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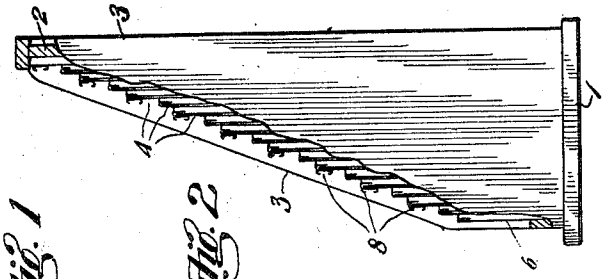


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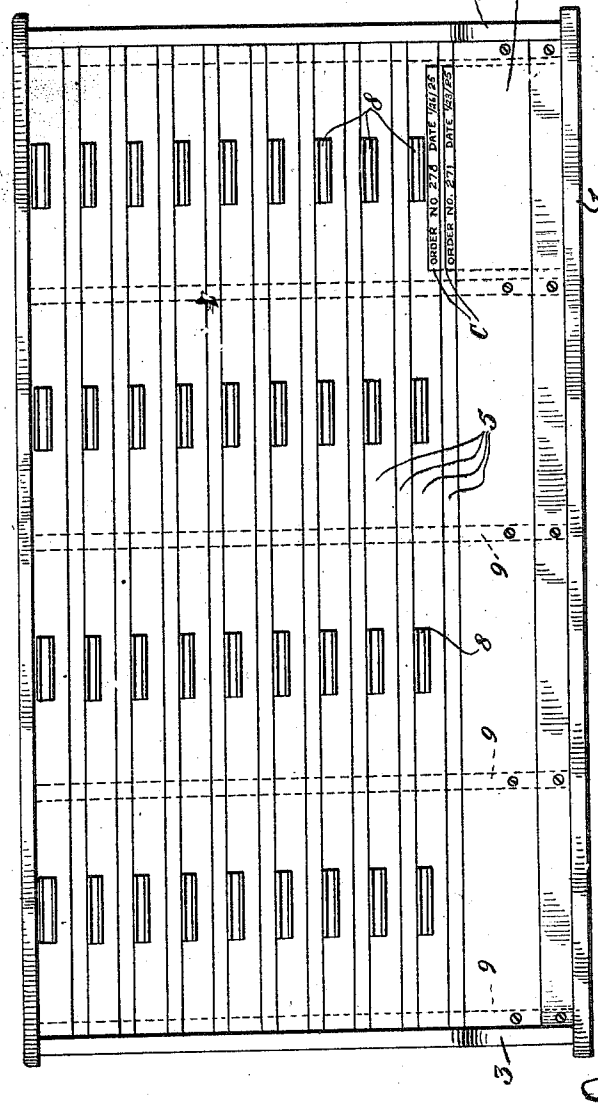


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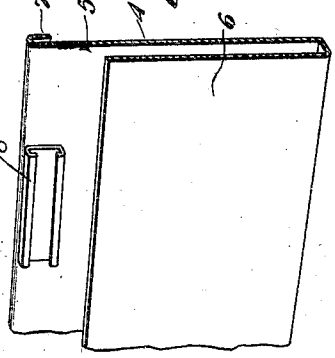


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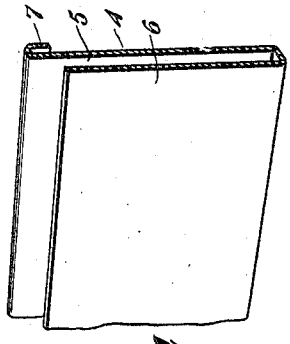


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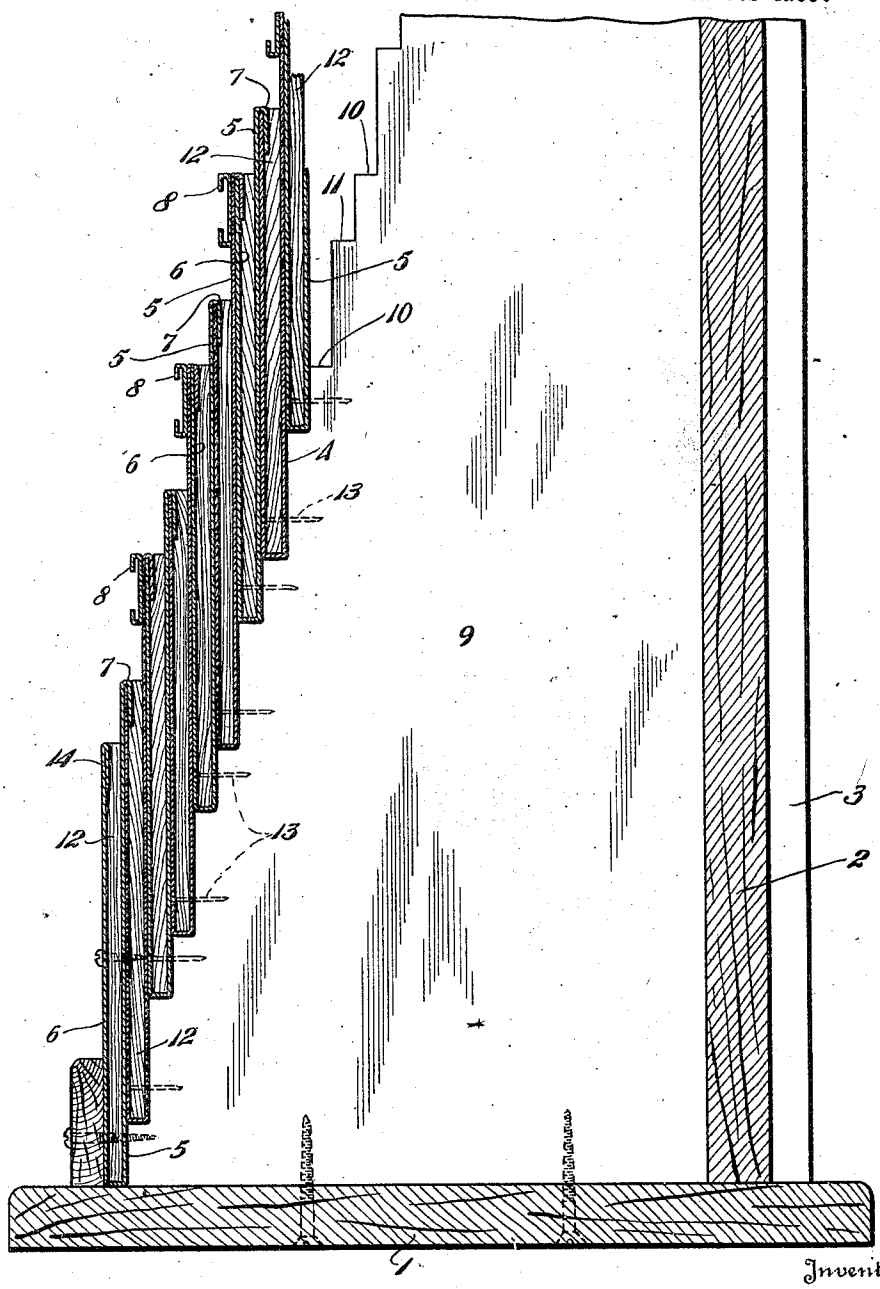


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FILING CABINET.

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This invention relates to cabinets for filing single leaves or cards and is more especially adapted for use in factories or shops where it is desirable for the superintendent or manager of a department to keep a memorandum of each order of work passing through his department.

The objects of the improvement are to provide a filing cabinet in which single leaves or cards may be filed in a systematic order and within the least possible space, permitting the caption of each leaf or card to be exposed in order that they may be readily accessible.

The above and other objects are attained by providing a plurality of channel shaped sheet metal holders located in echelon, each holder having a downturned flange at its upper edge for engagement with the upper edge of the next higher channel holder; the rear portion of each channel holder being of greater height than the front portion; each channel being divided by partitions into a multiplicity of pockets, each adapted to receive a single leaf or card, the caption of which extends above the top edge of the pocket in which it is placed.

An embodiment of the invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a front elevation of a filing cabinet embodying the invention;

Fig. 2, a side elevation of the same with a part of the end wall broken away for the purpose of illustration;

Fig. 3, an enlarged transverse section through the lower portion of the filing cabinet;

Fig. 4, a fragmentary perspective view of a portion of one of the channel members;

Fig. 5, a similar view of a portion of one of the channel members provided with a label holder; and

Fig. 6, a detail perspective view of one of the partition strips which divides the channel members into pockets or compartments.

Similar numerals refer to similar parts throughout the drawings.

The filing cabinet to which the invention pertains may be enclosed in a housing comprising the base member 1, the back wall 2 and the end walls 3, which are tapered toward the top of the housing to conform to the shape of the filing appliance.

A series of channel shaped sheet metal holders 4 are mounted in the front portion of the housing to receive the leaves or cards to be filed. The rear wall 5 of each of the channel holders is of greater height than the front wall 6 and is provided at its upper edge with a downturned flange 7 arranged to be engaged over the upper edge of the front wall 6 of the next adjacent higher channel holder. The rear wall of each alternate channel holder may be of greater height than the remaining holders in order to accommodate a label holder 8.

By engaging the flanged rear upper edge 7 of each channel holder over the straight front edge of the next higher holder, the channels are arranged in echelon, permitting the leaves or cards as indicated at C, to be placed within the various channels and having their upper edges extended above the top of the front wall 6, disclosing the captions thereon.

Since the rear walls of the channel holders bearing the label holders are of increased height, the leaves or cards are accommodated in position to display the captions thereon without obscuring the labels.

The channel holders may be supported by the wooden members 9, located at spaced intervals within the housing and having the forwardly inclined edges notched with alternate long and short notches, as indicated at 10 and 11 respectively, to engage and support the lower portion of each holder.

Each channel holder is divided into a plurality of pockets by inserting wooden partition strips 12 which are held in position by the nails 13 or the like, which are driven through the lower portion of each channel and into the front edge of the supporting members 9. These partition strips not only divide the channels into pockets of the required size, but also act as spacers to hold the pockets uniformly open.

The flanged upper edge 7 of the rear wall of each channel covers the upper edge of the front wall of the next adjacent channel, thus providing a finished edge which will obviate the possibility of injuring the fingers or hands of the person filing or withdrawing cards from the cabinet and the for same purpose the upper edge of the foremost or lowermost channel may be turned back upon itself as shown at 14.

From the above, it will be obvious that a simple and inexpensive filing cabinet is pro-

vided which will accommodate the leaves or cards in a minimum of space and at the same time display the caption upon each leaf or card, making them easily and readily accessible for use.

I claim:—

A filing cabinet for leaves or cards comprising a series of vertically disposed sheet metal channel holders, the rear wall of each channel holder being of greater height than the front wall and having a downturned flange at its upper edge connected to the upper edge of the front wall of the next adjacent channel holder, notched supporting members upon which the channel holders are mounted and partition strips located at spaced intervals in the channels and aligned with the notched supporting members and means as nails located through the channel holders and partition strips and into said notched supporting members for holding the channel holders and partition strips in position upon the notched supporting members.

In testimony that I claim the above, I have hereunto subscribed my name.

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