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Fig. 1.

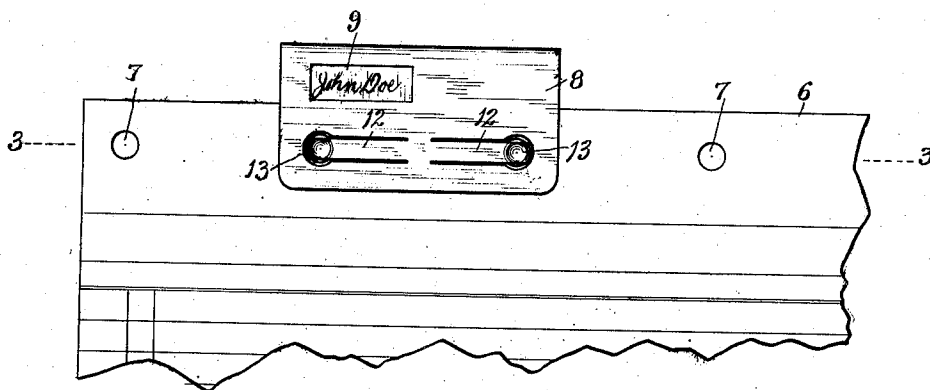


Fig. 2.

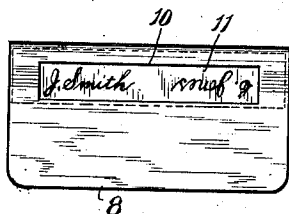


Fig. 3.

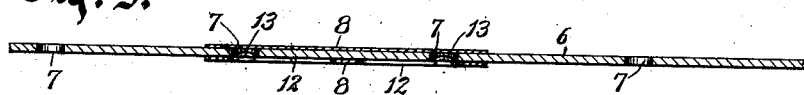


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWARD M. NEWALD, residing in Gillett, in the county of Oconto and State of Wisconsin, have invented new and useful Improvements in Adjustable-Tab Guide-Cards, of which the following is a description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which are a part of this specification.

This invention has for its object to provide a guide-card for a card-index system with a tab which is adjustable thereon, permitting of changes in its position to suit the varying requirements of the system.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, in which like characters of reference indicate the same parts in the several views, Figure 1 is a front elevation of a fragment of a guide-card provided with an adjustable tab and constructed in accordance with this invention. Fig. 2 is a rear elevation of the adjustable tab removed from the card. Fig. 3 is a sectional view taken on the plane of line 3 3 of Fig. 1, and Fig. 4 is an end elevation of the guide-card and its adjustable tab shown in Fig. 1.

In the drawings, 6 represents a guide-card, which is without the usual permanent tab at its upper edge and is provided with a series of regularly-spaced perforations 7 instead, which perforations extend from one end of the card to the other and at a short distance from the upper edge.

The adjustable tab is formed by a frame 8, which preferably consists of a plate of sheet metal bent upon itself to form an inverted-U shape in cross-section and to embrace the upper edge of the card 6 between its lower edges, as shown in Fig. 4. The frame is provided with a short opening 9 on its face and an opposite longer opening 10 on the reverse side, and a strip 11 of cardboard or other material is held in the bend at the upper edge of the frame, so as to show through the opening 9 and disclose a name or other character marked thereon. The object of the longer opening 11 in the back of the frame is to facilitate the removal of the strip 11, so that it may be turned end for end or reversed to provide new space for other names or index characters. The frame 8 is adapted to be moved along the upper edge of the card 6, the

lower edge of strip 11 riding on the upper edge of the card, and spring-tongues 12 are struck up from the front part of the frame and have rounded projections 13 formed at their ends to enter the openings 7 of the card, the two projections 13 being spaced apart the distance between the said openings 7.

With a guide-card provided with an adjustable tab of this construction the tab may quickly be moved from place to place and will be securely held in its adjusted position, the rounded projections 13 yielding to force when the tab is pushed to one side or the other and again springing into openings 7 in the new position of the tab, where it is held thereby against accidental displacement. When it is desired to change the name or other designation on the tab, it is only necessary to slide the strip 11 out of the frame by engaging it through the opening 10 in the back and replacing it in a different position, either changing it end for end or reversing it. With this invention the change of the tabs of a card-index system made necessary by the insertion of a new class can be quickly accomplished without removing the index-cards from their place by simply forcing the tabs along the cards to their new positions.

It is obvious that the particular construction herein set forth is not essential for carrying out this invention and that many modifications within the scope of the claims may be made therein.

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

1. A guide-card having openings therein, and a tab movably mounted on the card and provided with means for engaging the openings for holding it in its adjustments.

2. A guide-card provided with a series of openings along its edge and a tab slidable on the edge of the card and having spring means for engaging the openings to hold it in its adjustments.

3. A guide-card having openings therein, and a tab formed by a plate of sheet metal bent upon itself to embrace the edge of the card and provided with spring-tongues struck up therefrom with projections thereon for engaging the openings in the card.

4. A guide-card having openings therein, a tab formed by a plate of sheet metal bent

upon itself to embrace the edge of the card
and provided with spring-tongues struck up
therefrom with rounded projections for en-
gaging the openings in the card, and a remov-
5 able strip located in the bend of the plate
and containing an index character showing
through an opening in the plate.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature
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