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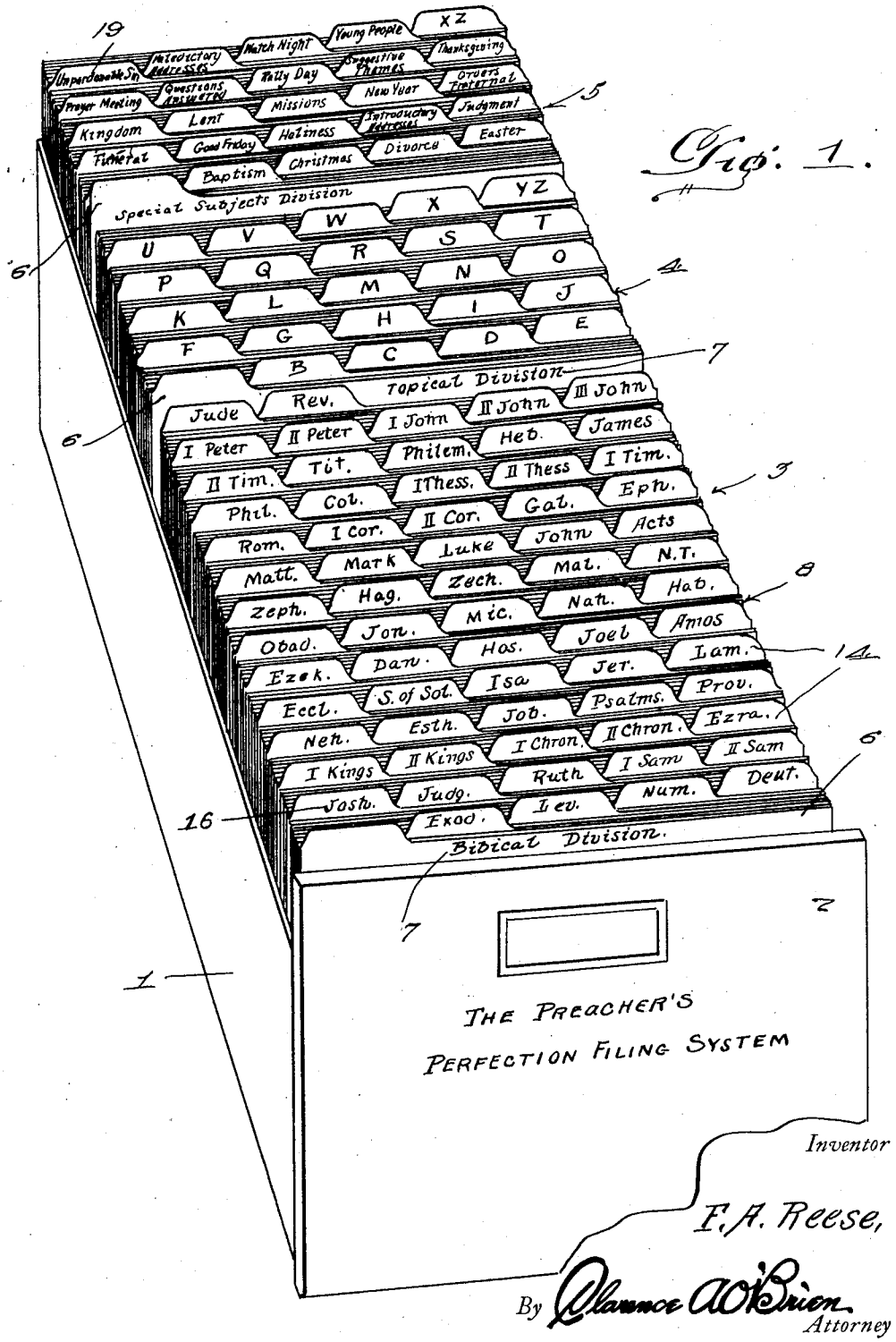


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Fig. 2.

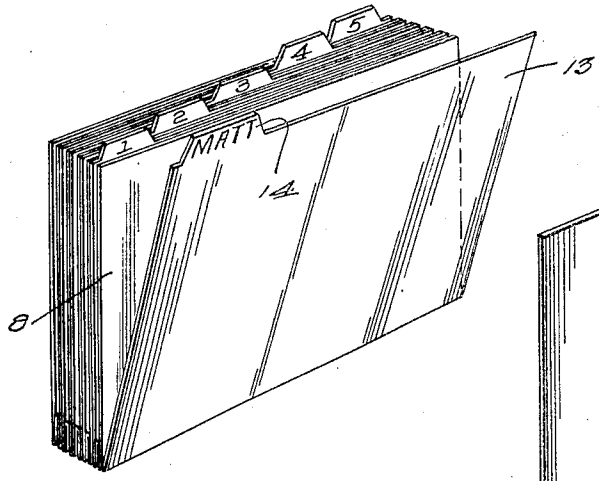


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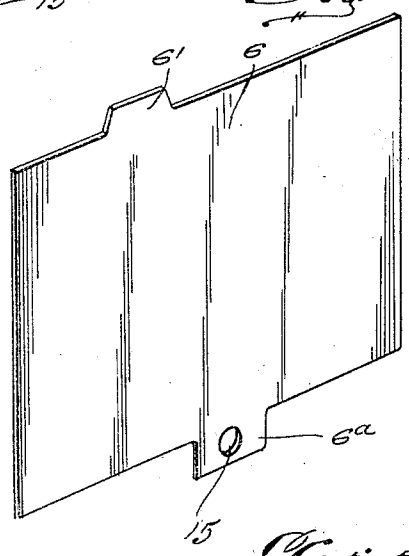


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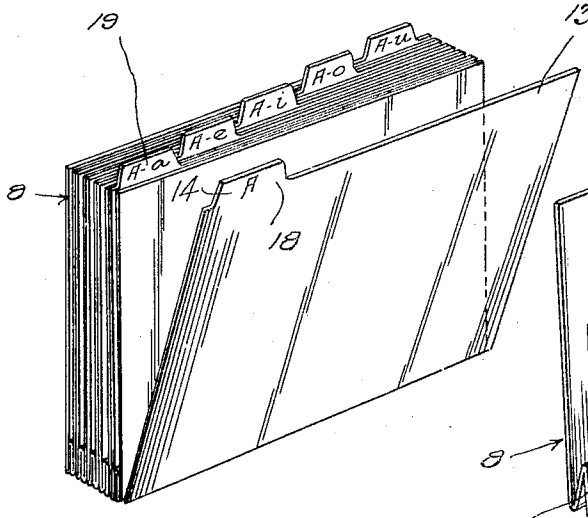
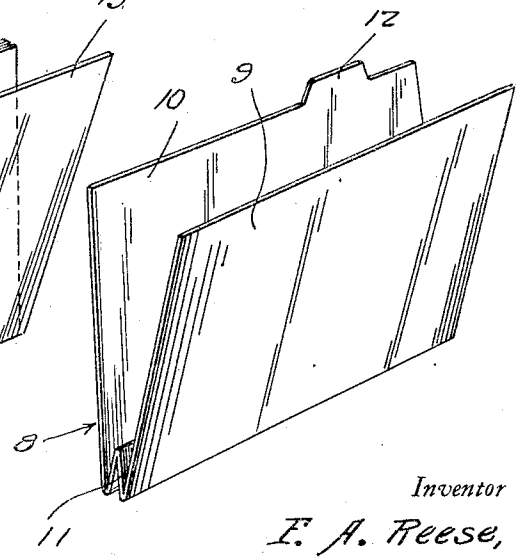


Fig. 5.



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This invention relates to improvements in files, file folders, and a filing system particularly adapted for use by the clergy, or others, including missionaries, and others dealing with subjects relating to the Bible.

An object of the invention is to provide a completely indexed file for subject-matters relating to the Bible, in which reference may be made to the information contained in the Bible from three different aspects, in order that information relative to or pertaining to some particular subject-matter of the Bible for some special purpose may be readily obtained for use.

A further object of the invention resides in providing a file in which the index cards are arranged in groups and wherein each index card is provided with suitable extensions for receiving the indexing indicia and in which each of the extensions is formed on each card in a predetermined manner in order that the extensions on the cards will be successively offset relative to one another and the projections on spaced cards will be arranged in alined relation in a predetermined manner in order to provide a clear view and ready access to all of the major portions of the file for obtaining information of a desired character, the main divisions of the file being separated by a special index card, having a height greater than the index cards provided with the extension, in order to clearly separate and designate one measured division of the system relative to the other.

The invention includes numerous other objects residing in the structure of the file and the file folders for carrying out the features of this invention to provide a highly useful index file for subjects relating to the Bible, all of which are more particularly pointed out in the following detailed description and claims, directed to the preferred form of the invention, it being understood, however, that various changes in the size, shape and relation of the parts and the manner of assembling the file, may be made without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention as herein set forth.

In the drawings forming part of this application.

Figure 1 is a perspective of the complete assembled file unit.

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of one of the main subdivisions of the file, having reference to predetermined portions of the Bible, showing the relation of the several folders for such main subdivision and the index card for the subdivision of the file.

Fig. 3 is a perspective similar to Fig. 2, showing the manner of arranging the file folders and the index cards for each main subdivision of the topical division of the file, in order to make the information therein readily accessible.

Fig. 4 is a perspective of one of the main index cards dividing one of the main separator cards, for the main subdivisions of the file, which is constructed so as to be of greater height than the file folders or index cards shown in Figs. 2 and 3.

Fig. 5 is a perspective of one of the folders with the forward and rear portions separated to show the structure thereof.

A suitable form of file drawer is indicated at 1 which is adapted for and constructed to be placed in a suitable cabinet not illustrated, for protecting the indexed file contained therein, the front of the drawer indicated at 2 being of substantially greater height than the remainder of the drawer.

The indexed file of this invention includes three main sections indicated at 3, 4 and 5 respectively in Fig. 1, the section 3 being referred to as the Biblical division, the section 4, the topical division, and the section 5 as the special subject division. These main sections of the file are separated by dividing cards 6 of the character as illustrated in Fig. 4, which are substantially higher than the remaining cards or folders in the file, in order that the upper edge portion thereof will project substantially above the remaining portions of the file and terminate in the horizontal plane of the upper end of the index extensions on the other index cards in the file.

The upper edge of each dividing card 6 projecting above the body portion of the other cards in the file, is provided with suitable

indicia indicated at 7 to indicate the particular character of the subdivision of the file as above referred to.

The Biblical division 3 of the file comprises a group of cards and folders, as illustrated, one group being shown in Fig. 2, and comprising a plurality of folders as shown in Fig. 5, and indicated generally at 8. These folders 8 include front walls 9 and rear walls 10 formed from a single sheet of material having a connecting portion 11 suitably folded into a substantially V-shape between the lower edges of the front and rear walls and in inverted relation.

The rear wall of each folder is provided with an extension on the upper end thereof indicated at 12, the extensions on successive files being offset as illustrated in Fig. 2 in order to make them clearly visible from the front of the file drawer. Each main subdivision of the Biblical division of the file has the folders therein separated by a suitable index card 13 adapted to have the upper end thereof project above the upper edge of the folder and terminate in a plane substantially in horizontal alinement with the upper end of the extensions 12 on the folders, while at a predetermined portion, each card 13 is formed with an extension 14 from the upper end or edge so that the extensions 14 on adjacent cards will be offset in successive relation as illustrated in Fig. 1, in order that all of the extensions will be clearly visible from the front of the file drawer and extend above the upper ends of the extensions on the folders, so as to be clearly distinguishable therefrom.

The main dividing or separator cards 6 are provided with extensions from the upper edge indicated at 6′ in Fig. 4 adapted for receiving suitable indicia, where desired, indicating the character of the main section of the file, immediately following the main divider 6. The lower edge of this main divider is provided with an extension 6^a formed with an opening 15, so that it may receive a suitable rod for retaining the file card locked in the drawer.

The index cards 13 dividing the Biblical division of the file into the several groups, have the tabs or extensions 14 provided with suitable indicia as indicated at 16 in Fig. 1, indicating the various books of the Bible, by suitable abbreviations of the names of these books, in order that information relative to any book may be readily referred to, while the extensions on the file folders for each group are suitably consecutively numbered in accordance with the number of the sections of each book of the Bible, so that each folder is adapted to receive information specifically identified with a particular book of the Bible, the designations of which are contained in combination on the folder and the index card indicating the group with which the folder is associated.

The topical division as well as the special subject division of the file are constructed in the same manner as the Biblical division, a group of file folders identified and associated with one index card being shown in Fig. 3, in which a suitable index letter 18 is provided on the index card, and similar letter and vowel indicia 19 are provided on the extension of each folder of the group so that topics relative to the Bible may be filed in accordance with the alphabet and in alphabetical order in each group with a further indexing in accordance with the vowel of the first word of the title for the subject.

In this way ready access is provided to obtain information relative to any subject matter in the file, for desired topics.

In the special subject division 5 of the file, the extensions on the index cards are provided with suitable indicia to indicate special subjects as illustrated at 19 in Fig. 1, relating to the subject matter of the Bible for use on special occasions, as is frequently necessary for special sermons, addresses and the like, made by preachers, missionaries, and so forth.

In each of the main sections 3, 4 and 5, of the file the folders 8 are used in conjunction with the index cards 13 in groups as heretofore described, so that the upper ends of the extensions on the folder terminate in the horizontal plane with the upper edges of the index cards while the upper ends of the extensions on the index cards terminate in the substantially horizontal plane of the upper edges of the main division cards 6.

The extensions on the main division cards extend above all of the other portions of the file so as to be readily visible and in this way the main section of the file on which information is desired may be referred to and then the extensions on the cards dividing the groups of files may then be referred to which are all visible independently of the files themselves, and following which the extensions on the files may be referred to in order to obtain a particular file, each successive species of extensions being arranged in a successively lower horizontal plane until the file is reached.

In this way, a most accessible form of file structure is provided to permit ready reference to the independent indexes for the several groups and subdivisions of the subject matter as well as the files, in order to obtain information from one of the files relative to a desired subject matter in the Bible.

This file provides three different methods of obtaining information relative to predetermined portions of the Bible according to the desired character of information con-

sidered from the point of view of the use for which it is designed, and thus provides an exceedingly convenient index for Biblical subject matters.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new is:—

An index file, comprising a container, a plurality of groups of folders of uniform size in said container and arranged in vertical relation, each of said folders having a projection extending from the upper edge thereof, said projections being located in offset relation, a plurality of index cards separating the groups of folders in said container having the upper edges terminating in substantially the same horizontal plane as the upper ends of said projections on said folders, said index cards having projections extending upwardly from the upper edge thereof, said index cards having the extensions arranged in a plurality of rows, and the extensions on adjacent cards offset relative to one another, and a plurality of main division cards mounted in said container and dividing the files and index cards therein into a plurality of independent sections, the upper edges of said main division cards terminating substantially in the same horizontal plane as the upper ends of the extensions on said index cards, whereby to display indicia on the body of the main division cards above the body of said index card, said main division cards having extensions projecting upwardly above the upper edge thereof.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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