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Fig. 1.

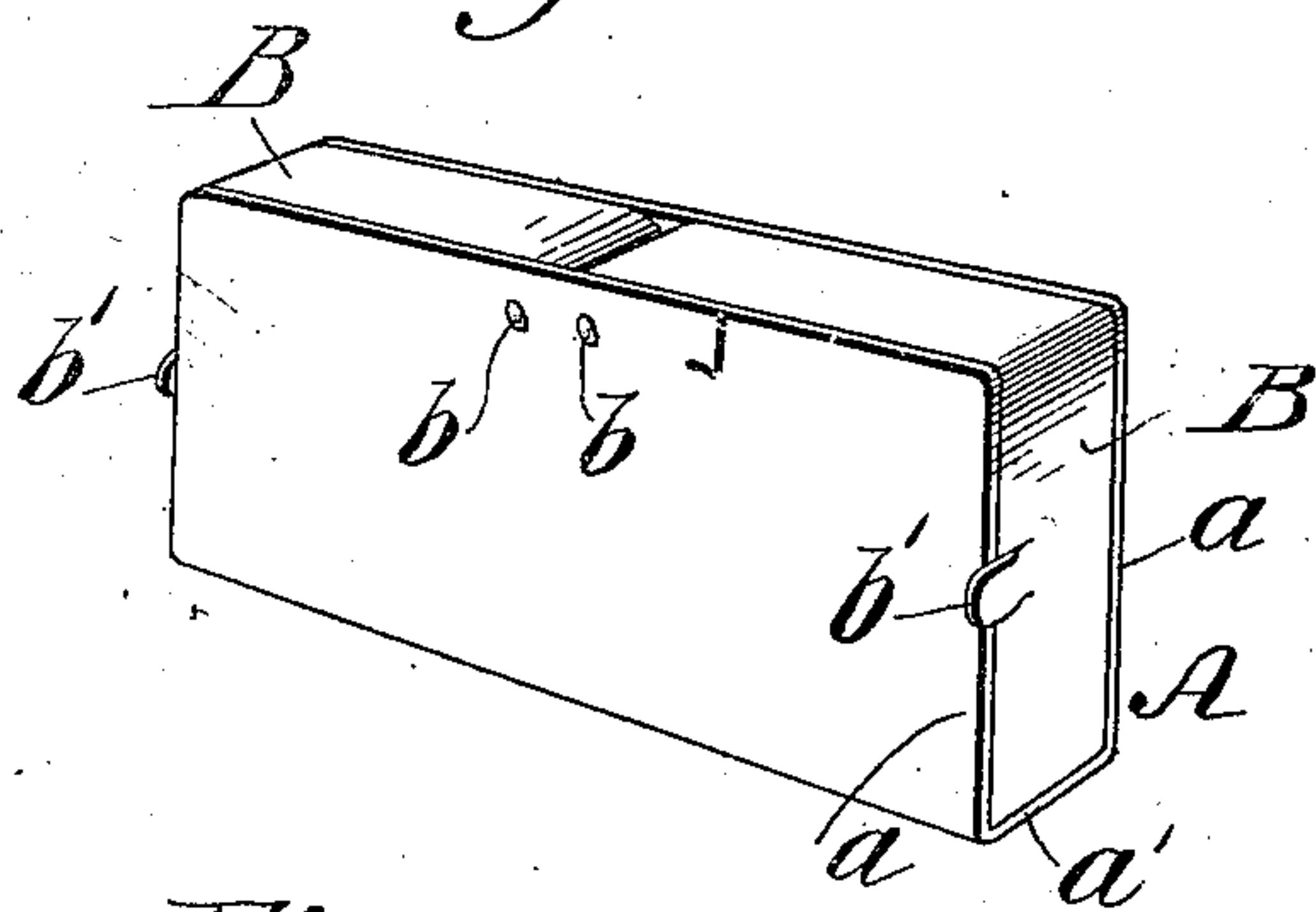
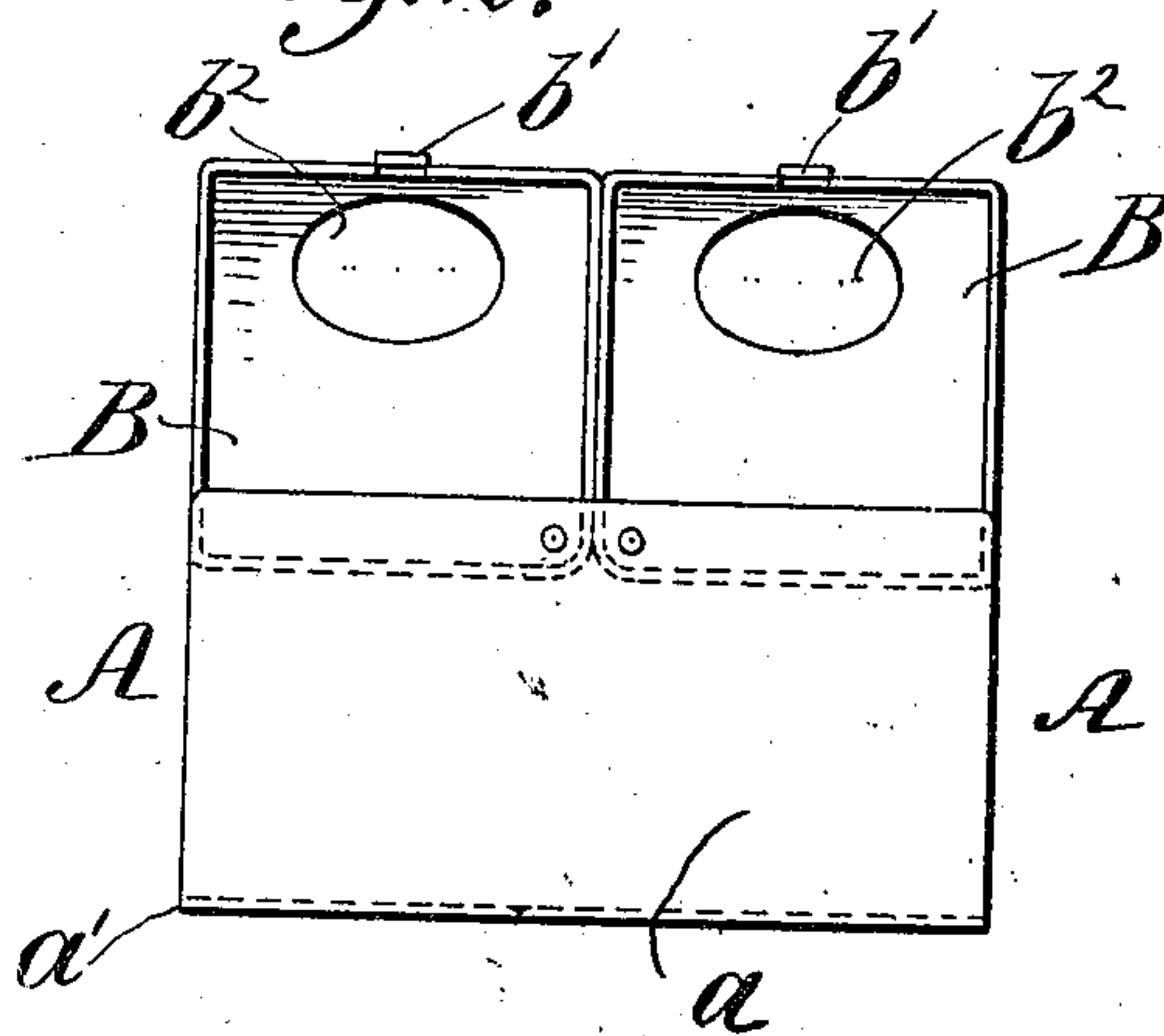


Fig. 2.



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COMBINED STAMP AND COURT-PLASTER RECEPTACLE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, EDWARD KIBBE LATHROP, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Springfield, county of Hampden, and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in a Combined Stamp and Court-Plaster Receptacle, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part thereof, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

This invention relates to an improved combined stamp and court-plaster receptacle; and the object thereof is to provide a compact article of this character which is adapted for being carried in the pocket without liability of injury to its contents. The device embodies two swinging compartments or boxes arranged within a U-shaped shell composed of a single piece of sheet metal, whereby a durable and inexpensive article is produced.

The invention will be hereinafter fully described, and specifically set forth in the annexed claim.

In the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved device, illustrating the same in closed condition; and Fig. 2 is a plan view showing the boxes or compartments thrown open.

In the practice of my invention I provide a rectangular casing or shell A, of U shape in end elevation and embodying oppositely-located side walls *a* and a bottom wall *a'*, all being formed from a single piece of sheet metal, preferably aluminium; but I do not confine myself to the use of any specific material, as it is obvious that the article could be made of celluloid, hard rubber, or any other suitable material. Located within this shell are two boxes or compartments B, which are respectively secured to the shell by means of pins or pivots *b*, which pass through the said boxes and also through the walls *a* of the shell A, to which they are securely rivet-

ed, welded, or otherwise fastened at their ends, whereby said boxes are securely fastened to the shell A, but allowed freely to swing therein.

Each box B is provided with a projected thumb-piece *b'*, to be used for swinging or operating them, and these said thumb-pieces are preferably stamped and formed integrally with the boxes.

The boxes B are each supplied with a finger-opening *b<sup>2</sup>* through the bottom thereof to permit pushing of the contents upwardly to remove said contents when the box is opened.

In use the boxes are filled one with a plurality of sheets of court-plaster and the other with a number of postage-stamps, and it is obvious that while the compartments are closed within the shell the contents are securely protected against injury and that the device can be conveniently carried in the pocket and the contents can be readily removed as desired.

I do not confine myself to the specific use of the device as a means for carrying court-plaster and postage-stamps, as it may also be used for car-tickets or other similar articles; neither do I confine myself to the exact proportions as shown in the drawings.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A receptacle for stamps and court-plaster and like materials, comprising a case A, constructed as specified, and two boxes B, B, pivoted in said case at *b* and *b*, and arranged to turn separately, in and out of said case, and formed with thumb-pieces *b'* and *b'*, and hinged lids, and finger-openings *b<sup>2</sup>* and *b<sup>2</sup>*, all substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have signed my name, in presence of two witnesses, this 5th day of February, 1900.

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