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FILE HOLDER.

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Fig. 1.

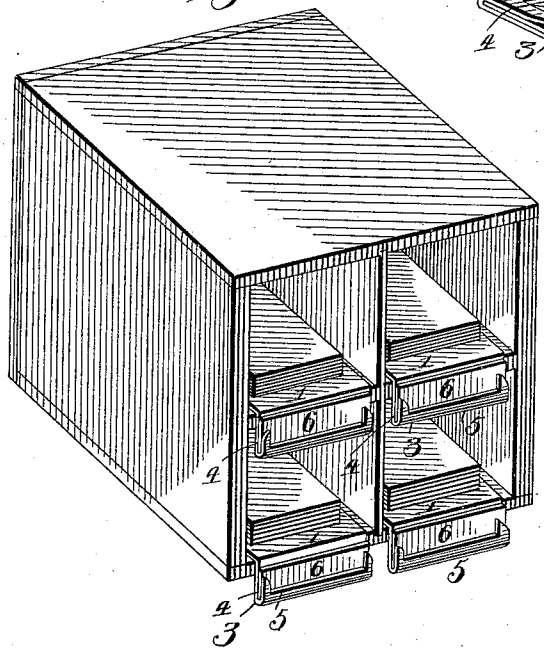


Fig. 2.

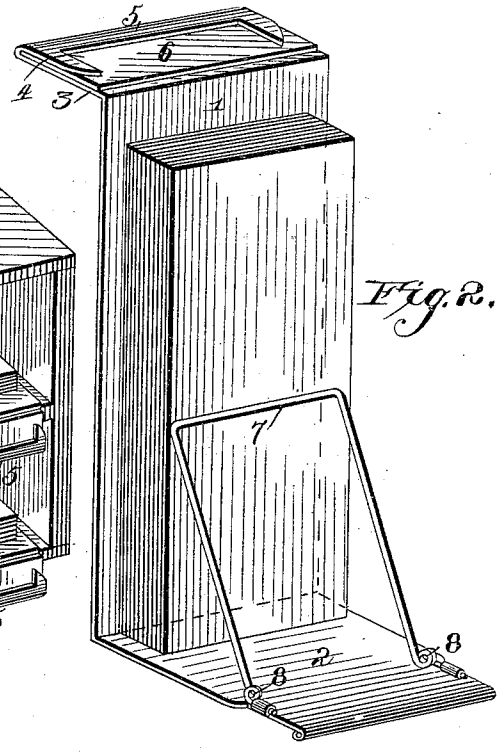
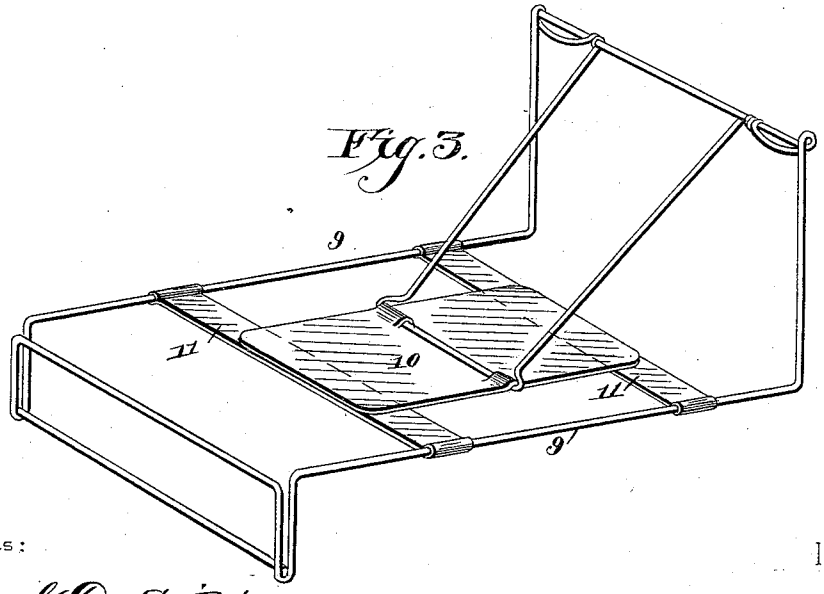


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, QUIN MORTON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Ronceverte, in the county of Greenbrier and State of West Virginia, have invented a new and useful File-Holder, of which the following is a specification.

This invention has relation to file-holders; and among the objects in view are to provide an extremely simple and cheap device adapted for insertion into ordinary pigeon-holes, and so constructed as to maintain the contents securely therein, to be capable of withdrawal from the pigeon-hole, whereby the entire contents may be inspected at some convenient point, and also so constructed as to be adapted for the insertion of and retention of a tag or indicator, upon which may be placed the subject-matter or titles thereof contained in that pigeon-hole.

The invention consists in constructing an L-shaped frame either of wire or sheet metal and of a size adapted to fit any ordinary pigeon-hole, the holder being provided at its rear or L end with a spring-bail or other form of retainer and at its forward end bent downwardly and thence upwardly upon itself to form an indicator or tag-holder.

Referring to the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective of a pigeon-hole provided with a file constructed in accordance with my invention. Fig. 2 is a perspective of a file mounted in a vertical position, as for the inspection of the papers therein contained; and Fig. 3 is a perspective of a modification wherein the file-holder is constructed of a single piece of wire.

Like numerals of reference indicate like parts in all the figures of the drawings.

In practicing my invention I prefer to construct the same of suitable sheet metal; and the holder consists of a body portion 1 of a length and width substantially agreeing with the plan dimensions of an ordinary pigeon-hole. The rear end of the body portion is struck up at right angles thereto to form an L-flange 2, and the forward end thereof is oppositely struck to form a depending flange 3, adapted to project downwardly over the front edge of the bottom of the pigeon-hole. The end of the depending portion 3 is then recessed, as at 4, and folded upon itself upwardly, as at 5, thereby forming a receptacle for an indicating-card 6. Secured to the rear flange 2, and upon its inner face and near its upper edge, is a bail 7, the bail portion of which rests against the body 1, and in this instance the bail is formed of spring-wire, and its terminals are coiled to form springs 8, and are then fastened by solder or otherwise to the flange 2.

If desired, and as shown in the modification, I may construct the device, as before described, of a wire 9 and form the L-shaped flange and body portion of a single wire, and also the front card-receiving clip or receptacle. The spring-bail may also be formed integral with the wire 9 or separate therefrom, and is preferably provided with a pressure-plate 10, provided with eyes, through which the bail passes. Suitable connecting-bands 11 may be added to retain the opposite wires 9, forming the body-plate, in relative alignment. If desired, also, I may provide the bail 7 (shown in Fig. 2) with a plate, as 10, or I may omit entirely the bail 7 and permit the papers to simply rest upon the body portion, whereby they may be withdrawn as a whole.

Having described my invention, what I claim is—

1. A file-holder consisting of a flat body portion terminating in a rear L-shaped flange and having its front end oppositely bent and then bent upon itself to form an indicator-receptacle, substantially as specified.

2. A file-holder consisting of a central body portion having its front end bent downwardly and bent upwardly upon itself to form an indicator-receptacle and having its rear end oppositely bent into L shape and provided with a spring-bail, the end of which is adapted to rest against the body, substantially as specified.

3. The body 1, having the flange 2, provided with the spring-bail 7, terminating in the coils 8, secured to the flange, said body being bent at its forward end, as at 3, recessed, as at 4, and bent upon itself, as at 5, substantially as specified.

4. The combination, with a pigeon-hole, of a file-holder the body of which approximates the same in plan view, and consists of a rear

L-shaped flange terminating against the wall of the pigeon-hole and a forward downwardly and upwardly bent end forming an indicator-receptacle and depending over the edge of the bottom of the pigeon-hole, substantially as specified.

5. A file-holder having a body portion which approximates the shape of the pigeon-hole and rests on the bottom of the same and has its front end bent downward and depending over the front end of the bottom of the pigeon-hole, said bent end being constructed to form an indicator-receptacle, as set forth.

6. A file-holder having a body portion to rest on the bottom of the pigeon-hole and provided with a clamp to hold the papers thereon, the front end of the body being bent downward and then bent upward and shaped to provide an indicator-receptacle, as set forth.

7. A file-holder having the body shaped to rest on and approximate the bottom of the pigeon-hole, the rear end of the body having an L-shaped flange and the front end having a depending integral holder or receptacle for an indicator, as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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