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BILL FILE.

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Fig. 1.

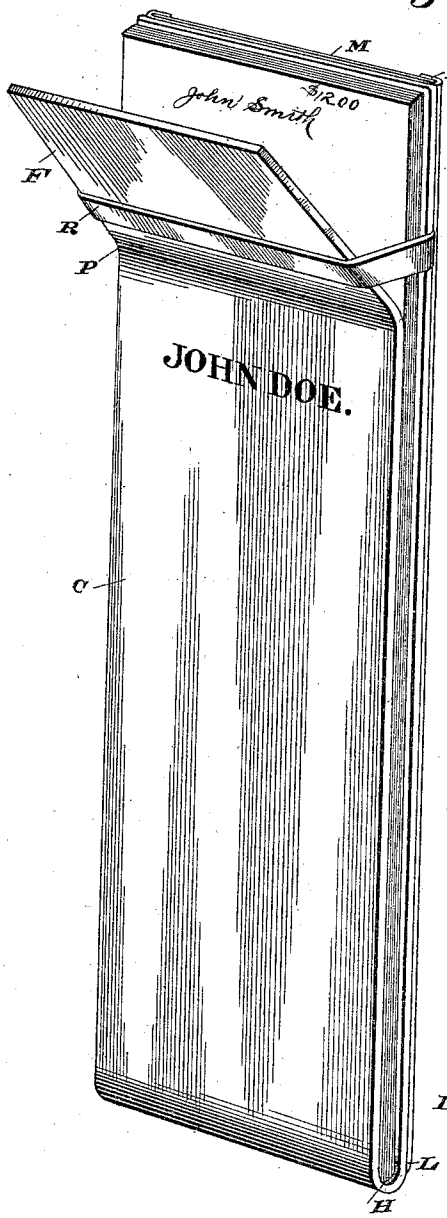


Fig. 2.

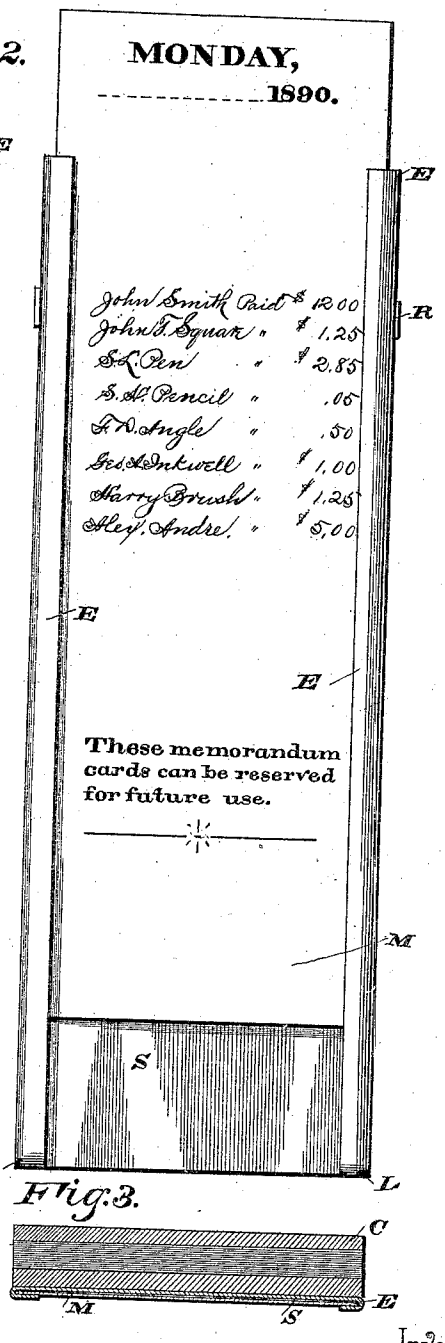


Fig. 3.

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BILL-FILE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FAY BUTLER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Oakland, in the county of Alameda and State of California, have invented a new and useful Bill-File, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to stationery, and more especially to that class thereof known as "bill-files;" and the object of the same is to produce a file of this class which shall have a memorandum on the back capable of being removed and stored away for future reference.

To this end the invention consists of the specific details of construction, hereinafter more fully described and claimed.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of this improved file, showing the flap slightly open. Fig. 2 is a rear elevation showing the memorandum-card slightly withdrawn. Fig. 3 is a cross-section.

Referring to the said drawings, the letter C designates a cover, preferably of leather, and of about the shape shown. This cover comprises two leaves or sides connected at one end by a flexible hinge H.

Referring to Fig. 1, it will be seen that the front is provided with a flap F, connected to the body of the front by a flexible portion P and held in normally closed position by a rubber band R, secured to the back and adapted to be passed over the flap. When the latter is bent down, as here shown, the ends of the bills or other papers within the file will be exposed and may be inspected at will.

To the back of the cover is secured a metallic strip S, whose edges E are turned over, as best seen in Fig. 3, to form grooves, and the lower ends L of these grooves are pinched to close the same.

M is a card-board memorandum-strip of just sufficient width to slide upon the metallic strip between the side grooves and of about the same length as the whole device, and this strip may be withdrawn from the upper ends of the grooves, as shown in Fig. 2.

In use the bills to be collected are clamped in the body of the cover by the force of the rubber band and a memorandum of the same made upon the strip M. As the bills are collected, or as the debtors are seen and excuses made or sums paid on account, a memorandum of the same is made upon the strip M, and a continual fingering of the bills themselves is thereby avoided. At the close of a day's collecting the memorandum may be filed away for future reference and the bills are not marked with memorandum-notes.

What is claimed as the salient features of this invention are—

1. In a bill-file, the combination, with the cover C, consisting of two parts hinged together and the rubber band R connecting them, of a memorandum-strip M, removably attached to the outside of one of said parts, substantially as described.

2. In a bill-file, the combination, with the receptacle for the bills, of a metallic strip S, secured to the outside of the same and having turned-over edges E, and a memorandum M, removably inserted upon the face of said strip and beneath said edges, substantially as described.

3. In a bill-file, the combination, with the cover C, consisting of two parts, of a hinge H between them at one end, a flap F, connected by hinge portion P to the other end of the face, and a rubber band R, holding the parts together, as and for the purpose set forth.

4. In a bill-file, the combination, with the receptacle for the bills, of the metallic strip S, secured to the outside of the back of the same and having turned-over edges E, pinched together, as at L, at one end, and a card-board memorandum M, removably inserted upon the face of said strip beneath said edges, as and for the purpose hereinbefore set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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