

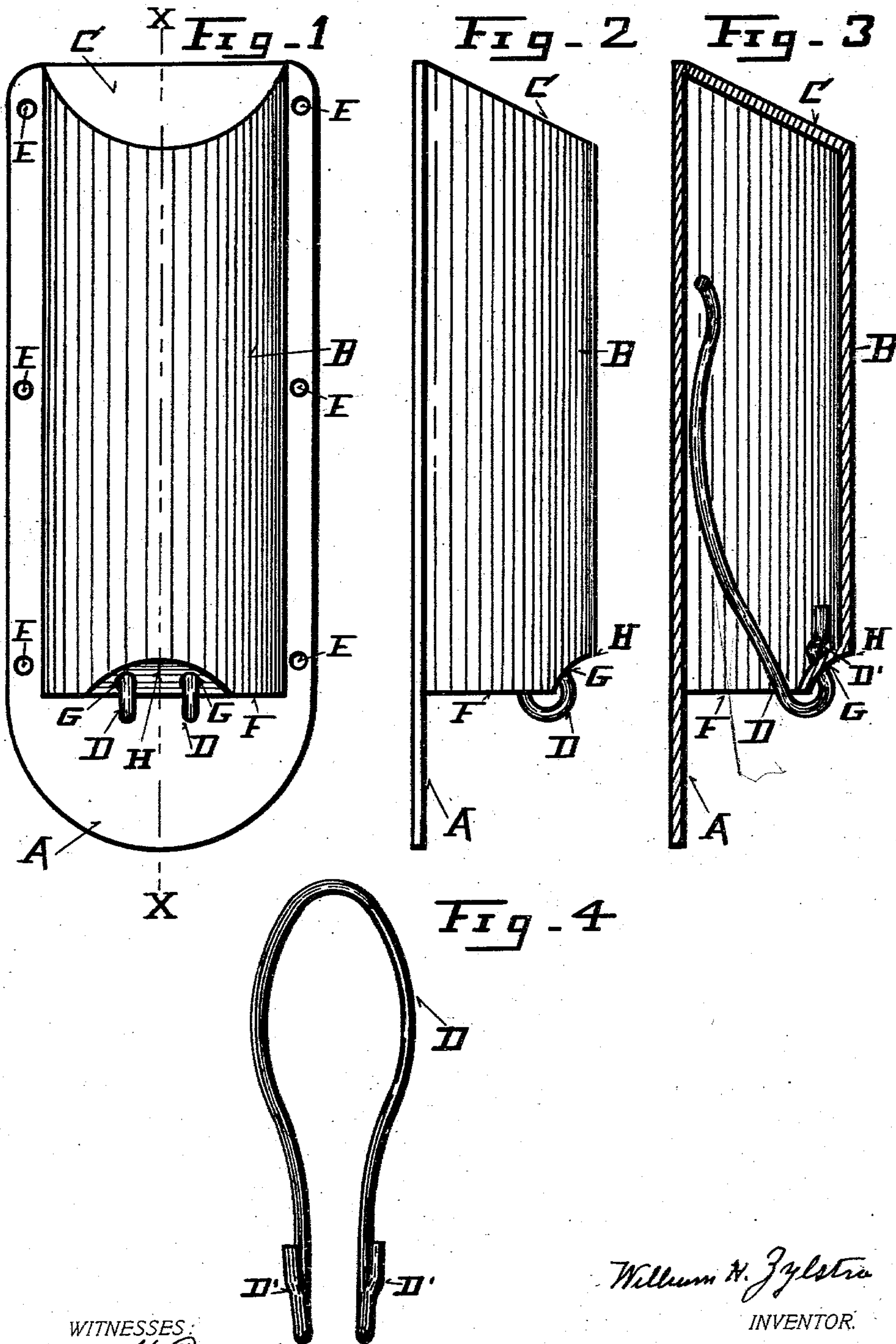
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## NEWSPAPER-BOX.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM H. ZYLSTRA, a citizen of the United States, residing at Grand Rapids, in the county of Kent and State of Michigan, have invented new and useful Improvements in Newspaper-Boxes, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a new and useful box or receptacle for temporarily receiving papers, pamphlets, and the like which are delivered to private houses and other places by mail-carriers or the carriers of newspapers.

The invention consists in the construction and arrangement of parts hereinafter particularly described and claimed.

The objects of the invention are, first, to furnish a box which will receive and safely retain a newspaper and preserve the same from the rain and snow; second, to furnish a box which can be cheaply constructed and which will retain the paper in place by means of a spring, said box being made entirely open at the bottom for the reception of the paper; third, to furnish a novel means in applying the spring to the box. These objects I accomplish by means of the mechanism illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 shows a front elevation of my preferred form of box. Fig. 2 shows a side elevation of the same. Fig. 3 shows a sectional view on the line X X of Fig. 1. Fig. 4 shows the spring detached.

Similar letters refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

A represents the back or plain side of the box, which extends beyond the convex side, so as to furnish suitable means for attaching the box to a wall or post or other suitable place.

B shows the convex form of the box, which is preferably provided with a sloping roof C, as shown in the drawings. However, the form of the roof may be changed. The front B is preferably curved, so as to form a half-circle, more or less, and so as to leave an opening which will receive the newspaper shoved into the box from below. The upper end of the box is closed and the lower end is opened.

D represents the spring, which may be of wire or any suitable material, and I prefer to

make it of wire in the form shown. The spring D is provided with an offset D', as shown in Figs. 3 and 4, which offset engages with the lower end of the front B.

The bottom of the box is shown by F, which is entirely opened and of sufficient size to receive any ordinary newspaper.

G G show two holes in the bent portion H of the convex front. I prefer to bend the front, as shown, so as to form suitable means for securing the spring in place. The spring is bent so as to pass upwardly inside of the box and rest against or in close proximity to the inside of the back plate A, as shown in Fig. 3.

By the construction above described the box may be made of cast metal or may be made of sheet metal and may be complete, and the springs may be made separately and shoved into place, so as to retain the position shown in Fig. 3.

Other forms of spring, of course, may be used, and the form of box may be varied without departing from the invention.

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

1. In combination, a box for storing newspapers and the like having an open bottom, inclosed top and a lower portion of its front bent rearwardly, and a spring arranged within the box, engaging the rear wall thereof and extending below the open bottom of the box and then upwardly through the rearwardly-extending portion of the front and bent to engage the inner face of the front of the box.

2. In combination, a box for newspapers and the like having an open bottom and a closed top and a lower portion of the front bent rearwardly to form an abutment, and a spring arranged within the box and having one end extending through said abutment and engaging the inner face of the front of the box.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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