

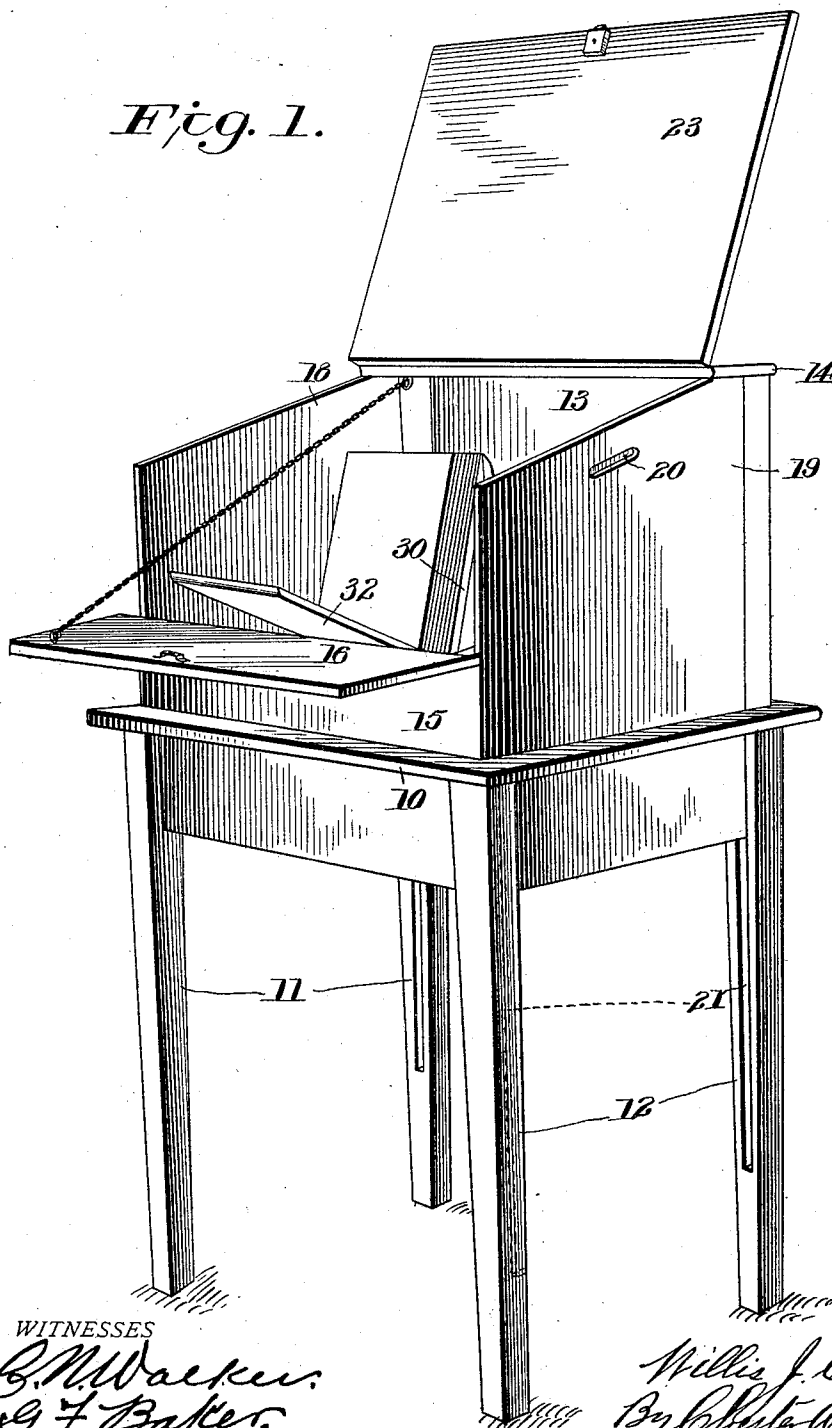
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Fig. 1.



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Fig. 2.

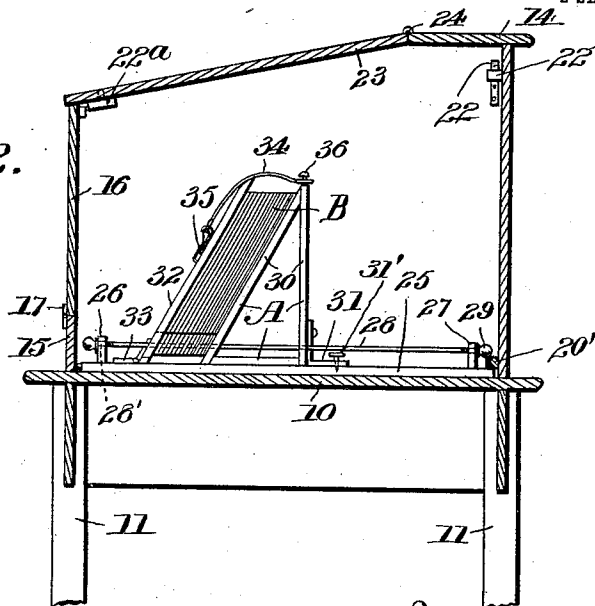


Fig. 3.

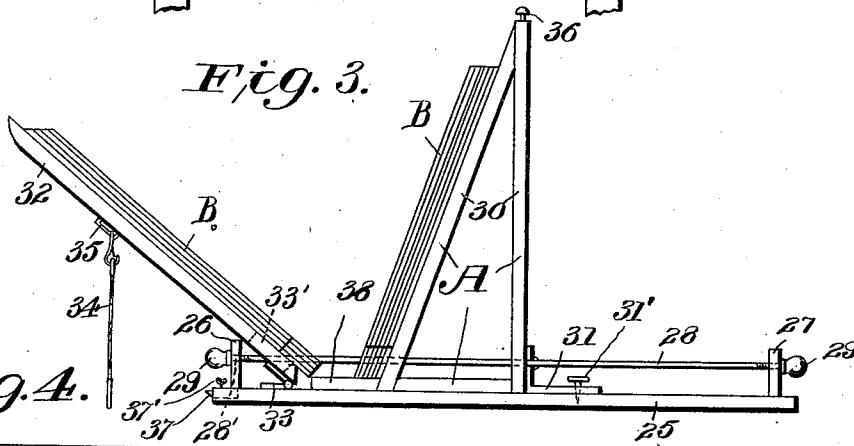
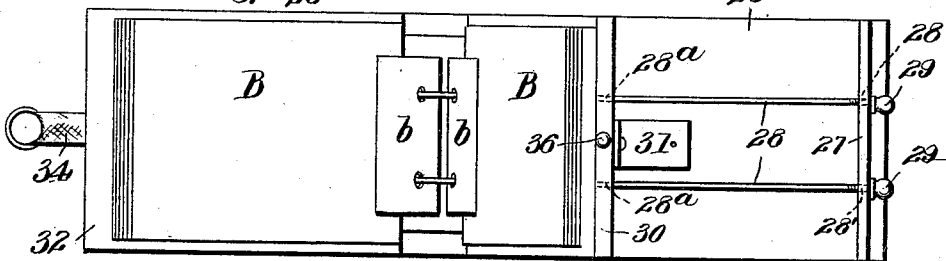
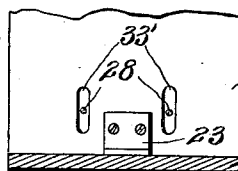


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIS JAMES CLARK, a citizen of the United States, residing at New Orleans, in the parish of Orleans and State of Louisiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Record-Files, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to filing devices.

One object of the invention is to provide a filing device embodying a cabinet in which the record holders may be located and in which the records may be investigated without sliding movement or removal of the record holders from the cabinet.

Another object resides in the provision of a filing device embodying a cabinet and holders, which latter have means for maintaining the records in compact condition and which, if the photographs, documents or other records have writing, pictures or the like on both sides, will readily permit of the reading of the records on both sides without removing the records from the record holders and without necessarily removing the latter from the cabinet.

A still further object of the invention is to provide a filing device including a cabinet for the reception of one or a plurality of record holders which may be fastened therein against removal, if desired, and which are provided with means whereby records may be readily investigated whether the holders remain or be removed from the cabinet.

With the above and other objects in view, the invention consists in the construction and novel combination of parts hereinafter more fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings, and pointed out in the claims hereto appended; it being understood that various changes in the form, proportion, size and minor details of construction, may be resorted to without departing from the spirit or sacrificing any of the advantages of the invention.

In the drawings:—Figure 1 is a perspective view illustrating my improved cabinet in which may be placed one or any number of record holders, there being one record holder shown in perspective in the cabinet. Fig. 2 is a transverse sectional view through the cabinet illustrating a record holder therein. Fig. 3 is a side elevation of a record holder removed from the cabinet. Fig. 4 is a top plan view of a record holder.

Fig. 5 is a detail view of the lower portion of the record compressing member.

Referring now more particularly to the accompanying drawings, there is shown a cabinet comprising a table part 10 provided with pairs of legs 11 and 12 for the support of the table part 10.

The character 13 indicates the back of my improved cabinet which extends up to the top piece 14, the front of the cabinet being composed of a fixed section 15 and a hinged section 16 which is hingedly connected by means of suitable hinges 17 to the fixed part 15 of the front of the cabinet. The fixed part 15 of the front is fixedly secured to the table part 10 of the cabinet. The hinged part 16 of the front is preferably held in horizontal position by means of a chain 16' connected thereto and to a button on the outside of 19, whereby the hinged portion 16 is held in horizontal position to support the photograph or record holders A thereon when desired.

The slidable sides 18 and 19 have the hand openings 20 for convenience in raising and lowering them. To permit the sliding movements of the sides 18 and 19, the table part 10 is provided with slots through which the sides 18 and 19 slide, grooves 21 being formed in the opposing legs 11—11 and 12—12 to guide the sides 18 and 19 in their sliding movements, the lower ends of the grooves 21 supporting the sides 18 and 19 in their lowered position. To hold the sides 18 and 19 in their elevated positions, I have provided the spring locking means on the inside of the cabinet as 22 which must be manipulated to release the sides and permit the lowering thereof.

The cabinet may be opened by raising the cover 23 and dropping the front door 16 to the position shown in Fig. 1. The photographs B in the record holders A may then be viewed or examined. If it is desirable to have more light on the photographs or records or if several persons desire to examine the photographs or records in the same or different holders at the same time, the cabinet is adapted to be further opened to facilitate such examination by lowering the two sides 18 and 19. This is done by releasing the two locking means 22 on the inside of the cabinet and lowering the two sides until they rest at the bottom of the grooves 21. The cabinet may be readily closed at any

time, by raising the two sides 18 and 19 until the locking springs 22 snap over the receivers 22 and by thereafter raising the front door 16 into engagement with the forward edges of the sides 18 and 19, and then by lowering the top 23 until it engages with the top edges of the sides 18 and 19 and the front 16. The cabinet will then be closed and the photographs or documents therein will be protected from the light, and also from dirt or dust. It may be further secured by a lock 22^a of any usual form with key.

Each record holder A consists of a base 25 which is adapted to rest upon the table part 10 of the cabinet as shown in Figs. 1 and 2.

At the end of each base 25 are front and rear cleats 26 and 27 respectively, which are provided with apertures 28' to receive the guide rods 28, each of which latter is screw threaded at each end to receive a nut 29 which secures the guide rods 28 firmly in the record holder.

The guide rods 28 are adapted to guide the picture or document supporting member 30 whose front part is arranged preferably upon an incline so as to present the photographs or documents B to full view. The photographs or documents are each preferably provided with perforated tabs *b* so that they may be fitted on the guide rods 28. To the back part of the supporting member 30 is secured a shoe 31 carrying a pin 31' adapted to engage with the base 25 and thereby hold the picture or document supporting member 30 against accidental rearward movement and yet permit of ready forward and backward movement thereof upon releasing the pin from engagement with the base 25.

To shield the photographs or documents when desired and to maintain the same in a flat compact condition, for instance as shown in Fig. 2, and also to permit of the swinging of the documents or other records backwardly on the guide rods 28 so that their rear sides may be investigated, if desired, I provide a hinged member 32 which is hinged by means of a suitable hinge 33 to the base 25 and which has elongated slots 33' near its lower end to receive the guide rods 28 and by virtue of which the member 32 may not be hindered in its swinging movement. By swinging the member 32 to the position shown in Fig. 2, the documents will be compressed into compact arrangement and by swinging the swinging member 32 to the position shown in Fig. 3 the backs of the photographs or documents may be readily examined. To maintain the swinging member 32 in more or less clamping relation with the documents, I provide a flexible connection 34 which is fastened, preferably detachably, by means of a suitable fastening 35

to the swinging member 32 and which has its opposite end detachably secured over a button 36 on the upper edge of the rear part of the record supporting member 30.

Assuming that the number of documents B in the record holders are about that illustrated and it is desired to enter another document, it will simply be necessary to unfasten the nuts 29 at the front ends of the rods 28 and slide the latter inwardly slightly beyond the combined shielding and compressing member 32 when the perforated tabs *b* of the documents may be slipped onto the rods 28 and the latter returned to their normal position and the removed nuts 29 secured thereto.

If the rods 28 should be entirely removed and it be desired to maintain the documents B in such position in the holders as to receive the rods 28 again, small blocks 38 may be employed and on which the tabs *b* of the documents or photographs B may rest to maintain their apertures in proper alignment to receive the guide rods 28 when the latter are replaced.

Both the cabinet and the record holder may be formed of any suitable material and the parts forming the holder may be assembled in any preferred way for the reception of the photographs or documents B.

From the foregoing, it will be seen that the photographs, documents or other records may be readily inspected on both sides without removing the record holders from the cabinet and also, if more convenient, the investigator may by operating the removable key 37' unfastening the locks 37 which lock the holders in the cabinet, and by forcing the holders forward from under the cleat 20' readily remove the record holders from the cabinet for inspection of the records held therein at any convenient place outside of the cabinet, or to be replaced by others if desired.

What is claimed is:—

1. A device of the character described comprising a cabinet provided with a table portion and legs to support the table portion, a back, a front composed of a fixed and a hinged section, a top member, and sides, one of the sides being slidable vertically.

2. A device of the character described, comprising a cabinet provided with a table portion and legs to support the table portion, two of the legs having grooves therein and the table portion having a slot coinciding with said grooves, a back member, a front composed of a fixed and a hinged section, a top member, and sides, one of the sides being slidable vertically in said grooves through said slot.

3. A cabinet of the character described, comprising a table portion and legs to support the same, a back member on the table

portion, a front composed of a fixed and a
hinged section, a top member, the table
portion having slots at its ends and the legs
having grooves therein which coincide with
5 the slots in the table portion, and sides
which are slidable through the slots of the
table portion and in the grooves of the legs,
the lower ends of the grooves in the legs
limiting the downward movement of the

sides, and means for locking the sides in 10
their elevated positions.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature
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