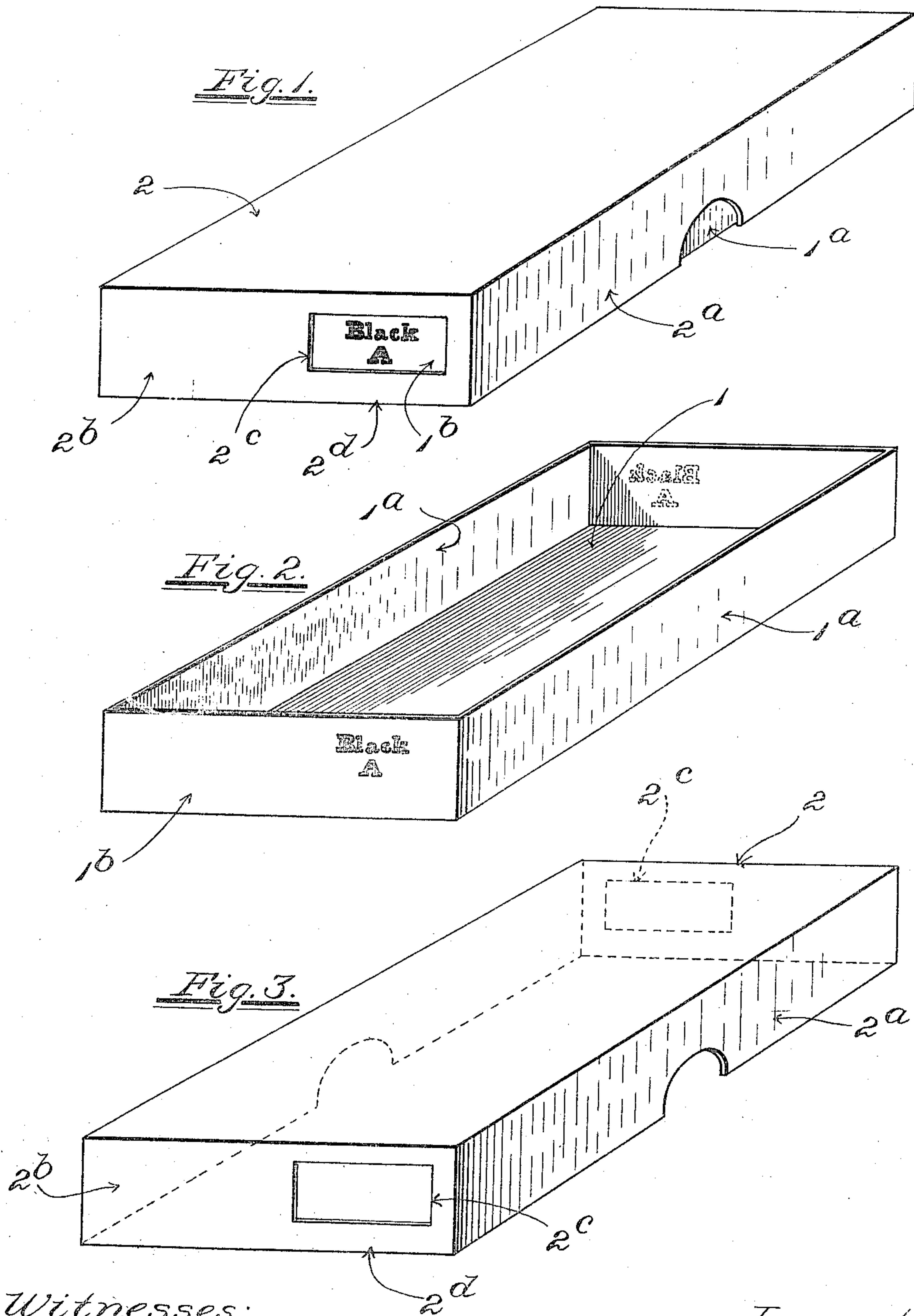


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ARTHUR L. KINGSBURY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Northampton, in the county of Hampshire, State of Massachusetts, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Boxes for Containing Spool-Silk and the Like, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

Spool silk for sewing purposes and the like is put up for the market in small paste-board boxes, each of the latter containing a certain number of spools, all having wound thereon silk of the same color or shade and size. The form of box which at the present time is in demand for the purpose of containing the said silk consists of a body or tray and a cover which incloses and conceals or practically conceals the box-body or tray. The color and shade of the silk which is contained in a box of this character have been indicated upon the cover by the name and number, or name alone, of such color and shade, printed thereon, and in the case of black silks the size has been indicated in addition by a letter denoting the size. The box-body has not been marked. When the bodies or trays of a number of boxes have been removed from the covers therefor by a dealer in effecting a sale, and have become temporarily separated therefrom, it has been necessary to exercise care to replace the respective covers upon the proper box-bodies or trays. This has been especially important in showing up a line of silk, that is to say, a series of shades of a given color delicately graded and consequently varying almost imperceptibly one from another. Inasmuch as box-bodies heretofore have been unfurnished with marks or designations to denote the particular colors or shades of their contents, a dealer has had to depend upon his judgment of colors and shades, and his knowledge of their names or designations, in making selection of a cover for a given box from among several covers which he may have removed from the corresponding box-bodies. Frequently in consequence of failure to identify shades mistakes are made in replacing covers, and when such mistakes happen trouble arises through errors in sales, while resort to a sample card is necessary in order to correct the error.

A general object of the invention is to eliminate liability to mistakes and errors of the kind just mentioned.

The invention consists in a box of the character aforesaid, having the box-body suitably marked to identify the contents upon the exterior of the flange or upright wall thereof, and having a portion of the cover removed to expose the marking when the cover is in place.

In the case of a box embodying the invention, the absence of the cover makes no difference with respect to the identification of the contents. The cover may be left unmarked, and preferably will, in which case one cover will answer as well as another.

The invention eliminates the troubles which heretofore have been experienced.

The invention is illustrated in the drawings, in which latter,—

Figure 1 shows in perspective a box having the invention applied thereto. Fig. 2 is a perspective of the box-body. Fig. 3 is a perspective of the cover.

Having reference to the drawings,—the box-body is designated 1, and the cover 2. The upright side-flanges of the box-body are designated 1^a, 1^a, and one of the upright end-flanges thereof is shown at 1^b. The cover is shown formed with depending side-flanges designated 2^a, and depending end-flanges, one of which is shown at 2^b.

In carrying the invention into effect, I print upon a suitable portion of one of the upright flanges of the box-body, herein the end-flange 1^b, the name or designation, as "Black", of the color of the intended contents of the box, and the latter, as "A", indicating the size thereof, and in the corresponding depending flange of the cover, herein the end-flange 2^b, I form an opening or window, as 2^c, to expose the said imprint to view when the cover is in place. Preferably, I form the said opening or window above the lower edge of the flange 2^b, and leave an integral bridging strip 2^d below the said opening or window. Thereby an unbroken free edge is retained on the flange 2^b, and the strength of the latter is not materially impaired by the existence of the opening or window.

The size, shape, and location of the opening or window in the flange of the cover may be varied. Usually, each end-flange of the

cover will have an opening or window therein, and the imprint will be provided upon each end-flange of the box-body.

It will be clear from Figs. 1 and 2 that the exact character of the contents of the box is unmistakably denoted in both the uncovered state thereof and the covered state.

The invention is not necessarily confined in its application to boxes for containing spool silk, but may be applied to boxes for holding other classes of goods, nor is it limited to application in connection with boxes of the particular construction shown herein.

I claim as my invention:—

1. The improved box for containing spool-silk, and the like, comprising the box-body or tray formed with continuous unperforated upright sides completely inclosing the contents, and having one of the said sides marked or printed to designate the character of the said contents, and a removable cover formed with depending flanges which inclose and conceal the said sides of the box-body or tray, and having in one thereof an opening or window through which the imprint or marking is visible when the cover is in place, without exposure of the contents of the box to light or dust.

2. The improved box comprising the box-body or tray formed with continuous unperforated upright inclosing sides and having one of the latter marked or printed to denote the character of the contents, and the remov-

able cover formed with depending flanges which fit around and conceal the said sides of the box-body or tray, and having in one thereof an opening or window through which the said imprint or marking is visible when the cover is in place, without exposure of the contents of the box to light or dust, and also having adjacent the said opening or window the narrow marginal strip securing an unbroken lower edge for the said portion of the cover.

3. The improved box comprising a box-body or tray formed with continuous unperforated upright sides and provided upon opposite ones thereof, and at places diagonally opposite with respect to each other, with imprints or markings by which the character of the contents is identified, and the removable cover formed with depending flanges inclosing the box-body and substantially concealing its said sides, and having its end-flanges formed with openings or windows diagonally opposite to each other through which the said markings upon the sides of the box-body or tray are visible when the cover is in place, without exposure of the contents of the box to light or dust.

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

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