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Fig. 1.

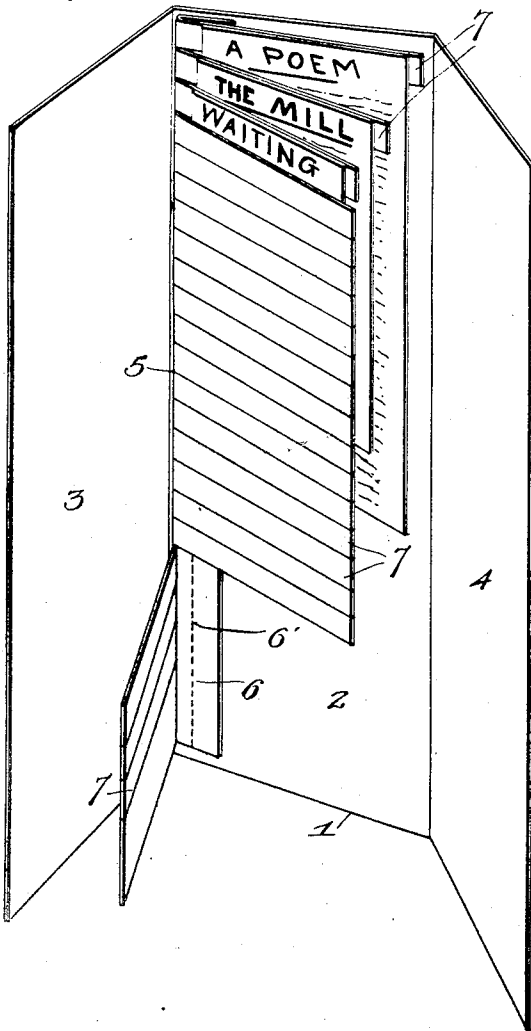


Fig. 2.

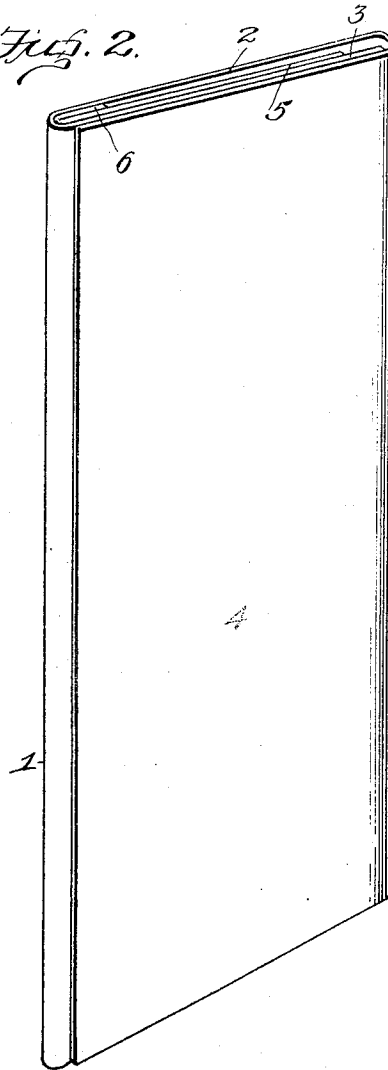


Fig. 3.



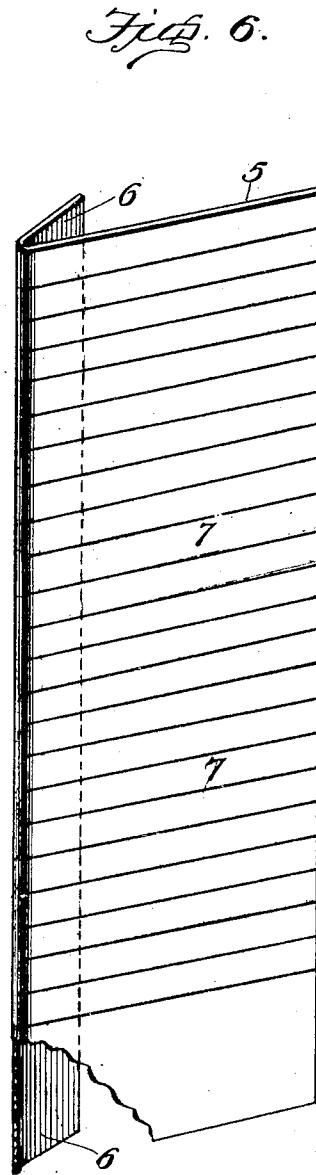
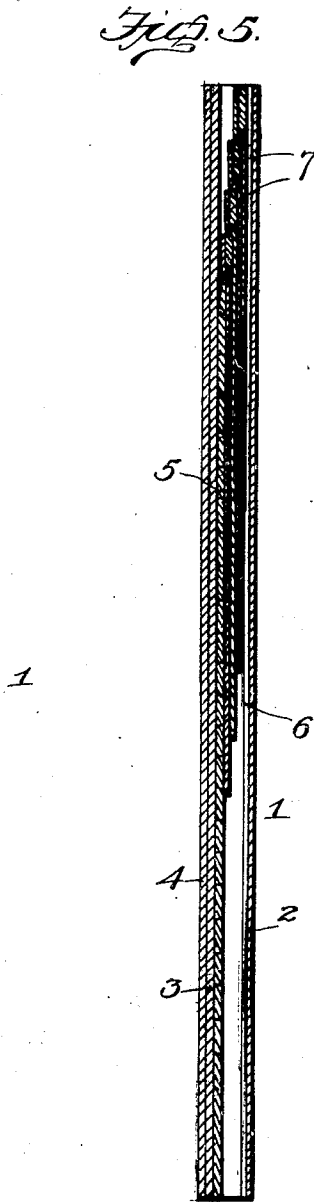
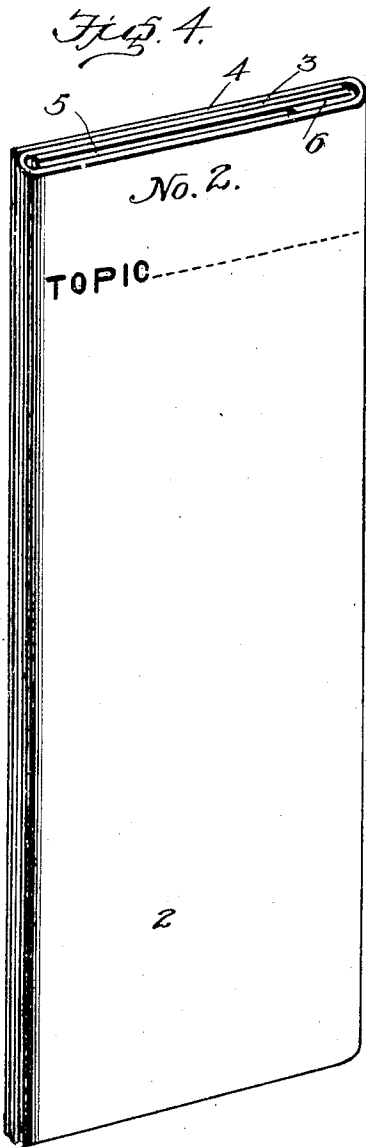
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN H. NEUHAUSER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Shelby, in the county of Richland and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Clipping-Files; and I do 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 improvements in clipping files.

One object of the invention is to provide a file of this character comprising a cover or folder and having an improved means for securing the clippings therein whereby the titles of the clippings will be exposed to view and the clippings arranged in position to permit any of the same to be readily reached.

A further object is to provide a file for clippings and the like which will be strong, durable and inexpensive in construction, simple, practical and comprehensive in use and which, because of the nominal cost thereof will permit the use of an independent file for each topic or sub-topic so that even one phase of a topic may be retained in the file indefinitely for future use and by arranging the file alphabetically, ready access to any topic or sub-topic is assured.

With these and other objects in view, the invention consists of certain novel features of construction, and the combination and arrangement of parts as will be more fully described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings:—Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved file showing the cover open and illustrating the manner in which the clippings are arranged and fastened therein; Fig. 2 is a similar view of the file with the cover in closed position; Fig. 3 is a top end view thereof; Fig. 4 is a view similar to Fig. 2 of the reverse side of the closed file; Fig. 5 is a vertical cross sectional view through the closed file; Fig. 6 is a detail perspective view of the clipping attaching member of the file removed from the cover.

In the embodiment of the invention, I provide a cover or folder 1, formed from a sheet of tough heavy paper, flexible cardboard, stiffened cloth or other suitable material, said sheet being creased at two points

to permit the same to be folded, thereby forming a back member 2, a tab or hinge and clipping protecting member 3 which is adapted to be folded over the clippings and their attaching devices hereinafter described, and a cover flap or protecting member 4 which is adapted to be folded over upon the clipping protecting member 3 as clearly shown in Figs. 1 and 4 of the drawing. While the cover flap or protecting member is a desirable feature, I do not consider the same as essential to the proper operation of my invention, as the file can be operated with equal facility if this member should be omitted. My improved clipping attaching member comprises a sheet 5 which may be formed of the same material of which the cover is constructed or of any other suitable material, said sheet being folded lengthwise near one edge to form a fastening member or hinge strip 6 which is stitched, glued or otherwise securely fastened to the back 2 of the cover adjacent to the folded edge of the same, said strip being preferably glued and stitched to the back, thus securely fastening the clipping attaching member in place in the folder or cover.

In Figs. 1 and 3 the strip is shown stitched to the back 2 of the cover as shown by the dotted lines 6', although it is obvious that glue may also be used to more securely fasten the strip to the back.

The sheet 5 forming the clipping attaching member is slitted transversely at intervals to form a plurality of flexible clipping attaching tabs 7, said slits being cut at equal distances apart to form tabs from the secured portion of the sheet to the outer edge thereof.

The tabs or hinges 7 are gummed on their upper sides to receive the clippings one of which is attached to each hinge or tab by moistening the back of the upper end of the clipping and applying the moistened surface to the gummed side of the tabs or hinges as clearly shown in Fig. 2 of the drawing. By the employment of the narrow continuous securing portion 6, the flexible tabs 5 forming a part of the same are adapted to be closely confined within the folder with the clippings attached thereto, when the same is in a closed position. When thus applied the titles of the clippings will be exposed one above the other, while the clippings themselves will be disposed be-

hind each other and behind the tabs or hinges as shown. By arranging the clippings in this manner the clipping attached to the upper tab or hinge will be the lowermost clipping in the file, while the clipping attached to the lower tab will be the uppermost clipping in the file. The clippings attached to the intermediate tabs will be arranged one above or in front of the other from the clipping on the upper tab toward the clipping on the lower tab. When arranged in this manner with their titles exposed, any desired clipping may be readily located and when found, access may be quickly had thereto by simply swinging back the tabs and clippings above or in front of the same in the same manner as turning the leaves of a book.

As clearly shown and described, the entire width of the continuous securing edge of the flexible strip 6 is secured to the back member 2, and the tabs 7 formed in the manner previously described extend to the unsecured creased portion of the strip, said portion corresponding in shape and adjacently arranged along the full length of the hinged portion connecting the front and back members of the cover, whereby the tabs are rendered flexible along their entire length and the clippings attached thereto snugly confined and properly assembled, the space located between the tabs of the sheet and back of the cover beyond the secured edge of the strip 6 being sufficient to accommodate the clippings in the manner described.

In practice it is intended that the files be arranged in a suitable receptacle and numbered or lettered and arranged in numerical or alphabetical order thus enabling the same to be conveniently indexed so that the file

containing any topic or sub-topic may be readily located.

Attention is called to the fact that any length of clipping may be attached to any one hinge by folding the clipping back and forth to the required length.

From the foregoing description taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, the construction and operation of the invention will be readily understood without requiring a more extended explanation.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is:—

A clipping file comprising a cover adapted to be folded to form a back member and two protecting cover members foldable upon one another, a clipping attaching sheet secured to the back member adjacent to the fold of the cover, said clipping sheet having a continuous securing edge, tabs forming a continuation of said securing edge and folded upon the latter and against the same, whereby spaces are formed between the tabs and back of the cover, the folded portion of the strip being disconnected from the adjacent fold of the cover thus permitting the tabs to yield a slight distance horizontally when the cover is being folded, said tabs being gummed on their surfaces adjacent to the back of the cover to fasten the clippings one below and in front of the other, whereby when the file is closed the clippings are compactly confined therein.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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