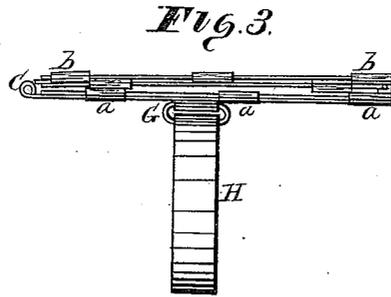
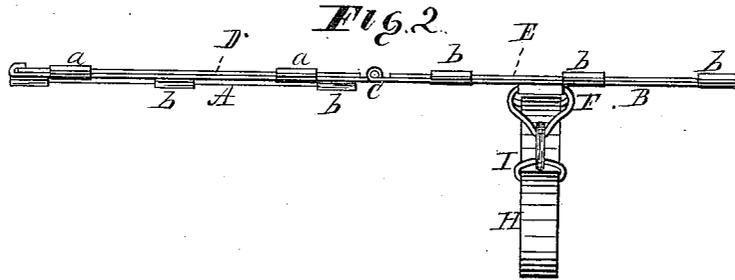
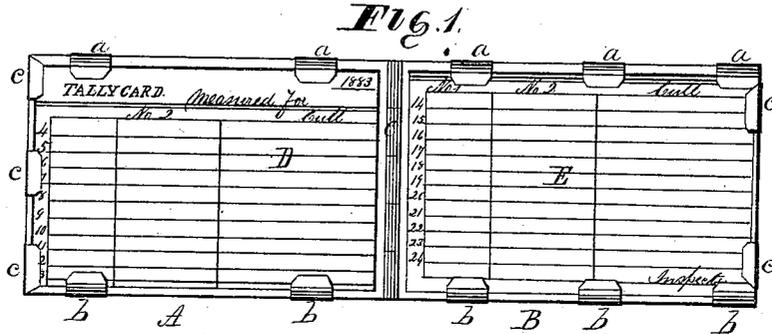


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## TALLY-CARD HOLDER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ROBERT L. FRENCH, of Wellington, in the county of Lorain and State of Ohio, have invented new and useful Improvements in Tally-Card Holders; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and complete description thereof.

The improvement above alluded to relates to a device for securing to the arm a tally-card holder or tablet for tallying numbers, weights, feet, &c., when counting, measuring, or handling lumber or other articles of merchandise, so that both hands of the person may be free to handle the articles instead of having one of them occupied in holding the tablet or card whereon the records are to be made. A further and more full description of the invention is as follows, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 represents a plan view of a tally-card holder. Fig. 2 is an edge view of the same. Fig. 3 shows the card-holder closed.

Like letters of reference denote like parts in the several views.

The device for holding tally-cards may consist of one or more sections or leaves. If of more than one, they are to be connected to each other by a hinge-joint, as shown in Fig. 1, which represents a card-holder of two leaves, A and B, connected to each other by a hinge-joint, C, that they may be folded one upon the other when not in practical use, as shown in Fig. 3. Each leaf may be a tablet of any convenient size, and made of any suitable material—as paper, papier-maché—having a prepared surface on which records can be made and erased, as required.

The card-holder is provided with loops G and F. To the loop G is secured one end of an elastic band or strap. The opposite end thereof is provided with a hook whereby to connect it to the loop F, for fastening the card-holder to the arm around which the band is passed.

Instead of an elastic band and hook, a strap and buckle, clasp, button, or other equivalent means may be used for that purpose, so that it can be safely carried about on the arm while

not immediately needed, but which, when needed, can be readily brought in position for that purpose.

It will be observed that the tablets or sections shown in Fig. 1 have upon their edges lips or hooks *a*, *b*, and *c*, bent inward over the face thereof. Said lips may be more or less in number, and are for holding tally-cards, tabs, or any other similar articles to the tablet or sections of the card-holder, which are slipped under the lips, as seen in Fig. 1, in which D and E represent lumbermen's tally-cards, that may be readily withdrawn from under the lips, to be replaced by others. Should there be several leaves or tablets making up the card-holder, the outer ones may form covers for protecting the records made on those within from erasure while the wearer of the card-holder is handling articles, or to shield them in case of storms.

The elastic band used in fastening the tablet or card holder to the arm may also be used to bind the hinged leaves or tablets together when they are closed and not in immediate use.

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

1. A tally-card holder consisting of sections A and B, connected to each other by a hinge-joint, that they may be opened and closed one upon the other, the edges of which sections being provided with lips or hooks turned inward over the face thereof, under which lips tally-cards or tablets are inserted and retained in place while being used, in combination with an elastic band or strap for securing the card-holder to the arm, substantially as set forth.

2. The card-holder arranged in two sections, jointed together that they may fold up, and provided with lips *a*, *b*, and *c*, lapping on each section, respectively, in combination with the tablet, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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