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INDEX TAB.

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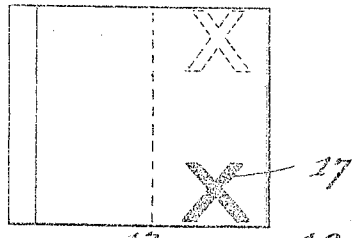
Fig. 1.



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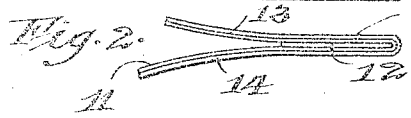

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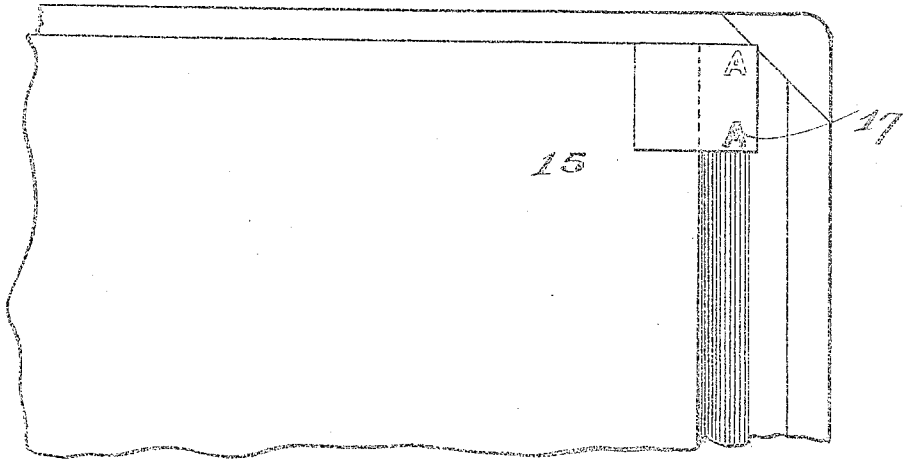

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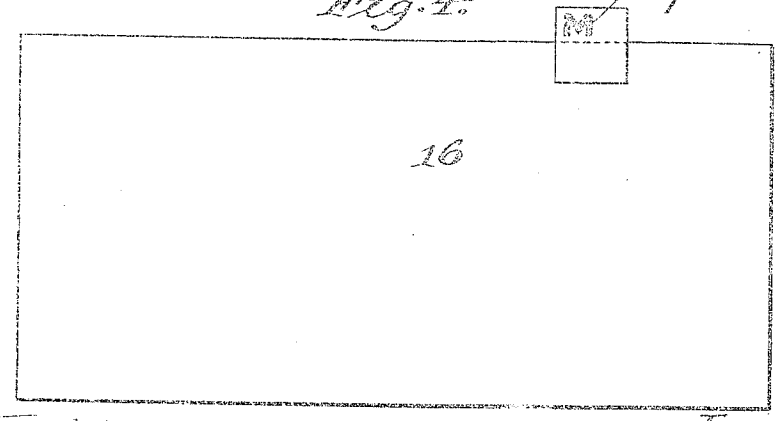

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CLYDE J. BRYANT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Index-Tabs, of which the following is a specification.

My invention concerns more particularly index tabs such as are adapted to be attached to the edges of leaves of books, especially account and address books, or index cards, or the like.

The main object and salient feature of my improved tab is the construction of such a device which will possess adequate strength, withstand rough handling, the printing or display index of which will be maintained clean, and which may be washed without injury if found to be necessary.

Furthermore, my improved tab is easily and readily attached to a leaf or card and is comparatively inexpensive to manufacture.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, it will be noticed that—Figure 1 is a face view, on an enlarged scale, of one of my improved index tabs; Fig. 2 is an edge view of the same; Fig. 3 shows the manner of attaching the tab to a leaf of a book; and Fig. 4 shows the position which the tab occupies when fastened to an index card or the like.

A piece of paper of the desired size and having printed thereon the desired letter, number, date, or the like, is first soaked in denatured alcohol and applied to the face of a strip of transparent celluloid, the two being then passed between hot rollers; the pressure of which causes an adherence of the alcohol-softened celluloid to the paper, thereby forming for the printed paper a water-proof protective coating or facing. Such a printed coated paper characterized 10 on the drawing is then glued to a cloth or fabric backing 11, the united fabric and paper subsequently being bent around and glued to a pasteboard or similar stiffening piece 12 of such size that the tab will have two protruding ends 13 and 14 of the united paper and cloth. These latter ends are intended to be glued or similarly fastened to the opposite sides of the sheet 15 of a book or an index card 16. The tab when thus attached displays on its protruding portion one or more index characters 17, the face of the paper displaying the same being protected from wear and dirt by the celluloid veneer or coating.

To those skilled in this art it will be apparent that my improved tab has sufficient body and strength to withstand ordinary handling; in fact, to satisfactorily withstand what might be called rough usage or treatment.

Although I have described somewhat in detail the manner of making my tab and its physical characteristics, it is to be understood that my invention is not strictly limited to the precise details herein set forth, which may be varied considerably without departure from the heart and essence of the invention.

I claim:

1. In an index tab of the character described, the combination of an inner stiffening body, a fabric secured to said body and having a pair of ends projecting beyond the same, and a paper displaying on its outer face an index character fastened to said fabric, said paper being provided with a transparent protecting facing or coating, substantially as described.

2. In an index tab of the character described, the combination of an inner piece of cardboard, a fabric secured to said piece of cardboard and having a pair of ends projecting beyond the same, a paper displaying on its outer face an index character fastened to said fabric, and a protecting transparent celluloid facing or coating for the outer surface of said paper, substantially as described.

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