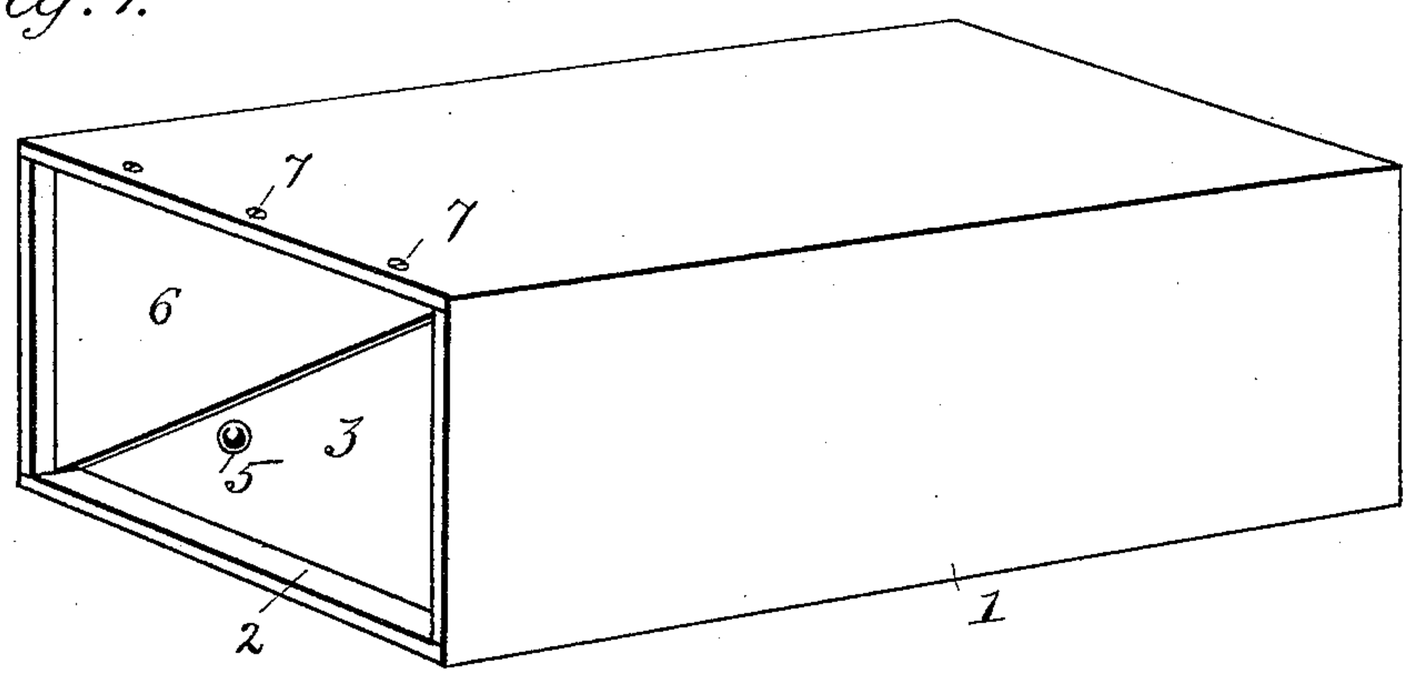
Fig. 1.



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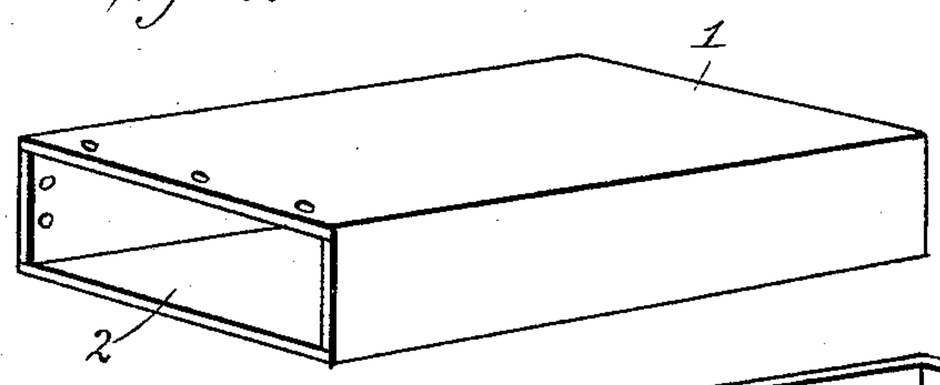

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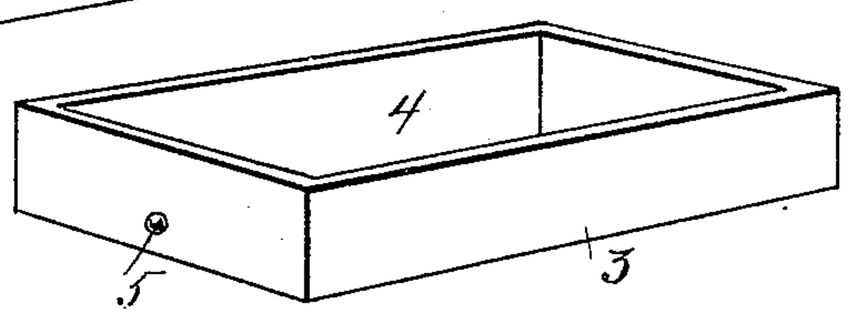

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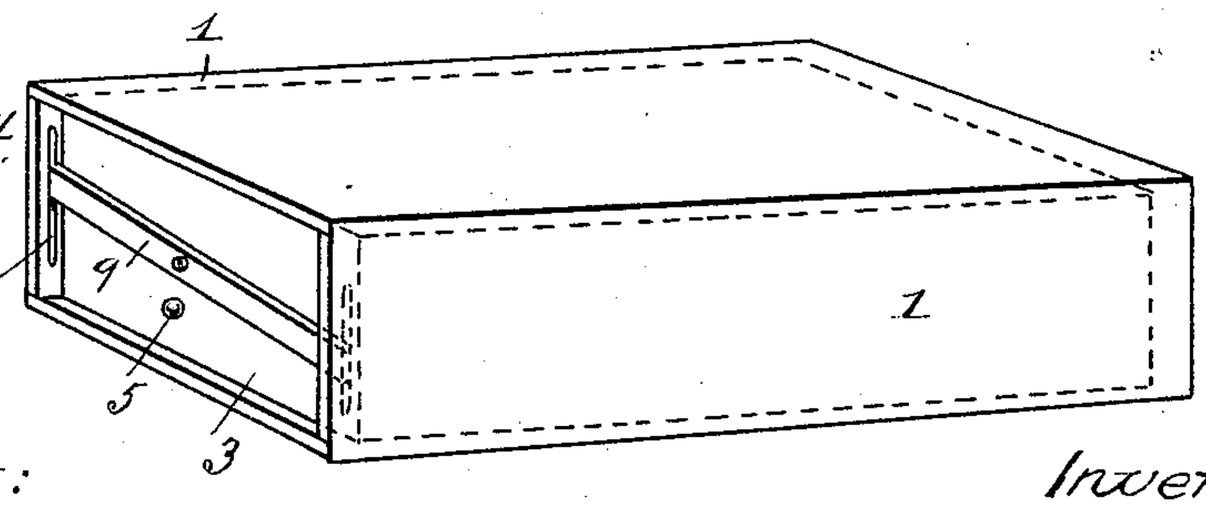

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN G. WALSH, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York city, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented a certain new and useful Combined Drawer and Shipping-Box; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates, as hereinafter set forth, to a combined drawer and shipping-box by the use of which commodities can be shipped and transported from place to place and stored with perfect safety and, after such use for transportation, be used as a sliding drawer and case therefor.

In the drawings, Figure 1 represents a perspective view, partly broken away, of the complete device as adapted for transporting commodities, this view showing the preferred means whereby the inner member, or sliding drawer is retained in position and held from movement during transportation. Fig. 2 represents a perspective view of the outer shell or case. Fig. 3 represents a perspective view of the inner commodity-receiving slide or drawer. Fig. 4 represents a perspective view of a modified form of shipping-box and drawer combined.

The design of my improvement is to produce an article by means of which commodities of various kinds may be readily and safely stored and transported from place to place, in the mails or otherwise without loss of the contents and whereby, also, said article after such use in transportation, may be used as an incased drawer by storekeepers and others.

1 represents the outer shell or case which may be of either square or elongated form as preferred and formed of any desired material. It has open ends, 2, as shown to admit of the sliding therethrough of the slide or drawer, 3, which is of corresponding shape to the shape of the shell 1 and has an open top, 4, and at one or each end, as may be preferred, has attached thereto or formed therewith any suitable known form of pull, 5, as, for instance a knob or a ring. This slide or drawer, 3, is about one inch less in length than the length of the shell or case, 1, so that when inserted within said shell or case a space of about half-an-inch remains between each end of the drawer or slide and the respective ends of the shell or case. The object of this dissimilarity in length is to provide for the reception of devices for securely retaining the slide or drawer, 3, within the shell or case, 1, when used as a shipping box for transportation. While, by this construction, any known means may be used for holding said drawer within the shell without the protrusion beyond the ends of the shell of such fastening, as, for instance, nails passed through those portions of the sides of the shell beyond the ends of the drawer, I prefer to insert in each end of the shell a strip or block of wood or other suitable material either of triangular shape, 6, as shown, or of rectangular form as preferred and pass screws, nails, or similar devices, 7, through the sides and top and bottom, or either of them, of the shell, 1, into engagement with the strips or blocks, 6, which, resting against the respective ends of the drawer or slide, 3, and being by said retaining devices secured to the shell, securely hold said drawer from sliding or oscillatory movement.

Another mode of securing the drawer or slide within its shell or case is shown in Fig. 4. This consists in forming grooves or recesses, 8, in the side walls of the shell and in providing the ends of the drawer or slide, 3, with turn-buttons, 9, which on being turned outwardly into engagement with said grooves or recesses, 8, will lock the drawer or slide within the shell. It will be observed that the fastening device in each form is contained within and does not protrude beyond the ends of the shell.

The device as above described is adapted for shipping and transporting commodities. By removing the fastening devices it is adapted to be placed on shelves or in other situations and used by a storekeeper or others as a drawer, the shell, 1, serving as a protector for the contents of the drawer and also serving as a guide for said drawer as it slides back and forth.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

1. A combined drawer and shipping-box,

consisting of an inner open-topped slide or drawer, an outer shell having open, unguarded, ends and extending at each end horizontally beyond the ends of the inner slide or drawer, and removable securing devices engaged with the horizontal end extensions of said shell and with the respective ends of the slide, substantially as for the purpose set forth.

2. A combined drawer and shipping-box, consisting of an inner open-topped slide or drawer, a shell of greater length than and extending at each end beyond the ends of the inner drawer, the respective ends of said shell being unclosed, and a fastening removably contained within the space at each end of said shell and adapted to connect the ends of said drawer and the respective walls of the extended portions of the ends of the shell, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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