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FILE RECEPTACLE

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Fig. 1.

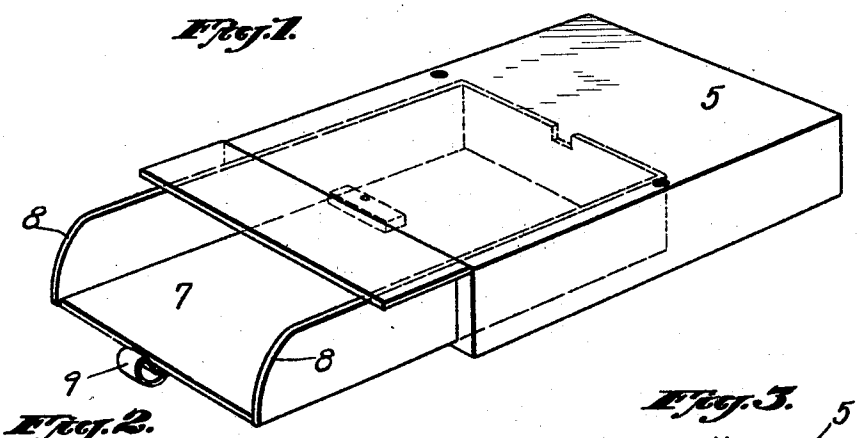


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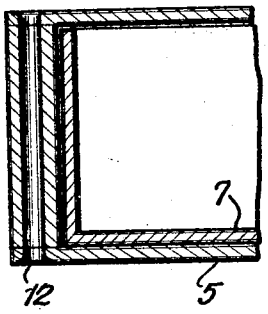


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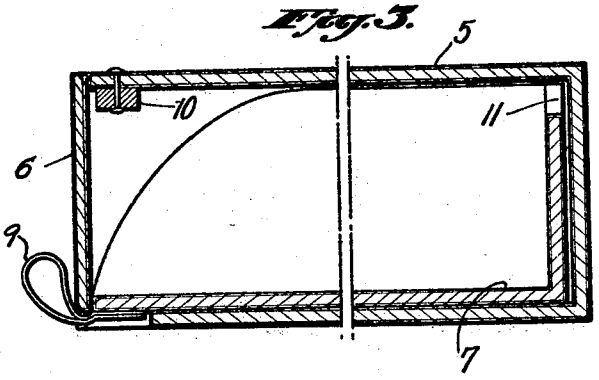
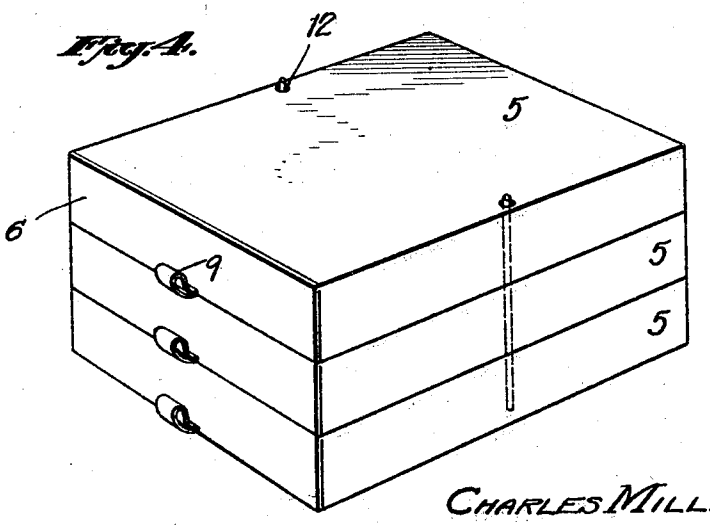


Fig. 4.



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FILE RECEPTACLE.

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This invention relates to new and useful improvements in receptacles for files, letter-heads, bills or the like, and aims to provide a novel, simple and inexpensive article of this character, wherein ready access may be had to the contents thereof, and wherein the bills, letter-heads or the like may be quickly disposed therein or removed therefrom. Furthermore, the receptacle is so constructed as to provide a dirt and dust-proof holder for its contents.

Generally, the invention consists of a normally entirely closed container having a freely swinging door at the entrance end thereof, while slidable into and out of the container is a drawer for the reception of the letter-heads, bills, files or the like, the forward end of the drawer being open and curved, so that when it is pulled outwardly, the said door will swing upwardly. Furthermore, the weight of the door will result in its self-closing when the drawer is slid into the receptacle.

In the drawing wherein like reference characters indicate corresponding parts throughout the several views:

Figure 1 is a top side perspective of my improved receptacle, the drawer being illustrated as partially pulled outwardly.

Figure 2 is a fragmentary transverse section through the file receptacle.

Figure 3 is a detailed longitudinal section, the drawer being entirely closed, and

Figure 4 is a perspective of a plurality of the receptacles in interconnected superposed relation.

Now, having particular reference to the drawing, 5 designates generally a cabinet of any suitable size and design, and of any desired material. This cabinet is entirely closed, with the exception that at its forward end, it is provided with a swinging door 6 hinged in any suitable manner at its upper longitudinal edge to the forward end of the top wall of the cabinet. For slidable disposition within the cabinet, there is provided a similarly shaped file drawer 7 open at its forward end and having its side walls at their forward ends rounded as indicated by the reference character 8.

Attached to the bottom wall of this drawer at the forward end thereof is an outwardly projecting and upwardly curved pull tongue 9 of metal or other suitable substantial rigid material, and obviously, when this tongue is pulled to slide the drawer 7 outwardly, the door 6 will be swung upwardly to the position indicated in Figure 1, so that access may be had to the material within the drawer. When the drawer is slid into the cabinet, the door 6 will drop to a closed position by its own weight, and by reason of the upwardly extending tongue 9, the lower edge of the door will be engaged thereby to maintain the door in entirely closed position, preventing the entrance of dust and dirt into the interior of the cabinet.

Any suitable means may be provided within the cabinet to normally prevent the entire withdrawal of the drawer from the cabinet. This means is illustrated as consisting of a cleat 10 pivoted at its center to the inner face of the top wall of the cabinet at the forward end thereof, and normally disposed in parallel relation with the forward end of the cabinet top wall so as to be engaged by the rear wall of the drawer when the drawer is slid outwardly. The upper edge of the rear wall of this drawer is formed with a notch 11, so that when the cleat 10 is swung at right angles to the position disclosed in Figure 1, it will pass through the notch 11 to permit the drawer to be entirely removed from the cabinet.

If desired, the side walls of the cabinet may be provided with vertical sockets 12, so that a plurality of the file receptacles may be interconnected in super-posed relation as disclosed in Figure 4.

In view of the foregoing description when considered in conjunction with the accompanying drawing, it will be apparent that I have provided a novel, simple and useful file receptacle that is well adapted for all of the purposes heretofore designated, and even though I have herein shown and described the invention as consisting of certain detailed structural elements, it is nevertheless to be understood that some changes may be made therein, without affecting the spirit and scope of the appended claim.

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

In a file receptacle of the character described, a closed cabinet, a swinging door defining the forward end of the cabinet and being hinged at its upper edge to the forward end of the top wall of the cabinet, said door normally assuming a closed position under its own weight, and a drawer freely slidable within the cabinet, the forward end

of said drawer being rounded for engagement with the door so as to cause the upward swinging of the door when the drawer is pulled outwardly from the cabinet, a cleat rotatably mounted on the interior of the cabinet, the rear wall of said drawer being provided with a notch so that when the cleat is disposed crosswise of the drawer the same will provide a limit stop and when disposed lengthwise of the drawer the same will slide through the notch to permit removal of the said drawer.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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