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Fig. 1.

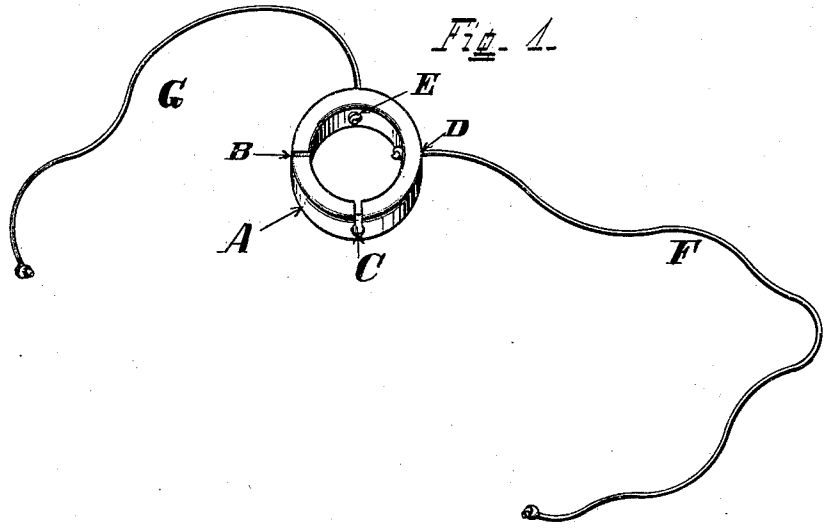
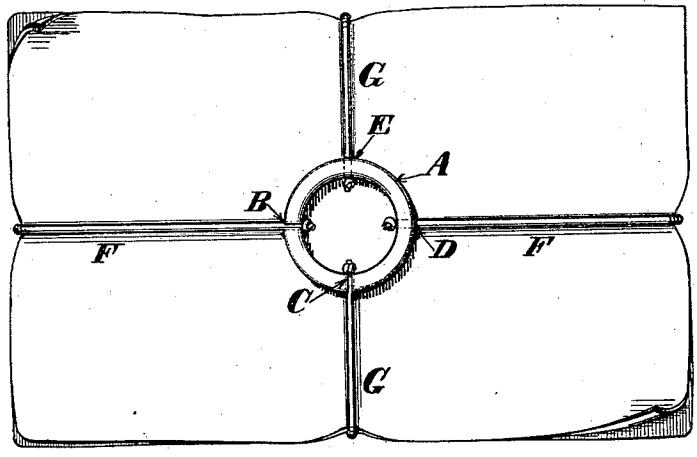


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE MASON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Catlettsburg, in the county of Boyd and State of Kentucky, have invented a new and useful Letter-File, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in letter-files which consist of an ebonized rubber ring with two rubber cords attached; and the object of my improvement is to afford an easy, convenient, and rapid contrivance for bunching letters and papers. I attain this result by the device illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a general view of the entire device. Fig. 2 represents the device as it appears in use, (in holding a bunch or package of letters.)

Similar letters refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

A represents a ring, made of ebonized rubber, bone, hard wood, or other suitable material, the periphery containing two notches, B and C, nearly opposite to two holes, D and E, in the periphery of the ring. From the two holes D and E are attached two rubber or elastic cords, F and G, the end of each cord terminating with a bulb or knot.

The method of use of this convenient file is shown in Fig. 2. The cord F being passed around the bundle or package in one direction, and G passed around in the other direction, the knots or bulbs are slipped into the notches B and C, so as to secure the papers from displacement or confusion, and at the same time the cords, being elastic, are adapted to control and bind either a small or large number of letters or papers, as convenience may require.

Having described my invention fully what I desire to claim and to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The combination of the ring A, provided with notches and perforations, with cords F and G attached, substantially as and for the purpose described.

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