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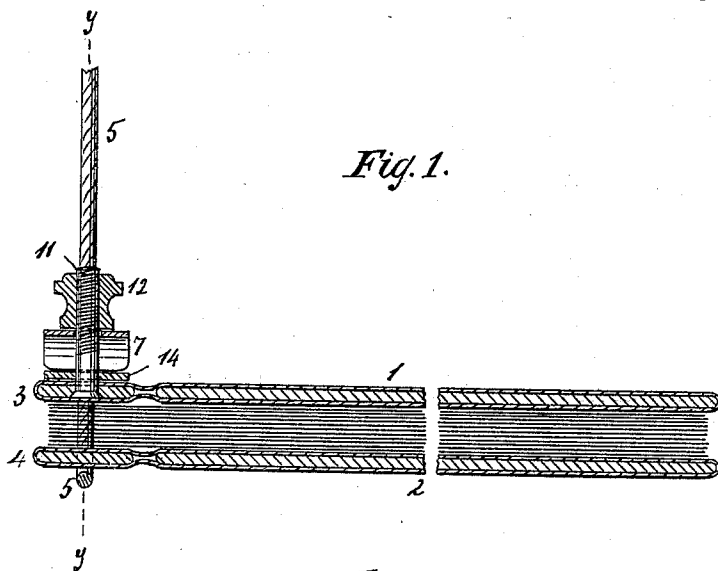


Fig. 1.

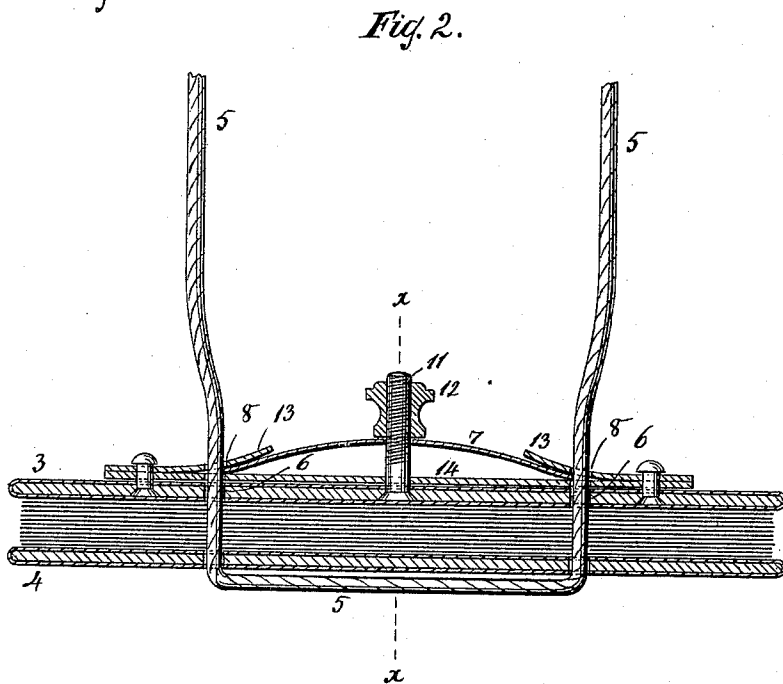


Fig. 2.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, PHILIP HANO, WILLIAM BOHMERT, and LOUIS ZELVIN, citizens of the United States, residing at New York, in the county and State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Covers or Files for Receipts and other Matter, of which the following is a specification.

The object of this invention is to provide means for the filing of such matter, for example, as orders or blanks, receipts, shipping-slips, and the like and for enabling such matter to be kept or filed in book form and permanently preserved, if seen fit, in condition for convenient reference; and the invention resides in the novel features of construction set forth in the following specification and claim and illustrated in the annexed drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of a file sectioned along *x x*, Fig. 2. Fig. 2 is a rear elevation sectioned along *y y*, Fig. 1.

The file comprises covers 1 and 2. The cover 1 may be for convenience styled the "front" or "top" cover and cover 2 the "end" or "bottom" cover. Each cover is shown hinged or flexibly connected or jointed to a strip or back portion 3 and 4, so that the covers can open and shut or swing on the strips. The covers and strips can be made of suitable material, as pasteboard, boards, or the like, and covered or not, as seen fit.

The strip 4 is shown provided with a guide or strips 5. The strip 3 is shown perforated at 6 for the passage of or to allow strip 3, with cover 1, to move along the guide 5. This cover 1 or its strip 3 has a clamp or fastening by which after cover 1 has been suitably adjusted such cover can be secured at the desired distance from cover 2. The clamp or fastening is shown formed by a bow or arched spring 7. This spring is movably seated on cover 1, and a screw or stem 11 rises from the cover 1 and is provided with a nut 12. When the spring is sufficiently flattened or compressed by screw 11 12, the guide 5 is clamped or held to hold the cover 1 against motion or slipping.

The operation of the device is simple. The nut 12 being removed and the cover 1 removed or slipped off the guide or strips the material or leaves to be filed are slipped or threaded onto such strips 5, after which the cover 1 and nut 12 are replaced and the latter suitably tightened to secure the cover 1.

The guide 5 is shown as being flexible. Such flexible guide can be readily formed from a cord of suitable thickness. A wound wire—as, for example, a piece of an electric conductor with insulating covering or other accessible strip of flexible material—can be made to answer.

The spring 7 is shown held by nut 12 and engages or abuts its ends with the guide 5. Such spring 7 is shown with its ends lying between lips formed by bending or forming a metallic strip or strips 13 14 13, as seen. The base part 14 or lips 13 14 are secured to cover 1 or strip 3, and said lips are suitably perforated, as at 8, to correspond to the perforations 6 for the passage or run of guide 5. When the spring 7 is tightened or flattened, the guide 5 is clamped or held or fixed in the perforated lips or parts 13 14.

In practice it has been found that the flexible guide or strips have an advantage, for the reason that after the file is filled and the file in book form is complete it would at times be difficult to open the files so as to refer readily and quickly to the matter written on the sheets nearest the guides 5 if such guides were rigid.

By the use of the flexible strips the file when complete in book form will curve or yield with the weight of the paper inclosed in the file, thus assuming the form of an ordinary book when open and enabling the user of the file to refer to the inner edge portions of the paper or matter inclosed in the file. The importance of this improvement is readily seen when it is known that these files are used largely for writing figures naming quantities and the like.

What we claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A file comprising covers, one of the covers

being provided with strips or bands forming a guide, and another cover being perforated to receive and move along the guide, lips secured to and perforated correspondingly with
5 said cover, a clamping-spring made to enter between the lips for engaging the guide, and an actuating-screw for the spring substantially as described.

In testimony whereof we have hereunto set

our hands in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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