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FILING DEVICE.

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Fig. 1.

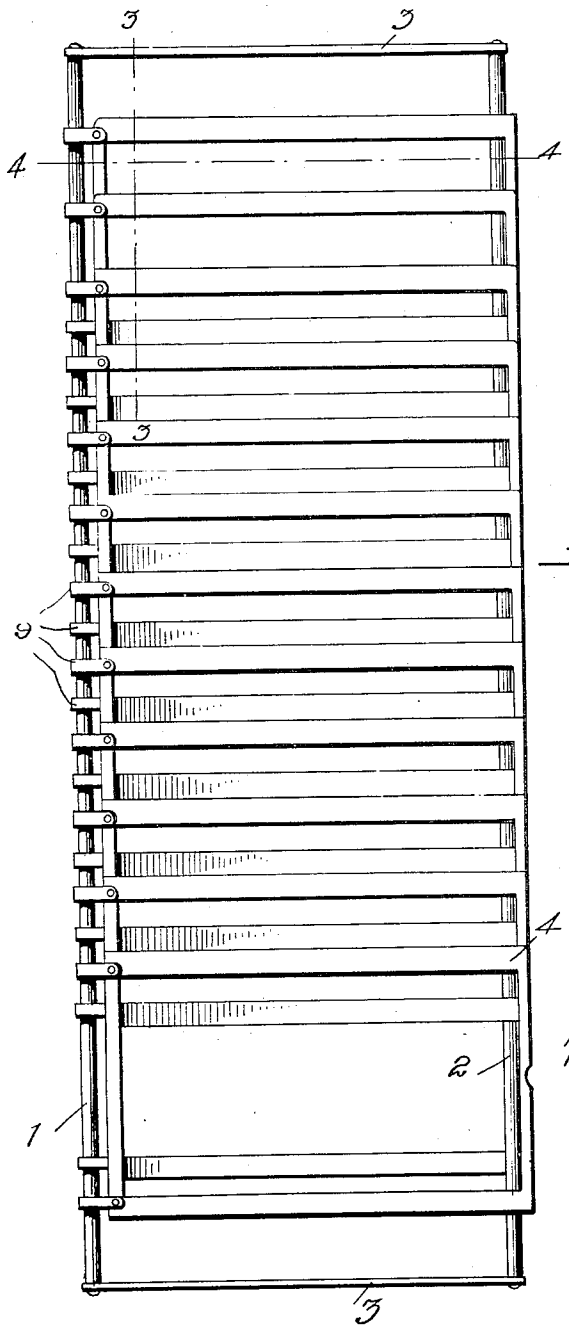


Fig. 2.

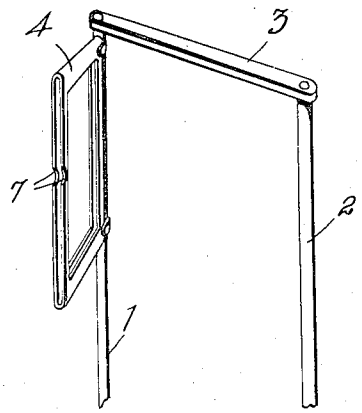


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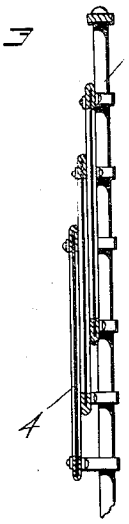
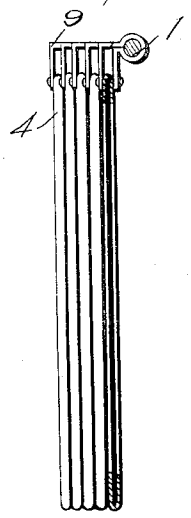


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH MANOWN, a subject of the King of Great Britain, and a resident of Trail, in the Province of British Columbia and Dominion of Canada, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Filing Devices, of which the following is a specification.

My invention is an improvement in filing cabinets, and has for its object to provide a device of the character specified, especially adapted for use in offices, stores and the like, wherein the cards are so arranged that the headings are always in sight, and information, data and the like may be added at any time without taking the cards from the system.

In the drawings:

Figure 1 is a front view of the improved filing systems;

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of one of the card holders;

Fig. 3 is a section on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1;

Fig. 4 is a section on the line 4—4 of Fig. 1.

In the present embodiment of the invention, a supporting frame is provided, consisting of standards or uprights 1 and 2, which are connected by cross plates 3 at their upper and lower ends forming a substantially rectangular frame which may be suitably supported, as, for instance, in the manner of an easel, or which may be suspended.

A series of card holders is connected with the support, each card holder consisting of a substantially rectangular frame 4 formed of two sides and two ends, the two sides and one end being channel shaped as shown, while the other end consists of spaced and parallel members connecting the channel walls of the sides. As shown, the side members of the said last named end are cut away as indicated at 7 to permit the finger and thumb to grasp a card in the holder.

Hinges 9 are provided for hinging the holders to the upright 1, to permit the holders to swing upon the supporting frame. In the form of hinges 9 strips are secured to the card holders at their ends, and these strips are bent around the upright, as shown, intermediate their ends. These hinges are just tight enough on the upright so that while the frames may be moved longitudinally of the support they will normally hold the position in which they are placed.

In order to provide for the lapping of the holders, the hinges 9 are bent at a right angle at progressively increasing distances from the hinge axis. In use, each supporting frame may be provided with as many card holders as may be desired, and these holders are arranged with each holder spaced far enough below the succeeding holder to permit the headings of the cards to be visible. The cards may be easily removed from the holders and the holders may be turned like the leaves of a book to give access not only to the fronts of the cards but to the backs as well.

I claim:

1. A filing system comprising a support consisting of a pair of spaced rigidly connected standards, a series of card holders hinged to one standard to fold against the other standard and against each other in overlapping relation from above downward, each holder being a substantially rectangular frame of channel material, that end of the frame remote from the hinge connection having the bottom of its channel cut away to permit the insertion and removal of a card.

2. A filing system comprising a support consisting of a pair of spaced rigidly connected standards, a series of card holders hinged to one standard to fold against the other standard and against each other in overlapping relation from above downward.

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