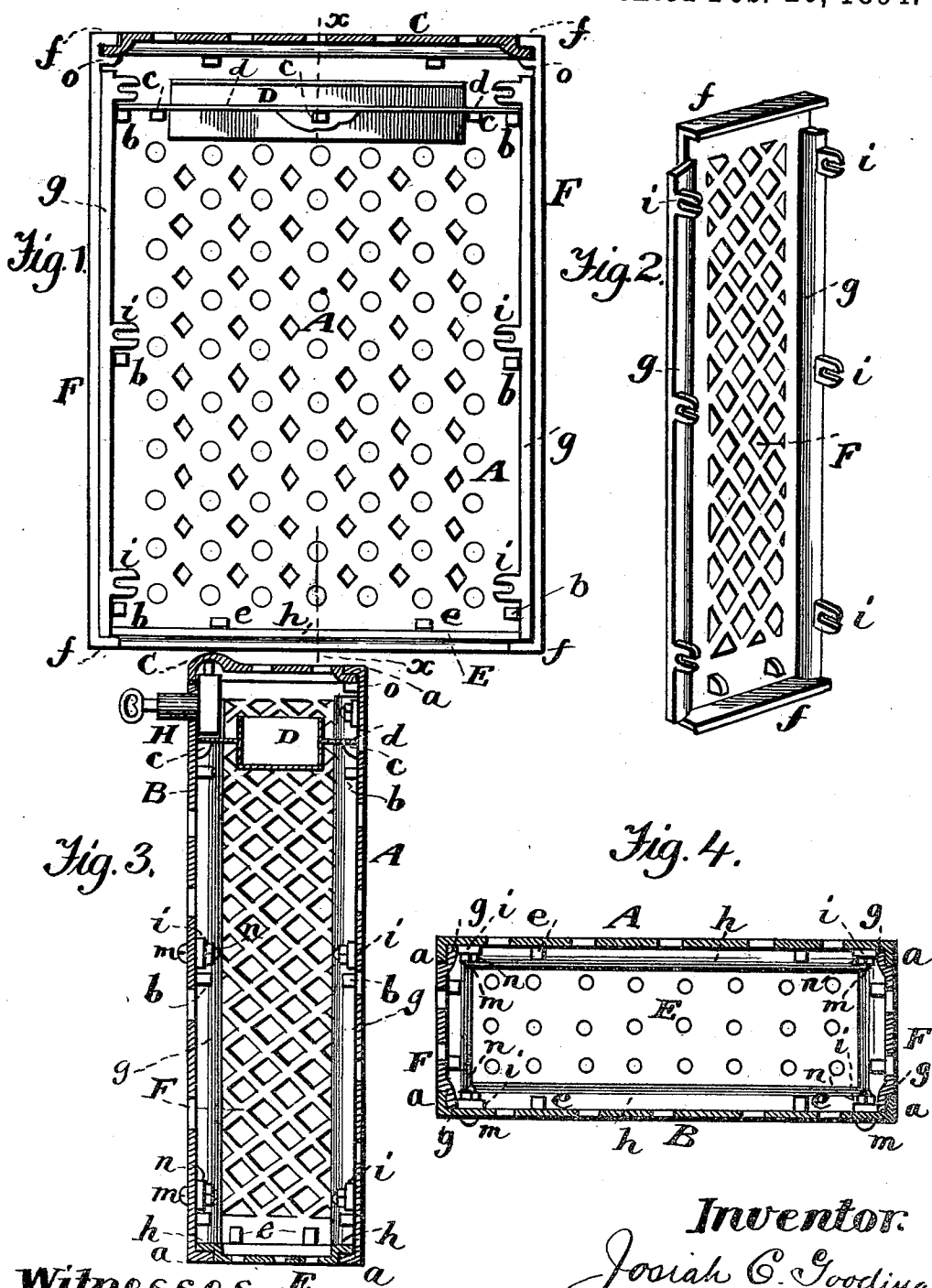


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSIAH C. GOODING, a citizen of the United States, residing at Covington, in the county of Fountain and State of Indiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Book Cases or Holders; and I do hereby 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 certain new and useful improvements in book cases or holders intended more particularly for use in connection with school desks or similar supports; and it consists substantially in such features of arrangement, construction, and combinations of parts as will hereinafter be more particularly described.

The invention has for its object to provide a book case or holder which may be conveniently attached to school desks and the like, to enable the scholars or pupils to place their books and other articles safely away when not in use; and also to furnish a receptacle additional to the desk itself, in which receptacle the books, slates, chalks, pencils and other properties of the pupils or scholars may be placed so as to always be placed in convenient reach of the scholar whenever required during school hours, as well as to be locked up over night to prevent their becoming misplaced or lost.

A still further object of the invention is to provide a receptacle of the character referred to which shall be cheap and simple, and one which can readily be taken apart and packed to occupy but small space in shipment or transportation, and again put together for use.

In carrying my invention into effect I provide the book-case or holder preferably of cast or malleable iron the main body of which is of open work or reticulated throughout; and it should be remarked at the outset that no particular form of attachment is herein shown for securing the said book-case or holder to a school desk or other support, since it is obvious that any preferred form of attachment may be employed, such for instance as a clip and bolt.

The front, back, bottom, two side pieces as well as the removable top of the case or holder are all so constructed that when the parts are

properly placed together and secured the corners and edges of said case or holder will present an even and well joined appearance. The top of said case or holder is removable, and when the same is closed tightly in its place it is prevented from being withdrawn by means of a suitable lock and key which are employed to secure the same against accessibility by unauthorized persons not having the proper key.

Preferably I arrange within the book-case or holder at or near the top thereof a suitable receptacle for chalk, pencils and the like, and which receptacle is capable of being lifted out for the purpose of enabling books, slates or other similar articles being properly placed within said case or holder.

In the accompanying drawings—Figure 1 represents a front elevation of my improved book-case or holder with the front thereof removed. Fig. 2 is a view in perspective of one of the sides of the case or holder. Fig. 3 is a vertical transverse section taken on the line x, x of Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a view in detail more clearly representing the construction of certain parts.

In constructing my improved book case or holder I form the back A thereof of preferably rectangular shape, and having at right angles thereto an inwardly projecting flange a extending all around the same. The front B of said case or holder is likewise constructed with the exception of not being quite as high as the back portion A so as to accommodate the removable sliding top or cover C which is inserted in place as hereinafter described. Both the said front and back of the case or holder are provided on their inner sides adjacent to their vertical edges with inwardly projecting lugs b , against which the side pieces fit when in place so as not to be forced inwardly too far; while also provided on the inner sides of the front and back are horizontally disposed lugs c upon which rests the box or receptacle D for holding chalk, pencils and the like. The said box or receptacle D is formed of any suitable material, and is constructed with a ledge d which rests upon the lugs c , as shown. Across the front and back of the case or holder, adjacent to the bottom edges thereof similar lugs e are provided which prevent the bottom E from being forced

inwardly too far when the parts are properly placed together. Each of the side portions F is provided at its top and bottom edges with an inwardly projecting flange *f*, corresponding to the flanges of the back A and front B; while their vertical edges are formed with inwardly turned flanges *g* which are embraced by the corresponding portions of the flanges *a* of the back and front. In this way when the parts are all put together the corners and edges thereof will come together evenly and form a well finished connection. The bottom E is likewise formed all around with a correspondingly inwardly turned flange H which is embraced by the flanges *a* of the back and front in a similar manner. It will be seen that by virtue of the lugs hereinbefore referred to, the bottom E as well as the two side portions F will be securely held in place when the parts are united. The inwardly turned flanges of the side portions it will be observed are also formed or provided with lugs *i* which are notched for the passage therethrough of the securing screws or bolts *m* which pass through from both the front and back of the case or holder, and are tightened by means of small nuts *n*.

Across each of the side portions F, on the inner sides thereof a small flange *o* is provided which, together with the inwardly projecting flange at the top edge of each side portion constitutes a suitable guide for the reception of the removable or sliding cover. The said cover slides into place when properly inserted, and a suitable lock H is employed to secure the cover against removal, by means of a suitable key.

Without limiting myself to the precise construction and arrangement of parts shown, I claim—

1. A case or holder for books and the like constructed of the front and back portions each having an inwardly projecting flange all around, and having inwardly projecting lugs, the bottom having an inwardly turned flange on its edges, the side portions having their top and bottom edges turned inwardly and their vertical edges formed with inwardly turned flanges and notched lugs, and a removable top or cover provided with a suitable lock, the whole being arranged together and secured by screws and nuts, substantially as shown and for the purpose described.

2. A case or holder for books and the like constructed of the front and back portions each having an inwardly projecting flange all around, and having inwardly projecting lugs, the bottom having an inwardly turned flange on its edges, the side portions having their top and bottom edges turned inwardly and their vertical edges formed with inwardly turned flanges and notched lugs, a removable top or cover provided with a suitable lock, and a removable chalk holder, the whole being arranged together and secured by screws and nuts, substantially as shown and for the purpose described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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