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Fig. 1.

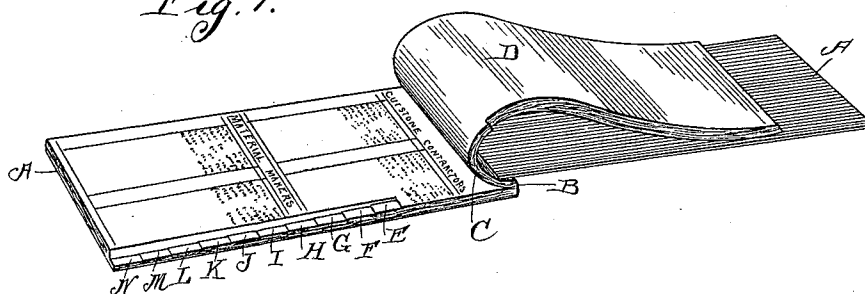


Fig. 2.

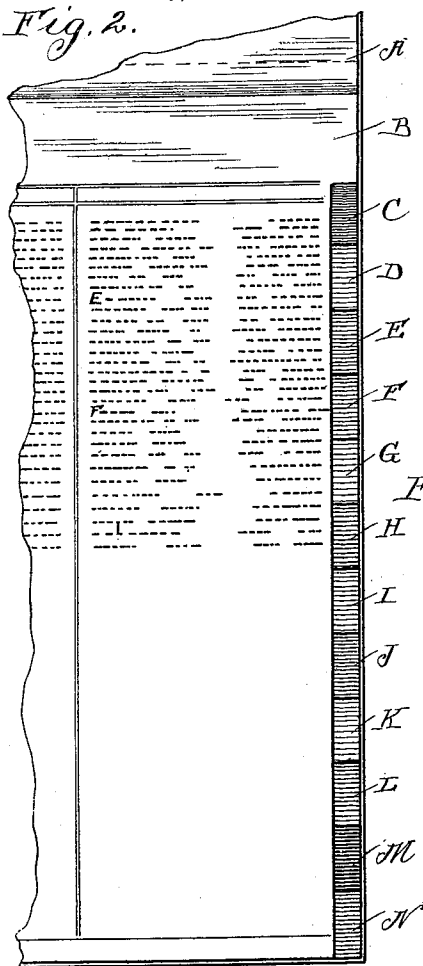


Fig. 3.

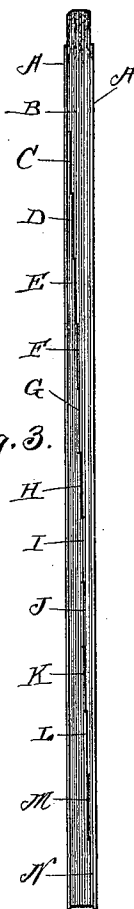
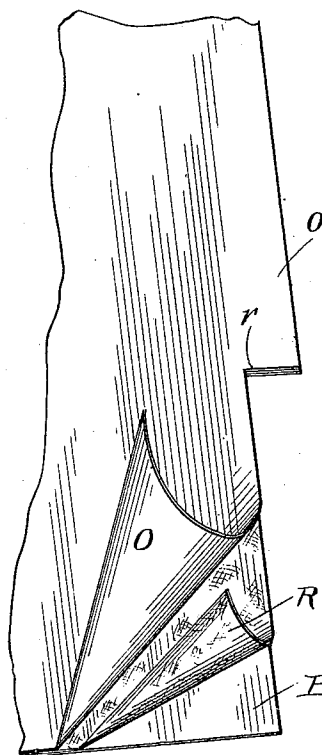


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JULIUS SPEYER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Indicators for Books, Forms, or the Like, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in an indicator or index to be used in books, forms, and like articles, and while it is more especially adapted to be used for books and forms for and by persons engaged in building-trade occupations, yet it may be applied to and used in books, forms, &c., of other occupations or professions; and it consists in certain peculiarities of the construction, novel combination, arrangement, and coloring of the parts thereof, as will be hereinafter more fully set forth and specifically claimed. In the occupation of architects and building-contractors and others it becomes necessary for them to frequently refer to and examine specifications of the various building trades or contractors who furnish the different materials and work, such as masonry, carpentry, cut stone, galvanized iron, plumbing and gas-fitting, painting and glazing, &c., and as there are a large number of such specifications used by the architect and contractor for each building by him designed or constructed it is sometimes a difficult matter to at once find the specification desired, whether the specifications are kept in loose form or may have been secured together in the form of a book. It is also desirable among those engaged in the building trades, as well as others, to have a directory of those engaged in business relating to their line of trade or occupation. These directories and specification forms are valuable advertising mediums; but as each business is represented by differently-colored paper placed in groups the lower page of the last leaf of each group is undesirable by advertisers for the reason that the adjacent sheet of the colored group representing a different class of business is of a different color to the preceding group and an advertisement of one engaged in the business represented by the color of the preceding group is liable to be overlooked. For the above-mentioned reason the lower page of the

last sheet of each colored group has heretofore been undesirable for advertisements and has often been left blank.

It is therefore the objects of my invention, first, to provide an indicator or index for books, forms, and the like which shall be so constructed, combined, and arranged according to color as to enable the user to at once find the object of his search and to classify the different lines of business according to a predetermined color in such a manner that the subject-matter on the adjacent pages of the last sheet of the different groups shall be on the proper color designated or determined for a certain line or branch of business, and, second, such an indicator which shall be simple and inexpensive in construction and more effective and satisfactory in use than such devices as have heretofore been generally employed.

Another object of my invention is to reinforce and protect some of the leaves of the directory or specification forms, when bound in book-form, so as to prevent them being torn and also to enable them to be more easily turned or handled.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a directory embodying my invention, showing it open. Fig. 2 is a face view of a portion of the directory, showing it open and formed to expose the indicating-leaves of each colored group. Fig. 3 is an edge view of the book or directory closed; and Fig. 4 is an enlarged perspective view of a portion of the last leaf of one of the colored groups of leaves.

Similar letters refer to like parts throughout the different views of the drawings.

A represents the cover of the book or directory, which may be of any suitable size and form, but when used for specifications and similar forms preferably open at the top, as shown in Fig. 1 of the drawings. When placed within the cover or in book-form, the leaves are cut away on one of their edges in order to expose the color of the sheets directly beneath. For instance, the sheets B are of white paper and bear the names and addresses of architects, and when used in a directory are cut away on one of their edges to near the upper end of said sheets, thus exposing a portion of one of the sheets C, which is terracotta colored and bears the names and ad-

dressers of mason-contractors, and so on throughout the list of the building-trades or other lines of business.

As shown in the drawings, and more particularly in Fig. 4, the last sheet of each group is composed of two pieces of paper O and P of different colors. The piece of paper designated by the letter O constitutes the upper page of the last sheet of each group and is of the color of said group which precedes it, while the piece P constitutes the lower page of said sheet and is of the same color as the following group of leaves. These pieces may have placed between them a piece of cloth R or other suitable strengthening material, which may be of the size of said piece or may be located only at their cut-away portions *r* to reinforce them when they are pasted or otherwise secured together.

In forming my indicator, when designed for use in the building-trades, I inscribe or have printed the names and addresses and other information pertaining to the business of persons, firms, or corporations engaged in specific occupations relating to the building-trades on a specific tint or color of paper. For instance, the names and addresses of the architects are printed on white paper, those of mason-contractors and manufacturers and dealers of masonry material on paper of a terra-cotta color, and the names and addresses of carpenter-contractors and manufacturers and dealers in carpentry material on amber-colored paper, and so on throughout the list of occupations relating to the building-trades.

I prefer generally to print the directory on paper of the following tints, and in the order herein named, relative to the different trades or occupations, and for this purpose have referred to the colored sheets in Fig. 2 of the drawings by means of the letters B to N, inclusive, and in said arrangement the names and addresses and other information relative to architects are printed on white paper, which is represented by B, and to mason-contractors, manufacturers, and dealers in material for masonry on terra-cotta-colored paper, which is represented in the drawings by C.

D represents amber-colored paper for the names and addresses of carpenter-contractors and manufacturers and dealers in carpentry material.

E represents blue-colored paper, upon which are printed the names and addresses of cut-stone contractors and manufacturers and dealers in cut-stone material.

F represents green-colored paper, upon which are printed the names and addresses of galvanized-iron contractors and material manufacturers and dealers.

G represents fawn-colored paper, upon which are printed the names and addresses of plumbers, gas-fitters, sewer-builders, and material manufacturers and dealers.

H represents paper of a tint known as "robin's-egg," upon which are printed the

names and addresses of general contractors and material manufacturers and dealers.

I represents lilac-colored paper, upon which are printed the names and addresses of painters and glaziers and material manufacturers and dealers.

J represents drab-colored paper, upon which are printed the names and addresses of plumbers and material manufacturers and dealers.

K represents old-gold-colored paper, upon which are printed the names and addresses of electricians and material manufacturers and dealers.

L represents azure-colored paper, upon which are printed the names and addresses of roofers and material manufacturers and dealers.

M represents olive-colored paper, upon which are printed the names and addresses of steam-fitters and material manufacturers and dealers, and N represents gray-colored paper, upon which is printed the names and addresses of elevator manufacturers.

In employing my invention in directories of the above-named class I prefer to observe the colors as therein stated in relation to the different-named trades, but of course may add other tints or colors to the book to designate other trades or occupations.

In using my invention in specifications and forms relating to the building-trades I also prefer to use the colors or tints as above set forth—that is, to use terra-cotta-colored paper for the specifications of mason-contractors, blue for cut-stone contractors, and green for iron-contractors, and so on. While I may bind and put them together into book-form, and cut away the edges thereof, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2 of the drawings, yet I may bind them or secure them together without such formation on their edges, the essential feature of my invention being the application of a certain color to designate a specification or dealers in a certain line of business, whether in the building-trades or otherwise, in groups, to the end that the color of the group preceding the last leaf thereof shall correspond with the color of the upper page of said leaf, and the color of the following group shall correspond with the color of the lower page of said leaf, and the information desired may be more readily attained than by the use of ordinary alphabetical indexes.

While my invention is more especially designed to be used in the building-trades, yet it can be adapted for other occupations and purposes; and I do not therefore desire to limit myself to directories or specifications of any class; nor do I desire to be limited to the number of colors above set forth and indicated by the letters B to N, inclusive, illustrated in the drawings, as I may increase or diminish them as occasion requires.

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

1. An indicator for books, forms and the like, comprising variously-colored groups of leaves bearing inscriptions, each group representing, or adapted to designate, a certain
5 branch or line of business, the leaves of each group being formed to display the color of the adjacent group and the last sheet of each group being composed of two colors to correspond with the color of the group on its adjacent surface, substantially as described.
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2. An indicator for books, forms and the like, comprising variously-colored groups of leaves bearing inscriptions, each group representing, or adapted to designate, a certain
line or branch of business, the leaves of each group being formed to display the color of the adjacent group, and the last sheet of each group being composed of two pieces of different colors and a piece of reinforcing material interposed therebetween, the color of said
20 pieces corresponding with the color of the group on its adjacent surface, substantially as described.

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