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COMBINED LETTER AND BREAD BOX.

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Fig. 2.

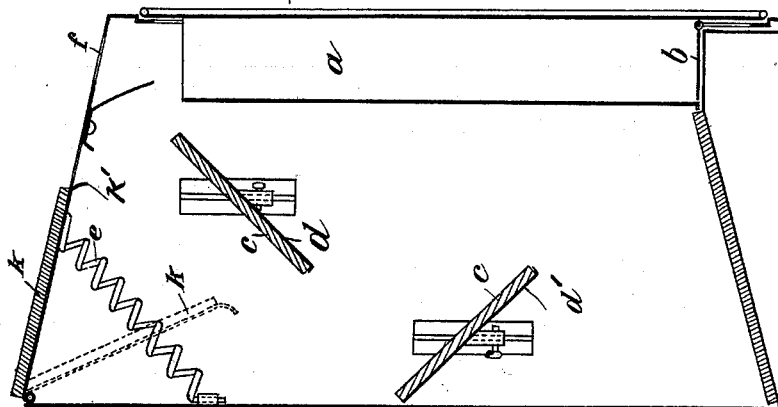
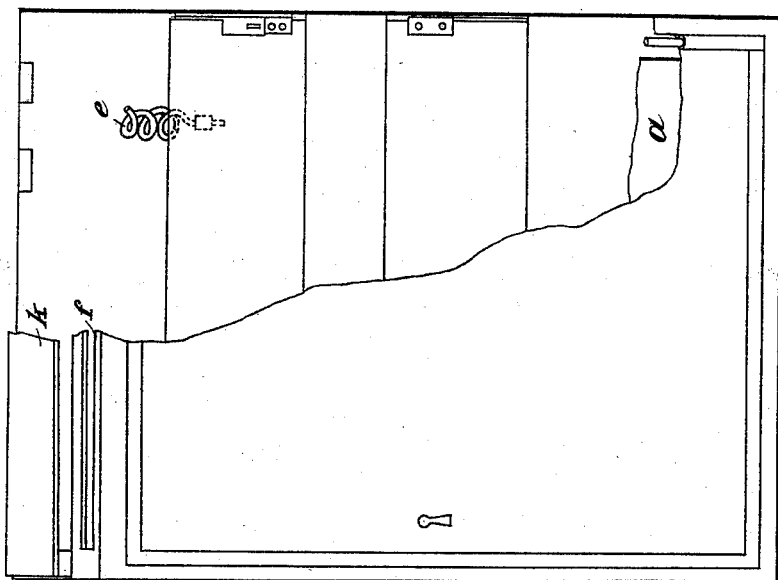


Fig. 1.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILHELM ERNST HARTMANN, of Cassel, in the Kingdom of Prussia and German Empire, have invented a new and useful Combined Letter and Bread Box, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

The object of the present invention is to provide a letter box, capable of being used at the same time as a bread box, of the following kind, as illustrated in the annexed drawings in which—

Figure 1 represents such a box in front view. Fig. 2 shows the box in longitudinal section.

The box is provided with an opening *f* in the shape of a long slit for letters and the like and to receive these letters I provide a receptacle *a* within the box directly beneath the opening *f*. This part *a*, is secured to the door and has a pivoted bottom plate *b*. In rear of the opening *f* is a second opening *f'* for printed matter which falls first upon a deflector *d* and from thence to a second deflector *d'* and thence to the bottom and these deflectors may be provided with plates of glass as shown at *c* with sharp edges to prevent abstraction of the contents of the box. A large opening covered by the cover *k* kept normally

closed by a spring *e* admits larger articles to the box and the deflector *d'* serves to deflect the articles admitted through this opening to the bottom of the box. The edge of the plate *k* is provided with a sharp flange as at *k'* to prevent the insertion of the hand without injury.

What I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

A combined letter and bread receptacle comprising the box having a flat top and open front, a door hinged at the lower end closing said open front, a letter compartment carried by said door open at both ends with a pivoted plate *b* closing its lower end, a slit in the flat top with a deflecting plate for directing letters into the compartment, an opening for printed matter in rear of said slit, a spring plate opening inwardly in rear of said opening and deflecting plates located below said opening and spring plate and provided with surfaces of glass having sharp edges substantially as described.

In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand in presence of two witnesses.

WILHELM ERNST HARTMANN.

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