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Well, what's in the box?

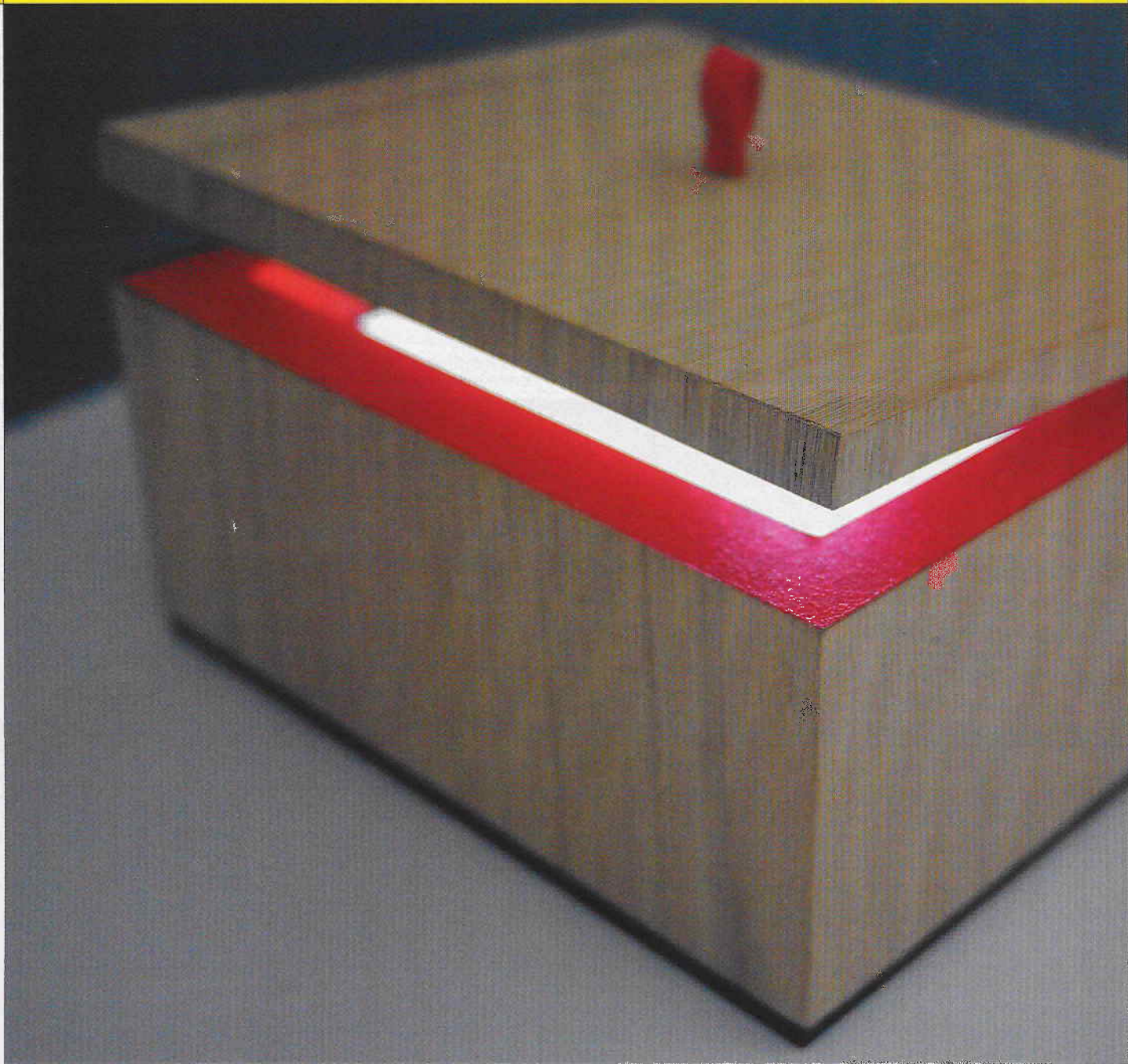
Let's not rush things. Consider what *might* be in the box. After all, this is the best bit. At this point your expectations are as limitless as your imagination. But once you find out what's actually in the box – even if it's the most incredible thing – all your other ideas are gone. And from that moment forth, the only thing that can possibly be in the box is that which is. So take your time. What. Is. In. The. Box?

Is it a lightbulb?

Right. If that's the way you want to play it, we'll just tell you. It's everything you've Tweeted. Which makes it, if you're as prolific a Tweeter as we are, pretty much a running commentary of the last three years, and exactly the kind of thing that you might want to look back through. Twitter doesn't keep them handy. This does: downloading and storing your Tweets, and letting you scroll through them on a timeline.

Sounds a bit vainglorious

Personally we'd rarely open it, instead just enjoying the idea of it quietly archiving away. Indeed, that's why this caught our eye: the subtlety. Kudos, then, goes to "Backup Box" designer Richard Banks, from the Microsoft Research labs in Cambridge, who's also designed a similar thing for viewing Flickr archives, but resisted the temptation to bundle them together into a horrid NAS drive.



[Picture Richard Banks, Microsoft Research, Cambridge]

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