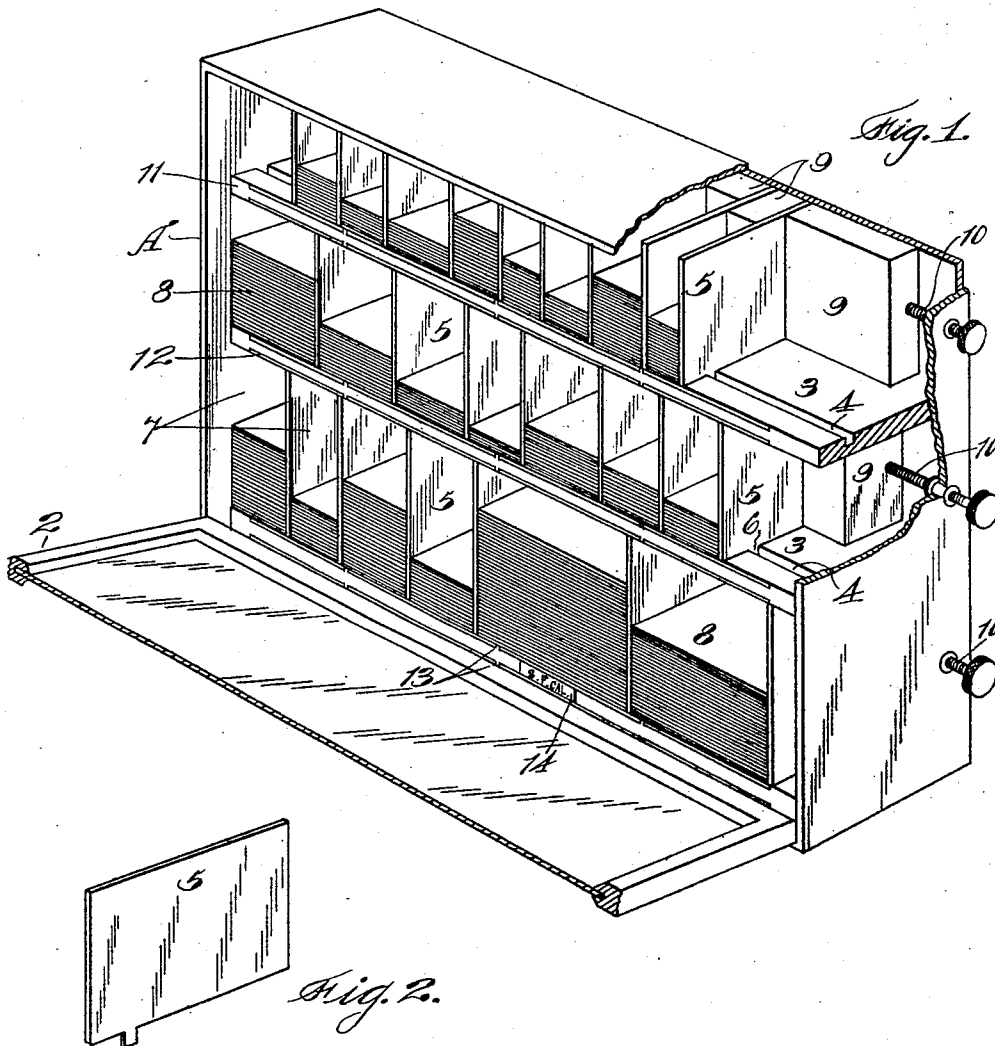


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, PERRY E. CRABTREE, citizen of the United States, residing at Oakland, in the county of Alameda and State of California, have invented new and useful Improvements in Ticket-Cases, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to ticket cases and the like.

The object of the invention is to provide a simple and practical case embodying a combination of elements adapted to facilitate the filing and displaying of stacks of railroad tickets and the like; also to provide means adaptable to ready adjustment to accommodate articles in stacks or piles of different width and length without binding or jamming the individual pieces in the pile; and to provide means whereby the front faces of stacks will be caused to lie in the same vertical plane, irrespective of the varying length of the several stacks.

The invention consists of the parts and the construction and combination of parts as hereinafter more fully described and claimed, having reference to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective, in partial section, of the case. Fig. 2 is a detail of a partition.

In the actual embodiment of my invention I employ a suitable casing A, having a conveniently mounted movable door or cover 2. The casing or cabinet A may be of any required proportions, and is provided with a plurality of shelves 3, abutting the sides and back of the case, each shelf having a longitudinally extending groove 4 in its upper surface. Adjustable along the shelves 3 are the thin vertical partitions 5 having lugs 6 to engage and be shiftable in the grooves 4. Each partition 5 is susceptible of adjustment relative to the adjacent partitions so as to form spaces or pigeon holes 7, into which may be inserted to rest on a shelf 3 tickets, cards, etc., represented at 8, thus segregating the denominations and sizes in their respective spaces.

An important feature of the invention is the provision of means for vertically sustaining the partitions 5 in place without forming undesirable exposed projections, or employing screws, springs or the like, and in providing means whereby the several partitions may be locked after having been adjusted. To this end I employ the spacing

blocks 9 of suitable material and preferably uniform in height so as to be freely insertible between the several shelves 3, but of a length and depth varying according to the width and length of the tickets or other articles 8. The blocks and partitions for each shelf are removably held in assembled position by the follower screw 10.

In operation a block 9 of slightly greater width than a given stack 8 of tickets is placed at one end of the case and a partition 5 pushed up against the block and if properly selected this block will be of such depth that the space formed in front thereof will, when a ticket is pushed back against it, leave the ticket flush with the front of the case. The same block will serve tickets of different length by making the block wider one way than the other. Thus by providing blocks of uniform height, but various widths and thicknesses, I am able to divide the shelf into areas closely approximating tickets of various dimensions, and by using reversible blocks all the fronts of the stacks will be even with the front edge of the shelf 3. After the several partitions have been adjusted to correspond to the various stacks of the stock and the blocks pushed against the rear wall of the case A, thus sustaining the movable partitions in their vertical position, the whole is firmly locked in place by means of the screws 10 projecting through one or the other, or both ends of the case, and adapted when screwed inwardly to abut the adjacent partition or spacing block and force them all into tight contact, holding the partitions against vibration and removal. The lugs 6 on the partitions engage in the grooves 4 in the shelves to keep the partitions and blocks from buckling outward, as they certainly would otherwise do when pressure is applied by the screws. The combination of the lugs 6 and grooves 4 with the locking screws 10 is very important.

To assist in identifying and selecting the various cards, I secure to the front edges of the shelves 3 a suitable index holder 12 having cutaway portions 13 through which may be inserted into the holder small labels 14.

While this device is gotten up particularly for use in railroad offices and for the convenience of ticket agents, it is manifest that it is capable of a variety of other uses.

By the use of a locking screw or equivalent

lent means acting endwise on the spacing blocks and transversely of the partitions, all the partitions and all the blocks on a single shelf are locked together simultaneously, and when the locking means is released, the release of one partition releases all of the other partitions on the shelf.

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

1. In a ticket case, the combination of a cabinet, shelves therein, removable partitions, spacing blocks between the partitions, a locking screw binding endwise on the blocks to lock them and the partitions in place, and means on the partitions coacting with the top of the shelves to prevent longitudinal movement of the partitions when lateral pressure thereon is applied by said screw.

2. The combination with a suitable cabinet, of shelves therein, said shelves each having a longitudinally extending groove, removable loose partitions having lugs on one edge to fit in said groove, removable interchangeable spacing means between and at the rear end of the partitions, and means acting transversely of the partitions to lock all the partitions and spacing means in position.

3. The combination with a suitable cabi-

net, of shelves therein, said shelves each having a longitudinally extending groove, removable loose partitions having lugs on one edge to fit in said groove, removable interchangeable spacing means between and at the rear end of the partitions, and means acting transversely of the partitions to lock all the partitions and spacing means in position, the operation of said locking means to release one partition acting to release all the partitions and spacing means on a shelf.

4. The combination with a suitable cabinet, of shelves therein, said shelves each having a longitudinally extending groove, removable loose partitions having lugs on one edge to fit in said groove, removable interchangeable spacing means between and at the rear end of the partitions, and means acting transversely of the partitions to lock all the partitions and spacing means in position, said locking means comprising a screw carried at one end of the cabinet and operating on and in line with the said spacing means.

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

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