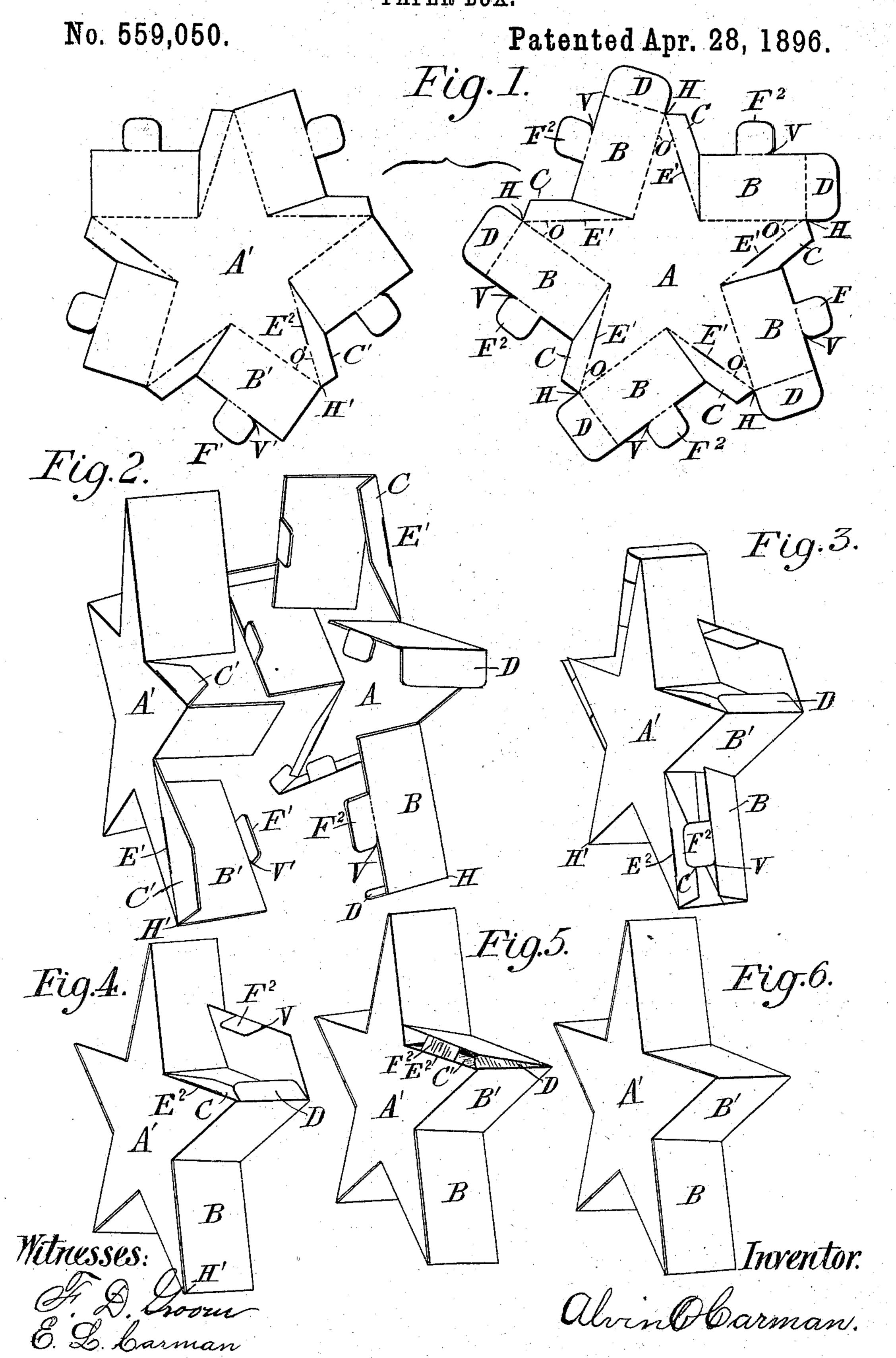
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALVIN O. CARMAN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Maple Rapids, in the county of Clinton and State 5 of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Paper Boxes; 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 ro which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to the construction of cheap and unique paper boxes adapted to contain confectioneries and is applicable to

other articles.

To the above purposes my invention consists in two five-pointed star-shaped blanks with flaps, lapels, and tuck-clasps and corresponding perforated slots adapted to receive and fasten the said tuck-clasps in their 20 folded relations.

My invention also consists in certain peculiar and novel features of construction and arrangement, as hereinafter described and claimed.

In order that my invention may be fully understood, I will proceed to describe it with reference to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a plan of the material in the 30 sheet before it is folded. Fig. 2 is a vertical view of the same, showing the material folded. Fig. 3 shows the folded sheets in their relative positions partly joined together. Fig. 4 is a perspective view with one of the sections 35 open. Fig. 5 is the same nearly closed. Fig. 6 is a perspective view of the star box closed.

In the said drawings, A A' designate the face of the star-shaped blank, and B B' the flaps that constitute the edges of the star box, 40 while C C' are the under flaps that make a brace which stiffens one side of the points of the star-shaped blank A A', besides being

adapted as a fastener.

F' F2 represent the tuck-clasps that are 45 adapted to engage with the slots E' E2, situated in the folds of flaps C C', while the hooks V V' at the side and base of tuck-clasps F' F2 are adapted to interlock with the outer end of the slots E' E2, fastening each section se-50 curely.

D is the lapel that folds back from the flap B', forming a lining at each star-point.

In the foregoing cuts it will be seen that this star box is composed of two star-shaped blanks of suitable material, formed and de- 55 signed as follows: In an ordinary five-pointed star H H' are the points of said star, while O O' form the marginal lines, Fig. 1. Lying parallel with one side of each star-point is a rectangular flap BB', the length of which ex- 60 tends from the point H H' to the base of the next triangular star-point, leaving an oblong angular flap C C' lying parallel with the side of the star-point opposite to that of the rectangular flaps B B', and with the flaps B B' 65 folded at right angles with the plane of starpoint, and the said tuck-clasps F' F2 folded at right angles with the plane of the flap  $\mathbb{B} B'$ ; also the flap CC', folded at right angles with the plane of star-point, and lapels D extend- 70 ing from the outer end of the rectangular flaps B B', folded to the desired angle in conjunction with the star-points.

By inverting the face sides of the two starshaped blanks A A', permitting their extend-75 ing flaps to lap by each other in pairs, and by inserting the tuck-clasps F' F<sup>2</sup> into the corresponding slots E' E<sup>2</sup> and in finding their normal positions, the notches V V' will hook into the outer corners of slots E' E2, making 80 a complete starbox, that will keep its position

without the use of cohesives.

It can be seen that slight changes can be made in the form of the parts of this device without a departure from the spirit or exceed-85 ing the scope of my invention. Hence I do not wish to restrict myself to the exact forms herein shown; but,

Having fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters 90

Patent, is—

1. In a paper box the combination of two star-shaped blanks with a rectangular flap attached to one side of each point of starshaped blanks, an oblong angular flap at- 95 tached to the other side of the point of said star-shaped blanks, to form the sectional sides of the star box and means for interlocking the two said blanks, substantially as described and shown.

2. A star box consisting of two star-shaped blanks, with rectangular and oblong angular flaps, with lapels D attached to the outer end of the rectangular flaps of one of the star-

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shaped blanks, substantially as described in combination with tuck-clasps F' F<sup>2</sup>, provided with a catch-hook at the sides, adapted to engage with and interlock in the slots E' E<sup>2</sup>, substantially for the purpose specified.

3. In a star-folding paper box, the combination, of two star-shaped blanks, provided with rectangular flaps, oblong angular flaps with slots, tuck-clasps with interlocking hooks to engage with said slots and a lapel for each

point of said star box, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony whereof I have signed this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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