

As the use progresses and the contents grow less the carton will be also reduced in size until the minimum size box is reached, as shown in Fig. 3. This minimum is of a depth which will readily enable the user to extract the remaining quantity of the contents, as with the fingers, without further reducing the size of the box. In this figure I have shown the carton reduced to the line indicated at 13, from its original size indicated by the dotted lines 14. This progressive reduction of the size of the carton corresponding with the reduction of the size of the box is preferable, though in some cases the user may prefer to merely withdraw the contents, reduce the size of the box, and crowd into the box the unfilled surplus portions of the carton.

It will now readily be understood that with my invention the box is reducible in size progressively with the lessening of the contents and that the enclosing carton is likewise reducible in size. The advantages in use are distinct and real as this reducibility of the size of the box keeps the contents so near the mouth of the box as to enable the user to remove the last quantity of the contents quite as readily as at any other time. Again, there is the advantage of a box that constantly lessens in size so that during the period of consumption of say, the last half of the contents, the box is only half the size it was in the beginning, which not only facilitates the removal of the contents, as stated, but lessens the inconvenience of carrying the box in one's pockets.

I have particularly described my box with reference to use for containing tobacco, but it is obvious that it has other uses, such as for soap, candy, etc.

A further utility of the serrations 5 and 6 is that of affording match-striking surfaces. These surfaces are very effective for that purpose.

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

1. A size-reducible box comprising a base section broader than it is thick and having a surface on its narrow side with alternate grooves and ridges and a top section fitting over the base section and having a similar surface on its narrow side, the ridges of one section being spaced apart to fit into the grooves of the other section to hold the sections in a plurality of adjusted positions but allowing telescopic movement of the sections in both directions, said sections when united forming a box of extreme size when the serrations are least overlapped and forming a box of minimum size when said serrations are most overlapped.

2. A size-reducible box comprising a base section broader than it is thick and having on its narrow side alternate grooves and ridges and a top section having a hinged cover, said top section fitting over the base section and having also similar narrow and broad sides, the narrow sides being provided with alternate grooves and ridges to fit into the grooves and ridges of the other section to hold the sections in a plurality of adjusted positions, said sections forming a box of extreme size when the serrations are least overlapped and forming a box of minimum size when said sections are most overlapped, said sections being movable back or forth as desired.

In testimony whereof, I affix my signature.

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