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Fig. 1.

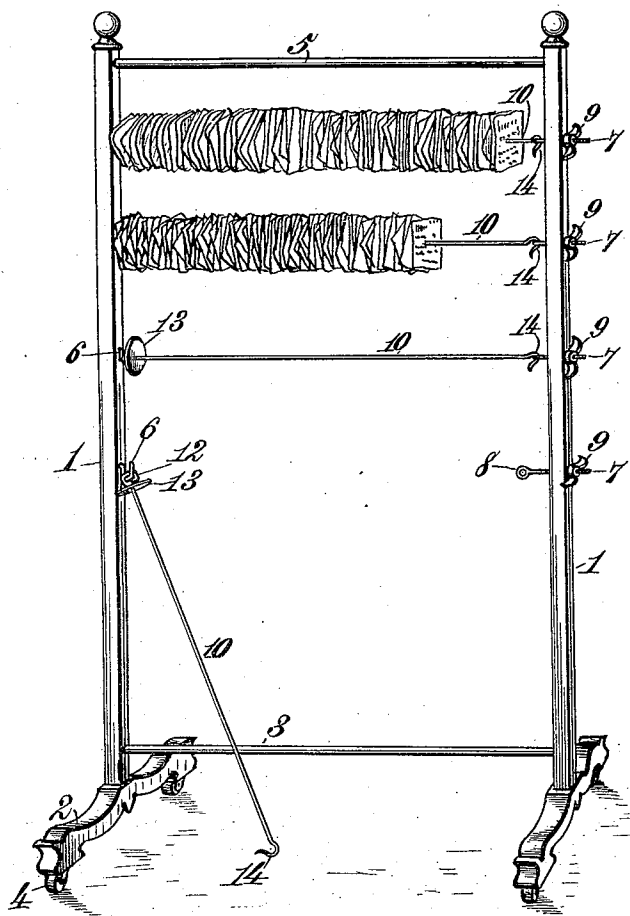
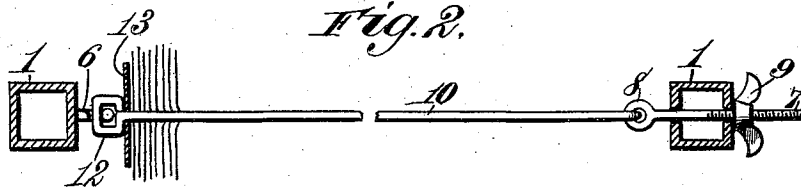


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN HANCOCK ROBINSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Holly Springs, in the county of Marshall and State of Mississippi, have invented new and useful Improvements in Prescription-Files for Pharmacists, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to certain improvements in prescription-files for pharmacists, my purpose being to provide a simple and economical structure by which any number of pharmaceutical formulæ or physicians' prescriptions may be placed on file in their proper order in such manner that they may be readily referred to afterward and be retained or preserved in their numerical order upon the file-wires, means being provided whereby the disengagement of the ends of the latter may be prevented. It is my purpose also to provide a simple and novel construction and combination of parts whereby a file-wire may not only be rigidly secured in the stand or frame, but may be released from the latter at will and suspended or otherwise stored.

The invention consists in the novel features of construction and new combination of parts hereinafter fully explained, and then particularly pointed out in the claims.

To enable others to understand and to practice my said invention, I will now proceed to describe the same in detail, reference being had for this purpose to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a stand or frame with a series of filing-wires, all constructed in accordance with my invention. Fig. 2 is a horizontal section of the parts shown in Fig. 1.

The reference-numeral 1 in said drawings represents a supporting-frame of any preferred form, the preferred pattern consisting of two uprights, which may be constructed of wood or of any preferred kind of metal, each being mounted in a suitable base 2, the base-pieces being connected by a brace-rod 3 secured to the lower ends of the uprights. Caster-wheels 4 may be mounted in the base-pieces, if desired, to enable the entire frame to be trundled from place to place. A brace-rod 5 is also extended between the tops or

upper portions of the uprights. When the latter are constructed of metal I prefer to make them in the form of quadrangular hollow columns or square tubes, as shown in Fig. 2, whereby I secure the maximum strength and lightness.

At suitable intervals in one upright are permanently inserted hooks 6, so formed that they will retain the end of a file-wire when the latter is placed under tension. At similar intervals in the other upright are inserted short threaded wires or rods 7 lying loosely in the openings in the upright, the ends of the wires which project toward the hooks 6 in the other upright being provided with eyes or loops 8. Thumb-nuts 9 are turned upon the threaded portions of the wires 7 on the outer face of the upright, whereby the rod may be adjusted horizontally for a purpose herein-after described.

The prescription-holding wires or file-wires 10 each consist of a straight rod having an eye or loop 12 at one end adapted to engage with one of the hooks 6. Adjacent to said eye is a disk 13 of any suitable material, which provides a rest for the series of prescriptions. At the other end of each file-wire is a hook 14, which will engage the horizontally-opposite eye 8 upon one of the short rods 7. Tension is applied to the file-wires by any suitable means, the preferred form being by the thumb-nuts 9, by turning which any suitable tension may be imparted to the file-wires.

The prescriptions are placed upon the wires in the usual manner, viz: by passing said wires through the central portions of the same and pushing them against the disk 13 and against each other. When the wire is filled it may be removed and stored in any manner preferred—as, for example, by suspending it by its hook 14 from any suitable support; or, if preferred, the file-wire, when filled with prescriptions, may be left upon the frame, the thumb-nut 9 being turned up far enough to securely fasten the hooks 12 and the loops 14 in such manner that they cannot escape therefrom accidentally.

The file-wires may, of course, be used for bills, receipts, letters, or any kind of papers, as well as for prescriptions; and among the advantages of my invention, as compared

with the devices now in use, are the following: The file-wires heretofore in use usually become distorted after a short period, thereby rendering it at times extremely difficult to find a given prescription or paper. Moreover the wire is liable to be stored under a counter, in drawers, or in any place most convenient, and the preservation of its original form is practically impossible. The various shapes assumed by the wire may also and usually are imparted while the papers are accumulating thereon, as well as by repeated handling after it is full.

By my invention the file-wires are always preserved in a perfectly-straight form until filled, and when a full complement of papers has been strung thereon it will preferably be hung up, by which its form will be permanently preserved. With such a file-wire it is easy to turn quickly to any one that may be required.

A suitable number of file-wires may be provided to supply means of preserving any records, correspondence, or other papers for a term of years.

What I claim is—

1. A prescription file consisting of uprights mounted on a suitable base and rigidly con-

nected, one upright provided with rigid hooks and the other with adjustable short wires having eyes or loops at the ends next the hooks on the other upright, and file-wires having loops at one end to engage the hooks on one upright, and hooks at the other end to engage the loops on the adjustable wires, substantially as described.

2. A prescription file consisting of uprights mounted on a suitable base and rigidly connected, one being provided with rigid hooks and the other with short wires adjustable horizontally in openings in the second upright, thumb-nuts turned upon the outer threaded parts of the short wires to effect the adjustment, and file-wires having loops at one end to engage the rigid hooks, and hooks at the other end to engage loops on the ends of the short, adjustable wires, said file-wires also having disks adjacent to their looped ends, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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