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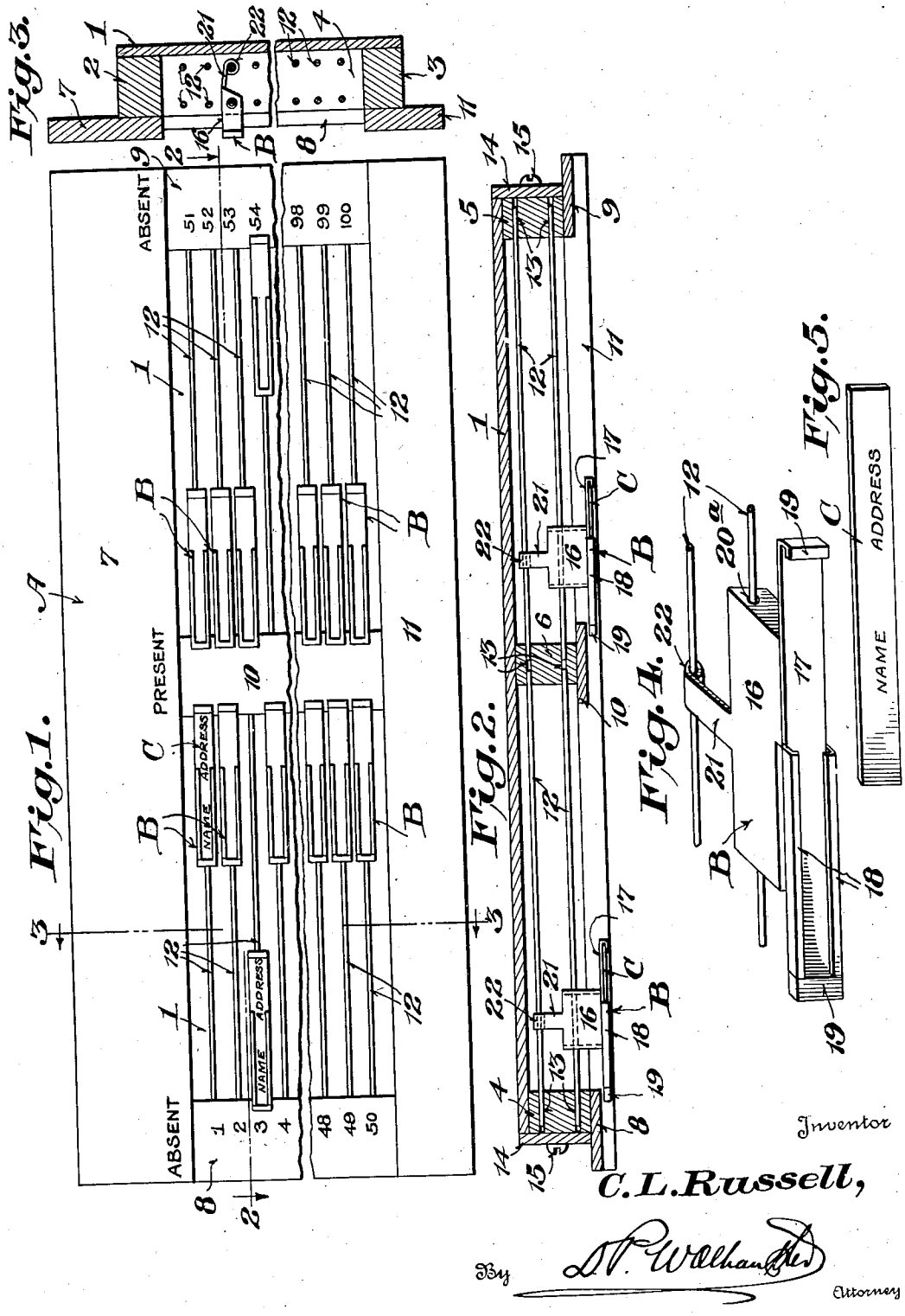


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This invention relates to counting boards and more particularly to an attendance checking device having special utility in Sunday schools or other institutions where it is desirable to have the presence or absence of scholars or students noted expeditiously and in a manner that can be readily determined from visual inspection of the board.

Accordingly, a primary object of the invention is to provide a board having means for supporting a plurality of name carrying units adapted to be arranged in vertical columns and shiftable or movable from one column to another respectively to indicate whether the scholar is "Present" or "Absent".

Another object of the invention is to provide a board including novel frame parts for supporting the guides or tracks for the name carrying slides in proper alignment, and to also permit of readily inserting or removing the guides when required.

A further object of the invention is to provide a novel slide or carrier for the names of individual scholars or students.

With the above and other objects in view which will become more fully apparent as the nature of the invention is better understood, the same consists in the novel features of construction, combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter more fully described, illustrated and claimed.

A preferred and practical embodiment of the invention is shown in the accompanying drawing, in which:—

Figure 1 is an elevation of the board, partly broken away, embodying the present improvements.

Figure 2 is a horizontal section taken on the line 2—2 of Figure 1.

Figure 3 is a vertical section taken on the line 3—3 of Figure 1.

Figure 4 is a detail perspective view of the sliding name carrier or holder.

Figure 5 is a perspective view of a card used in the holder of Figure 4.

Similar reference characters designate corresponding parts throughout the several figures of the drawing.

Referring to the drawing, the invention includes a board A comprising a back member 1; horizontal top and bottom rails 2 and 3 respectively; and the vertical side posts 4—5 together with the intermediate vertical post 6. These parts may be held in assembled relation by screws or equivalent fastenings, not shown. The front of the board is provided with a rectangular facing or frame including a head piece 7, sides 8—9, center mullion 10 and bottom sill 11.

The space between the posts 4—6 and 5—6, together with corresponding frame parts define vertical rows or columns in which the name bearing slides B are mounted for manipulation by the keeper of the roll. Preferably, above the side frames 8 and 9, the head piece 7 is provided with the legend "Absent", and, above the center mullion, appears the word "Present".

Also, between the posts 4—6 and 5—6 are mounted the guides or supports 12 for the slides B. These guides may be rods or wires which are fitted transversely in the posts by means of the holes or openings 13 therein, thereby to provide horizontal tracks for supporting the slides B within the frame. As shown, two rods are used for each slide, and, the rods are held in place by the side locking strips 14. These strips may be secured to the side post 4—5 by the fastenings 15 in such a way that if it becomes necessary to remove the guides or rods, the strips may be readily removed and new rods inserted.

Referring to Figure 4 it may be observed that the slide B is preferably a metal stamping including a body 16 formed at its front edge with a downward flange 17 having keeper flanges 18 and 19 providing a pocket for receiving a removable and replaceable identification card C. The body 16 is also provided with the side flanges 20 having the openings 20a for receiving one of the rods 12, and may be further formed with the tail piece 21 having the loop 22 for slidably receiving the other adjacent parallel rod 12. Thus, the slide B is not only supported to slide freely on the rods, but the card C will be held parallel to the face of the board to be readily readable.

In practice, the slides bearing the names are intended to be positioned either adjacent the center mullion 10 or the side frames 8—9 (Figure 1) according to whether the individual whose name appears on the slide is "Present" or "Absent". The cards of those present are preferably grouped at the center of the board under the legend "Present" so that it may be readily apparent at a glance who is in attendance, and the cards of the absentees are shifted outwardly toward the sides to similarly quickly show those who are not in attendance. When the keeper of the roll checks the attendance it is a quick and simple act to shift or move the slides B under their proper classification. When this has been done, the total present and absent may be readily ascertained, while at the same time the credit for attendance will be apparent to all who are on hand

and the absentees may be readily looked after by those in the organization designated for that purpose.

Numerals may be placed on the face of the side frames 8—9 opposite each slide so that if the board is intended to record one hundred names, as in the example shown, and it should appear that twenty-five slides are in the absent classification, it will be apparent that the total of those present is seventy-five. The means of classification employed will be so clearly apparent that the totals may be read at a distance, and the publicity given by the board serves to inspire an incentive to be present.

In its general aspect the invention includes a board or panel A provided with recessed portions formed between the vertical and intermediate posts 4, 5 and 6, together with supporting means 12 spanning the recesses, the said supporting means having the card carrying elements B shiftably mounted thereon.

Without further description, it is thought that the features and advantages of the invention will be readily apparent to those skilled in the art, and it will of course be understood, that changes in the form, proportion and minor details of construction may be resorted to, without departing from the spirit of the invention and scope of the appended claims.

I claim:—

1. An attendance register having "Present" and "Absent" indicia thereon and including a plurality of horizontal guides, and card carrying slides shiftably mounted on said guides and adapted to be positioned beneath appropriate indicia on the board.

2. An attendance register comprising in combination, a frame having the legend "Present" at the center thereof and the legend "Absent" at each side thereof, a plurality of horizontal guides supported behind the frame, card carrying slides shiftably mounted on said guides and adapted to be left positioned at the center of the frame beneath the legend "Present" to indicate those in attendance and to be shifted toward the sides of the frame beneath the legend "Absent" to indicate those not present, and numerals on the sides of the frame opposite each slide to indicate the number of slides.

3. An attendance counting board comprising in combination, a back member, vertically disposed side and intermediate posts carried by said back member and having openings, supports fitting in said openings and spanning the space between the posts, said supports being arranged in parallel horizontal relation and in vertical series, strips removably fitted to the outer faces of said side posts for retaining the supports in the post, and card carrying members slidably mounted on the supports whereby they may be shifted from adjacent the intermediate posts toward the side posts and vice versa.

4. An attendance register comprising in combination, a back member, vertically disposed side and intermediate posts carried by said back member and each having vertical parallel rows of aligned openings, rods fitting in said openings whereby adjacent horizontally disposed rods are paired to provide a card carrier support, and card carrying members slidably mounted on each pair of horizontally disposed rods, said card carrying members each including a body having a card supporting front portion and also having means for slidably and non-rotatably engaging each rod of a pair of said horizontally disposed rods to hold the card supporting front portions in a vertical plane.

5. An attendance register comprising in combination, means for supporting a slidable card carrying member comprising a pair of spaced horizontally aligned rods, and a card carrying member slidable on said rods, said member comprising a body having openings for receiving said rods to be non-rotatably shiftable thereon, and said body having a card supporting portion formed at right angles thereto and parallel to said horizontal rods.

6. In a device of the class described, a pair of spaced horizontally aligned rods, and a card carrying member mounted on said rods, said card carrying member comprising a body having downturned flanges provided with openings for receiving one of said rods and also provided with an extension having the end thereof formed into a loop for receiving the other of said rods, and a card receiving portion formed on the body in a vertical plane with reference to the horizontal plane of said rods, thereby to support a removable card in a visible position.

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