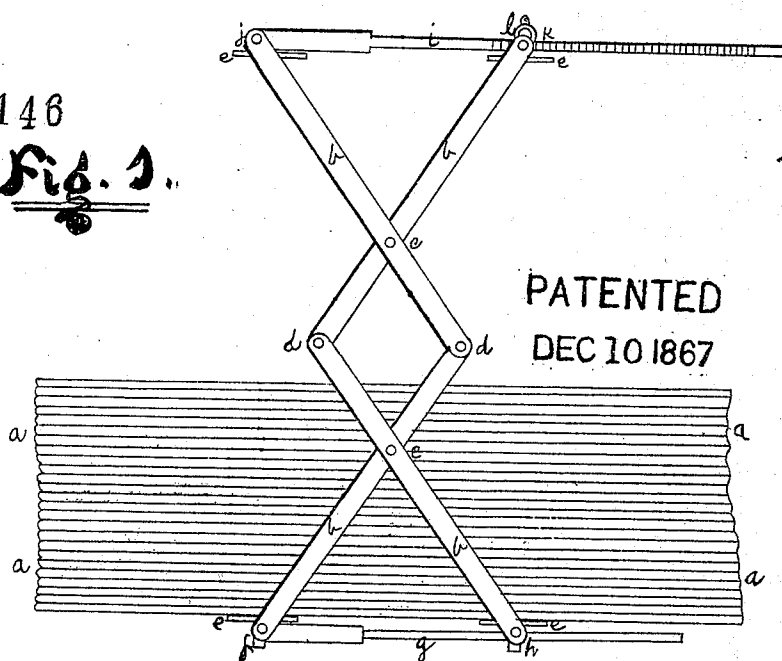


John Wolfe's Improved Paper File or Holder.

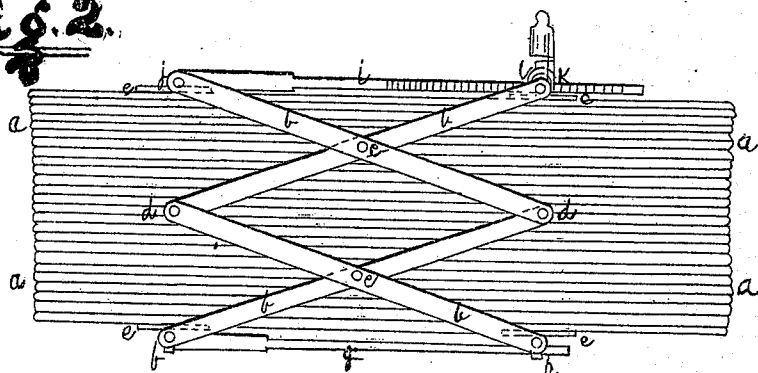
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Fig. 1.



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Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN PAPER-FILES.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, JOHN WOLFE, of the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Paper-Files or Paper-Holders; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters and marks thereon, said drawings forming a part of this specification, and representing, by—

Figure 1, a view in elevation of my improved holder, and by

Figure 2 a side view of the same—

The said first figure showing the file or holder when it is in its extended and open condition; and the second figure showing it in its closed condition, clamping down the file of papers therein. In both of these figures the file of papers is indicated by the dark lines *a a*, and similar marks and letters are used in both figures to indicate like parts.

The sides of this file or holder are formed of bars *b*, pivoted as shown at *c*, and with the ends joined as at *d*, in the manner of what are usually denominated "lazy-tongs." The figures of the drawings show two sets or series of these bars, but the numbers may be greater, to any extent that may be desirable; and the bars may be made of metal or any other suitable material, the strength and size being such as may be regarded the most useful. To the lower ends of the bars *b* are affixed plates *e*, as also to the upper ends of the upper bars, which plates, one or more, may have some play on the uniting pivots thereof, while the other plates may be rigidly attached to the bars *b*. From the one lower plate *e*, or the strengthening-bar *f* thereof, a rod or bar, *g*, passes, the one end of it being secured to one of the plates, while the other end passes through a hole in the opposite plate, as indicated at *h*. From the strengthening-bar of the upper plates, a like rod or bar, *i*, passes from the one point *j* at which it is secured to the bar, through a hole or space in the opposite bar, as indicated at *k*. A portion of this bar *i* is toothed, as is shown in both figures. A latch or catch, *l*, fits into the teeth of the bar *i*. This catch is shown by red marks as thrown up in fig. 2, and by the yellow coloring in the same figure is shown down in the clamping position.

From this description of the construction of this holder or file, it will readily be seen that it is extended on opening, and compressed on closing, and that it may be easily adjusted to different-sized files of papers and may be readily opened or closed, and when closed will securely hold the papers therein.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The paper-file or holder, constructed and operated as herein recited.

This specification signed, this 16th day of October, 1867.

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