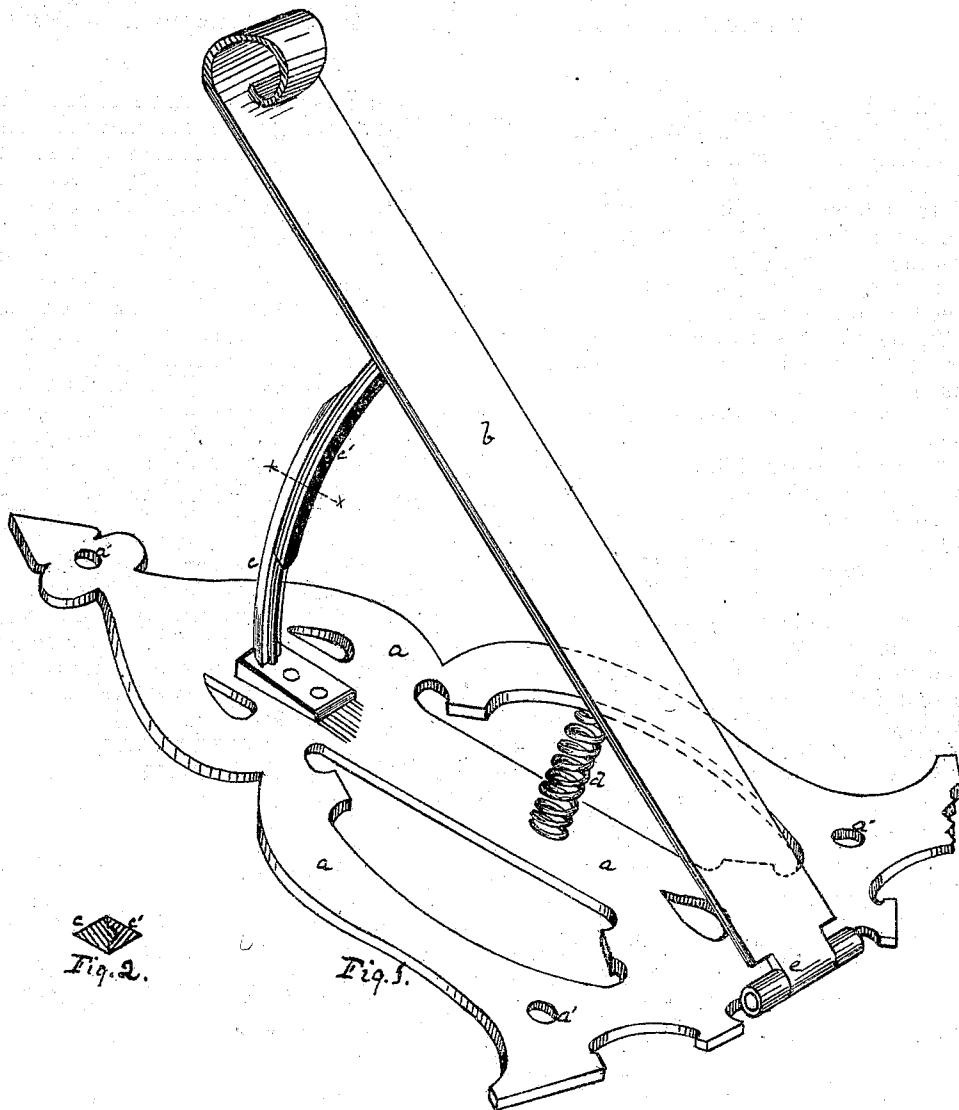


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IMPROVEMENT IN PAPER-FILES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY J. ASTHALTER, of Pittsburg, in the county of Allegheny and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Bill-Files; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawing making a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 shows my improvement in perspective, and Fig. 2 is a cross-section through *x x*, Fig. 1.

Like letters of reference indicate like parts in each.

To enable others skilled in the art to make and use my improvement, I will proceed to describe its construction and operation.

The plate *a*, of any suitable form, is made to be hung up or affixed to a desk, table, or to a suitable pedestal by nail or screw-holes *a'*. At one end is hinged a swinging-bar, *b*, and at or near the opposite ends of both is affixed, to one a curved stem, *c*, and to the other a like stem, *c'*, in such relative position that they will slide on or against each other, and when extended come as near as may be, point to point. A spring, *d*, connects the plate *a* and bar *b* between the stems

c c' and hinging point *e*, so as to bring them back after being distended and hold them in that position. In consequence of the stems *c c'* sliding on or against each other, but one hole will be made in the bills or other papers filed thereon to file the papers. The arm or bar *b* is raised till the points of the stems *c c'* are open, when the bill is placed on either, and the arm *b* is allowed to come back. Any one of a number of bills or papers can then be removed by so separating them that on raising the bar *b* all above the one to be removed will be on the upper stem *c'*, and the rest on the lower stem *c*; and in like manner it can be replaced in its file order.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A bill and paper-file, consisting of a swinging-bar, *b*, hinged at one end to a plate, *a*, in combination with a spring, *d*, and stems *c c'*, which overlap or slide past each other, constructed and arranged substantially as described.

In testimony whereof, I, the said HENRY J. ASTHALTER, have hereunto set my hand.

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