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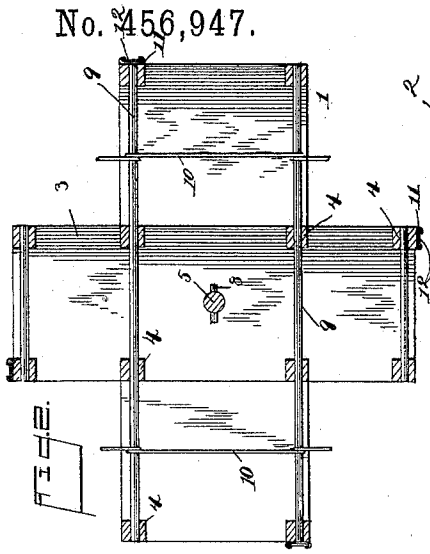


FIG. 2.

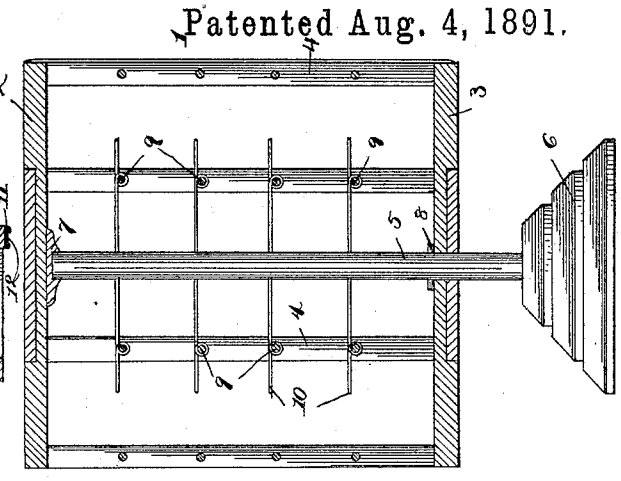


FIG. 3.

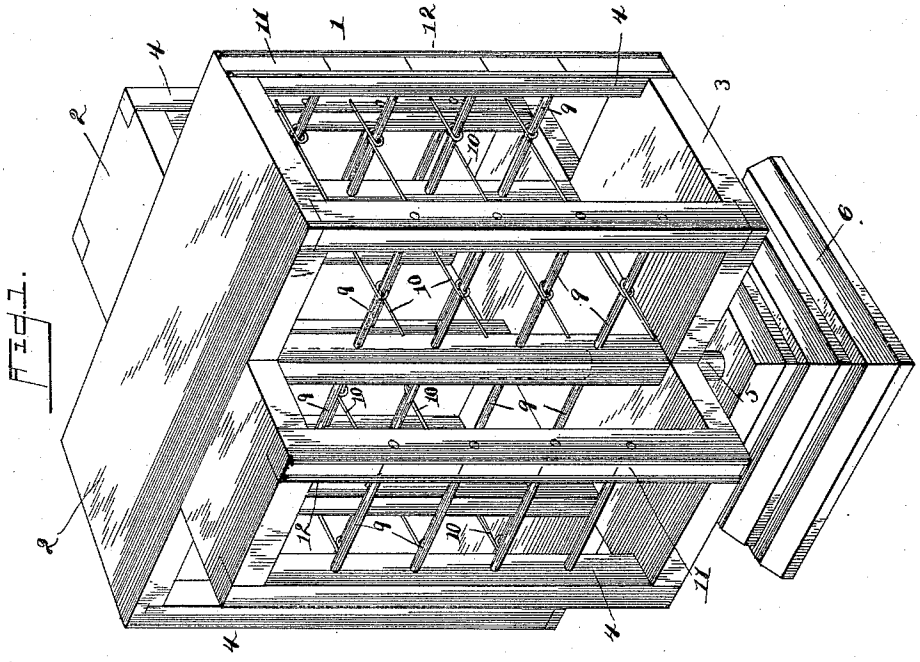


FIG. 1.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LEVI A. FARNSWORTH, a citizen of the United States, residing at Fayette, in the county of Fulton and State of Ohio, have invented a new and useful Envelope-Holder, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates to improvements in racks and files.

The object of the present invention is to provide a simple and inexpensive rack adapted to hold a large variety of envelopes in convenient position to enable a person to readily obtain the kind he desires, and the said rack is especially designed for railroad-offices, and the like, where a large variety of envelopes are constantly being employed.

The invention consists in the construction and novel combination and arrangement of parts, hereinafter fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings, and pointed out in the claims hereto appended.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a revolving rack embodying the invention. Fig. 2 is a horizontal sectional view. Fig. 3 is a vertical sectional view on line *x x* of Fig. 2.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, 1 designates a revolving rack composed of a top 2, a bottom 3, and a series of vertical bars 4, and rotatively mounted on a post 5, which is mounted on a base 6 and passes through a central opening of the bottom 3, and has its upper end fitted in a socket 7, arranged on the lower face of the top 2, and the post is prevented accidentally becoming displaced by a transverse pin 8, which passes through the post and projects on opposite sides of the same and is arranged below the bottom of the rack. The top and bottom 2 and 3 of the rack are Greek-cross shaped and are constructed of crossed pieces, and the vertical bars are disposed at the ends of the crossed pieces of the top and bottom at their angles. The bars are connected by horizontal rods 9, which are arranged parallel with one another and extend in the same direction and are adapted to support envelopes. The envelopes extend transversely of two of the arms of the cross and longitudinally of the other two arms, and those which extend transversely of the arms are supported by wires 10, which are secured to the rods by being bent around the same and which project from the said rod. Secured to the right-hand bars at the ends of the arms are vertical plates 11, provided at their vertical edges with flanges, which provide grooves adapted to receive slips 12, which are designed to bear names indicative of the character of the envelopes, to enable a person to readily ascertain the positions of the various envelopes. The central part is designed for small envelopes, and the two outside tiers for large envelopes. The cross-wires 10 prevent the large envelopes sagging at the ends.

It will be seen that a large number of envelopes can be disposed of in a small space and arranged so that they will be within easy reach.

What I claim is—

1. An envelope-holder comprising the stand or base, the post rising therefrom, the rack rotatively mounted on the post and composed of the Greek-cross-shaped top and bottom, the vertical bars arranged at the ends and at the angles of the top and bottom, and the rods connecting the bars and adapted to support the envelopes, substantially as described.

2. An envelope-holder comprising the base, the vertical post, the rack rotatively mounted on the post and composed of the Greek-cross-shaped bottom having a central opening and the similar-shaped top provided with a socket to receive the upper end of the post, the vertical bars arranged in pairs at the ends and at the angles of the top and bottom, the horizontal rods connecting the bars and arranged parallel with one another, and the wires extending transversely of two of the ends of the cross and secured to the rods and projecting therefrom, substantially as described.

3. The rotating rack composed of the Greek-cross-shaped top and bottom, the vertical bars at the ends and at the angles of the top and bottom, the horizontal rods 9 connecting the bars, and the wires 10, connecting the rods bent around the same and having their extremities projecting beyond the rods, substantially as described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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