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Fig. 1.

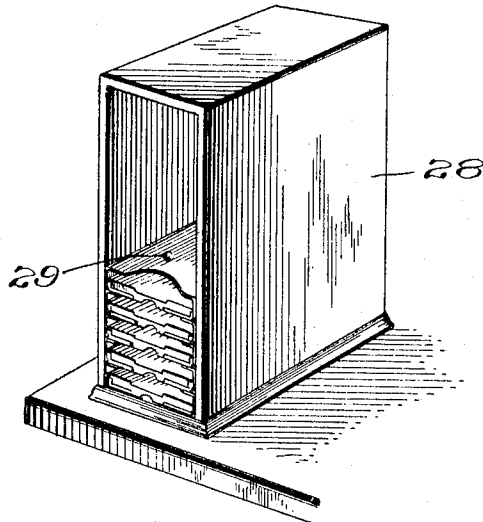


Fig. 2.

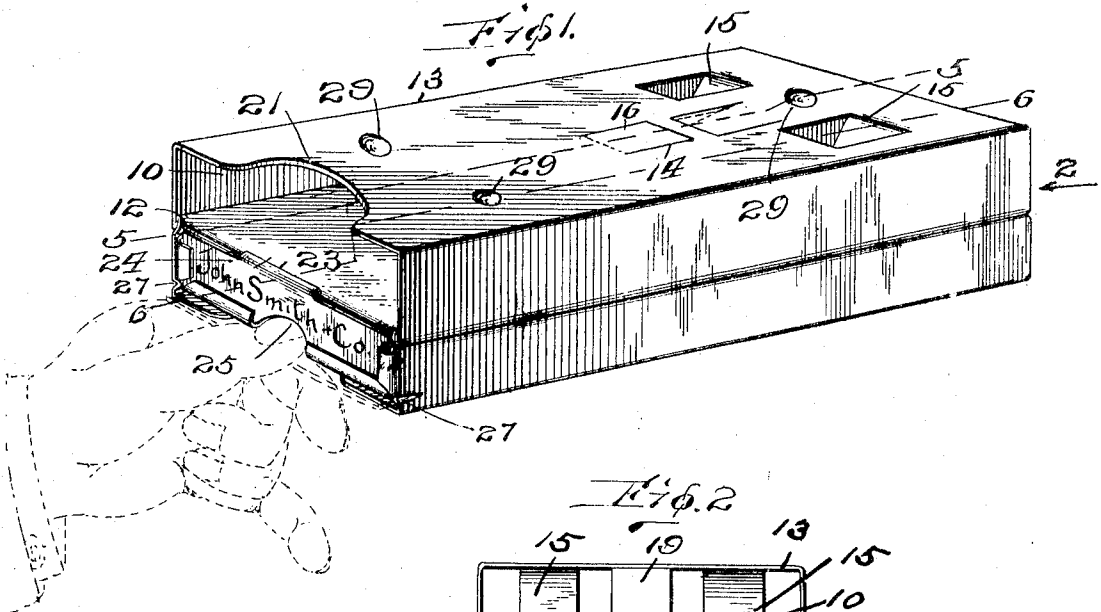
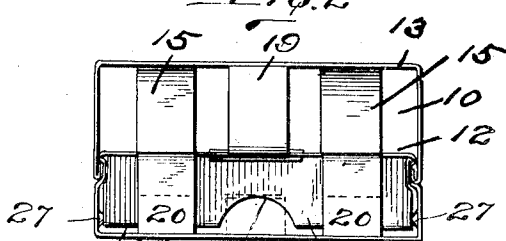


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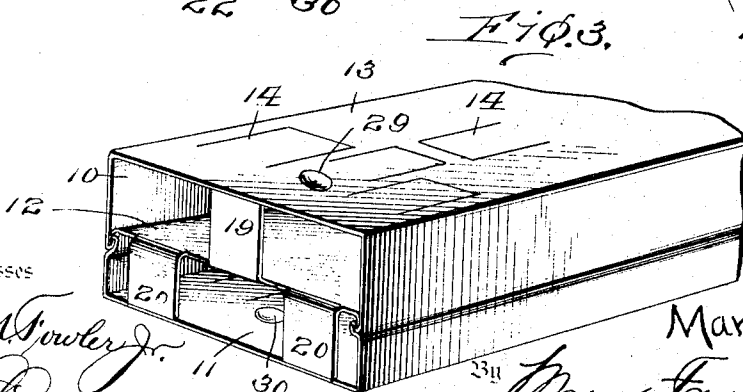
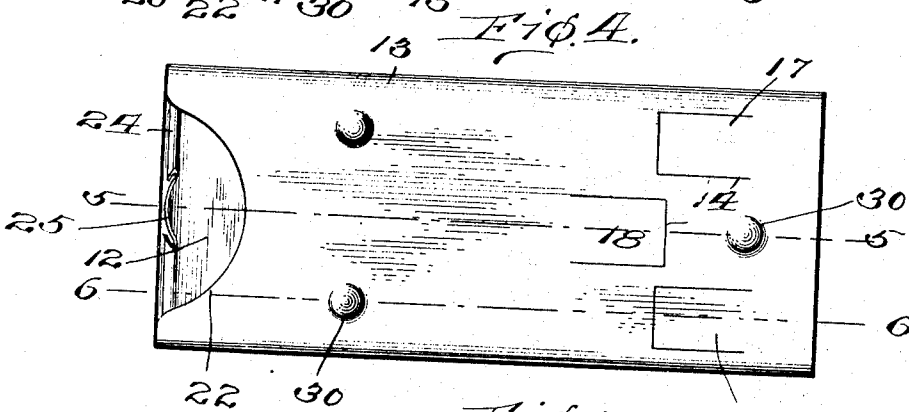
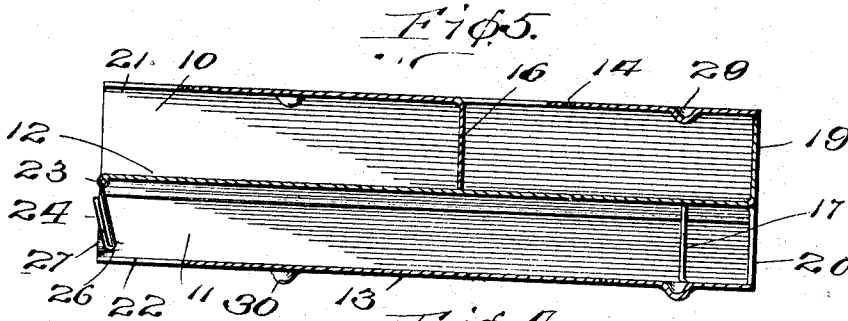
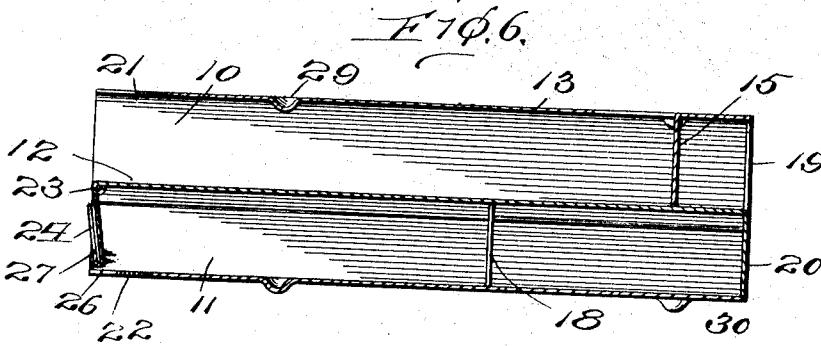
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARCUS P. EXLINE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Dallas, in the county of Dallas and State of Texas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Filing-Cabinet Units; and I do hereby 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.

This invention relates to filing cabinet units similar to those employed in the disclosure of Patent No. 1,016,821 issued to this applicant February 6th, 1912.

The object of the present invention is to provide a filing unit having greater capabilities and capacities as well as insuring greater accuracy and convenience of use.

A further object of the invention is to provide a filing unit having means for preventing one unit from being withdrawn from association with other units when the contents are being removed.

A further object of the invention is to provide a compartment for containing envelops and like articles with improved means for retaining the said envelops in such compartment with the exception of a single envelop which is to be removed.

With these and other objects in view the invention comprises certain novel constructions, combinations and arrangements of parts as will be hereinafter more fully described and claimed.

In the drawings:—Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improved unit. Fig. 2 is a view in end elevation of the improved unit as indicated by arrow 2 in Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a perspective rear view of the improved unit. Fig. 4 is an inverted plan view of the unit. Fig. 5 is a longitudinal sectional view taken on line 5—5 of Figs. 1 and 4. Fig. 6 is a longitudinal sectional view taken on line 6—6 of Figs. 1 and 4. Fig. 7 is a perspective view of a container with a number of the units therein.

Like characters of reference indicate corresponding parts throughout the several views.

Like the unit disclosed in Patent No. 1,016,821 above referred to the unit in the present case comprises an upper compartment 10 and a lower compartment 11 separated

by a partition 12 such compartments 55 being formed by a housing 13. The housing 13 is scored both in the top and bottom as indicated at 14 to provide tongues which may be forcibly bent into and extend across the compartments. As shown in Figs. 1 60 and 6, the tongues 15 in the upper wall of the housing are bent downwardly to extend across the compartment 10 into engagement with the partition 12. As shown in Fig. 5 the tongue 16 is bent down which produces 65 a stop limiting the compartment to a shorter length than that provided by the tongue 15. As shown in Fig. 5 the tongues 17 are bent in across the lower compartment into engagement with the partition 12 while in 70 Fig. 6 the tongue 18 is similarly bent across the compartment.

It will be obvious that as all of the tongues are similarly scored as at 14 none of such tongues need be bent in if the 75 requirement of the unit is such that the entire length of the compartment is desirable. To form a stop at the end of the compartment the partition 12 is provided with tongues one of which, as 19, is bent up 80 wardly and two, as 20, bent downwardly being intended to remain so permanently and produce a permanent open stop at the rear end of such compartments. The various 85 stops employed in the compartments consisting either of the tongues 19 and 20 or the tongues which are bent in from the scoring 14 leave the compartments open in the rear so that dust and dirt or other accumulations will be pushed backwardly 90 through the compartment as the compartments are used for the insertion of papers, envelops and the like.

At the front end the top is provided with a cut-out portion 21 and the bottom with a 95 like cut-out portion 22 to permit the ready withdrawal of papers contained in such compartments. To the front end of the partition 12 a label holder is hinged such 100 hinging being shown at 23 and comprising any usual and ordinary label holder 24 preferably provided with a cut-out thumb recess 25 for the insertion of the thumb, as indicated particularly in dotted lines in Fig. 1. The lower compartment is intended for 105 envelops and the label holder 24 is proportioned to provide a space 26 between the lower edge of such label holder and the bot-

tom of the housing so that only a single envelop will be conveniently withdrawn through such space at a time. To hold the hinged label holder 24 against movement when an envelop is being withdrawn the sides of the housing are provided with indentations 27 which serve as detents against which the hinged label holder 24 abuts when pressure is exerted to move it outwardly.

10 To retain the several units in association, as for instance in the casing 28 shown in Fig. 7, the housing is provided upon one side, as the top, with indentations 29, while the bottom is provided with registering protuberances 30, both the indentations and protuberances being preferably stamped in the sheet metal of which the housing is composed. When arranged in vertical columns the protuberances upon the under surface of each unit engage within the registering indentations of the unit immediately below so that a stack of units is provided as shown in Fig. 7, no one of which will be easily displaced from such association by the withdrawal of articles from the compartments.

As disclosed in the aforesaid patent, the present unit is intended to receive in the lower compartment a number of envelopes all of which are addressed to a certain party whose name appears upon the label holder, while the compartment immediately above is intended to receive all letters from any department of the business concern using, all of which are thus assembled in a single compartment of the envelopes ready addressed to regular correspondents so that all of the correspondence of an establishment, from all departments, will be collected together and mailed in a single envelop. The units as disclosed are capable of being used with a large number of different forms of containers such as that disclosed in Fig. 7 or as disclosed in the above mentioned patent or otherwise as may be found convenient.

I claim:—

1. A mailing unit comprising a housing embodying an upper and a lower compartment, stops bendable from the housing to extend entirely across the compartments, and a label holder hinged at one end and extending toward but stopping short of the bottom of one compartment, providing space

between the lower edge of the label holder and the bottom of the compartment. 55

2. In a mailing unit, a housing, a partition separating the housing into an upper and a lower compartment, stops adapted to be inserted into the compartments at varying distances from the front of the compartments, and a label holder hinged to the front end of the partition and extending downwardly toward but stopping short of the housing at the bottom of the bottom compartment, providing a space between the lower edge of the label holder and the bottom of the housing. 60

3. In a mailing unit, a housing divided by a partition into an upper and a lower compartment, a label holder hinged to the front end of the partition and extending toward but stopping short of the housing at the bottom of the lower compartment, the said bottom of the housing and the lower edge of the label holder having cut-out portions to facilitate the removal of an envelop through the space provided by the stopping short of the label holder. 65

4. In a mailing unit, a housing, a partition inserted into the housing dividing such housing into an upper and a lower compartment, a label holder hinged to the front end of the compartment and extending downwardly over the front end of the lower compartment, and detents extending inwardly from the sides of the lower compartment into position to yieldingly engage the ends of the label holder. 70

5. In a mailing unit, a housing having a cut-out portion in the under side of the housing at the front end, a label holder pivoted above the bottom and provided with a cut-out portion registering with the cut-out portion in the bottom. 75

6. In a mailing unit, a housing, a label holder pivoted to the front end of the housing and serving as a closure, and detents stamped into the material of the housing and positioned to yieldingly engage the ends of the label holder. 80

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses. 100

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