

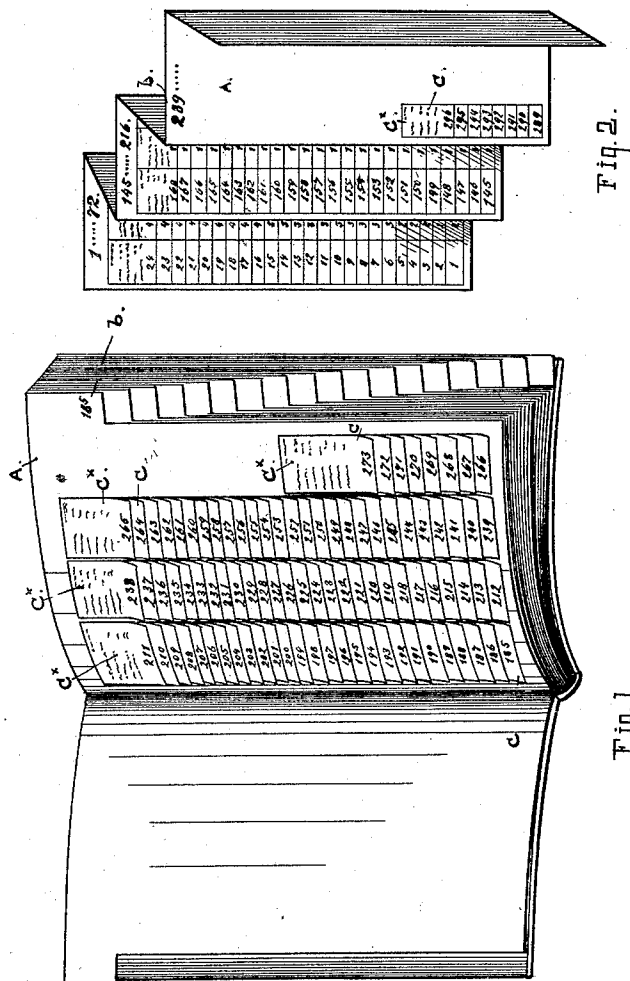
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WALTER R. HALL, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city and county of San Francisco, State of California, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Methods of Filing Physicians' Prescriptions, of which the following is a specification.

My invention has for its object to provide for the use and convenience of the druggist or pharmacist a simple, compact, and reliable plan or method of filing prescriptions in an orderly and systematic manner; and it consists, essentially, in attaching, laying, and arranging the prescriptions in rows or columns partly overlapping but not entirely covering one another, so that the bottom or lower end of every prescription slip or sheet is exposed to view, and in numbering the prescriptions in consecutive order upon such uncovered portions. The leaf or sheet upon which they are so fixed may be one of a number of sheets bound together in book form or a single sheet in the form of a folder, and each prescription-sheet is attached to the sheet or page by the top edge only, leaving the slip free to be turned back like the leaf of a book from over the prescription beneath it.

Each prescription-slip is distinguished by its own number marked on the lower uncovered portion, and the numbers contained on the sheet or leaf when the same is filled, from the lowest number to the highest thereon, are noted on the margin of the sheet or page. Where a number of sheets are bound together in book form the prescriptions are arranged on one side only, and each sheet or page is provided with an index stub or extension on the front edge of the index-numbers of that page.

The nature of the said invention and the manner of carrying out and applying the same will be understood from the following description, in which the accompanying drawings are referred to by letters.

Figure 1 represents a number of prescription-slips arranged and filed in book form according to my improved plan or method. Fig. 2 illustrates the manner of arranging a number of slips on single or separate sheets of folders.

In filing prescriptions according to this method I begin at the bottom of a page or sheet A of any desired size, or one that will afford room for several rows or columns of prescriptions, and by means of gum or other suitable attachment I fix the slip C in place by its top edge C^x alone, leaving the slip free to be turned up or over like a leaf on its attached edge. Each prescription as it is received and entered is laid in place and attached by its top edge to the sheet or leaf over and in line with the slip last filed, but also a little above and in advance of the top edge of the last slip, in such manner that it leaves exposed to view a portion of the last slip.

Where a prescription-slip to be filed is wider than the one previously filed I fold in the edge sufficiently to bring the slip into suitable compact size, about the same width and length as the slip or slips underneath in the same column. In this manner the prescription-slips as they are received are arranged and attached from the bottom of the sheet or page upward, and when one column or row is filled the succeeding sheet or page is used.

To every prescription-slip is given a number which is placed on the lower uncovered or exposed portion, and all are numbered in consecutive order from the bottom or first-laid slip to the topmost or last laid one in each row. As each sheet or page is filled the first and last numbers of those contained in the rows are marked on the margin of the sheet, as at *b*, in position for ready inspection or reference.

Suitable margin is provided on the front edge of the sheet or page to form index stubs or extensions, as illustrated in Fig. 1.

Among the advantages obtained in this method of arranging and filing prescriptions are compactness, a great degree of convenience in selecting any prescription for inspection without loss of time, and thorough protection of the face of the prescription.

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

The method of filing prescriptions in orderly sequence, which consists in attaching the prescription-slips by one edge to a sheet

or leaf in a row or column one upon or over
the other, one slip partly overlapping the
slip next beneath, then consecutively num-
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ginning with the lowest or first-attached pre-
scription-slip in regular order, and finally in-
dexing the sheet or leaf when filled by mark-
ing on the margin the first and last numbers

of the prescription-slip contained on that sheet or leaf.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I
have hereunto set my hand and seal.

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