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Fig. 1.

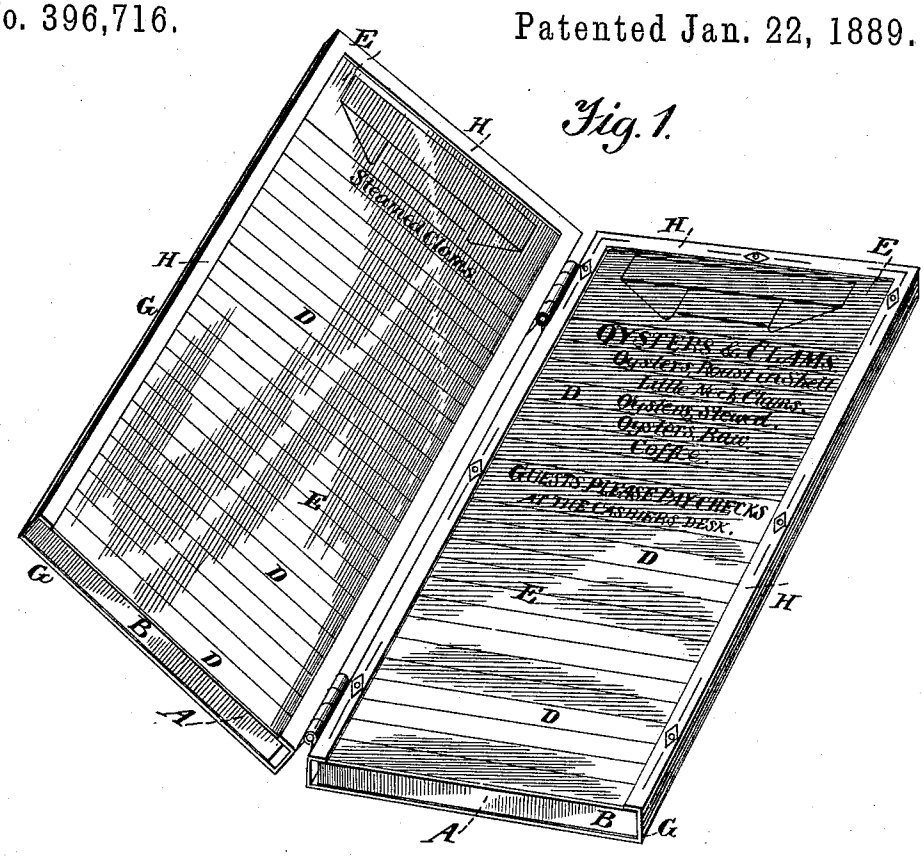
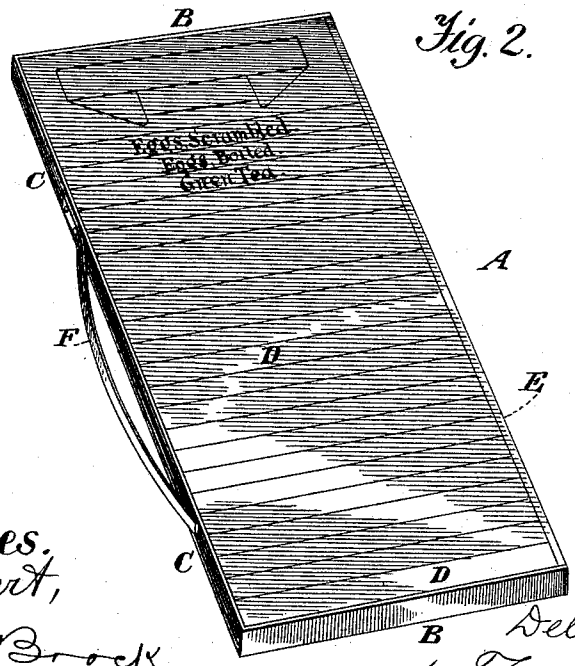


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DELANCY E. TERRILL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Copenhagen, in the county of Lewis and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Changeable Bills of Fare; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in changeable bills of fare for use upon the tables of hotels and restaurants; and it has particular reference to that class of devices of this character in which the names of the several articles constituting the bill of fare are printed or otherwise suitably affixed to the faces of strips of wood or metal, and so arranged as to be capable of removal or change from time to time when such removal or change may for any reason be either necessary or desirable.

The object of the present invention is to generally simplify and improve upon the construction of this class of devices.

A further and the immediate object of the invention is to provide a simple and inexpensive bill of fare, in which the interchangeable strips are contained within suitable trays adapted to be fitted within suitable metallic cases hinged together at their adjacent edges, so as to resemble the covers of a book. The edges of the cases are provided with suitable flanged edges, which overlap the edges of the trays containing the strips, and both the overlapped edges and the outer faces of the cases are designed to be engraved or otherwise ornamented.

To these ends, and to such others as the invention may pertain, the same consists in the peculiar combinations and in the novel construction, arrangement, and adaptation of parts, all as more fully hereinafter described, shown in the accompanying drawings, and then specifically defined in the appended claim.

The invention is clearly illustrated in the accompanying drawings, which, with the letters of reference marked thereon, form a part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a changeable bill of fare constructed in accordance with my invention, the same being shown as partly open. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of one of the trays removed.

Reference now being had to the details of the drawings by letter, A designates a shallow tray, made preferably of sheet metal, the ends and one of the sides of the tray being turned up, so as to form the ends and side B B and C, the upper edges of which are designed to be flush with the face of the glass forming the covering of the strips within the tray when in use.

D D are strips, of either wood or metal, each having printed or otherwise affixed to its outer face the name of an article. These strips are of such length as will serve to permit of their being fitted transversely within the tray, the same being placed in and removed from the tray at the open side of the same.

E is a plate, of glass or other transparent substance adapted to such use, which forms a covering for the strips D.

The side C of the tray is provided upon its outer face with a spring, F, one end of which spring is secured to the side of the tray near one of its ends, and the spring is extended along the side of the tray, as shown, with its free end bearing against the same.

G G are metallic cases adapted to receive the trays just described. These cases are open at their lower ends, so as to permit the trays to be slid into place, while the sides and upper end of the cases are extended upward and are bent over, so as to embrace the sides and upper end of the tray. This overlapping edge H may be suitably ornamented, so as to form a very neat and attractive frame for the inclosed bill of fare.

It will be readily understood that when the tray is placed in position within the case G the spring F, which is secured to the side of the tray, as shown, will bear against the side of the case, and will thus serve to retain the tray in place.

If for any reason it should be considered as desirable, instead of employing two of the

cases, as I have shown, any desired number of similar cases may be used instead, each of the said cases being hinged to the edge of the next case in the series, thus forming a folder instead of a book form.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim to be new is—

As an improved article of manufacture, the herein-described changeable bill of fare, comprising, in combination, a series of trays, each having its ends and one of its sides turned up, as described, and a spring secured at one of its ends to the side of the tray, removable indicating-strips held within the tray, and a series of cases having hinged connection at their adjacent edges, and each having the upper edges of its turned-up sides and end turned inwardly, so as to retain and form a frame for the tray containing the indicating-strips, substantially as shown and described.

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

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