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MARKER OR INDICATOR.

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Fig. 1

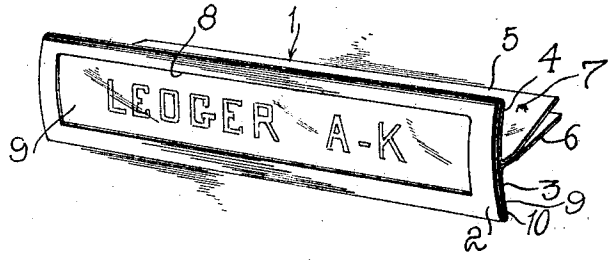


Fig. 2

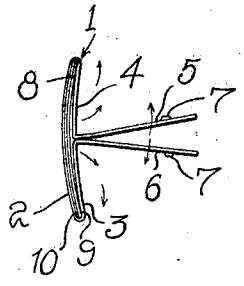
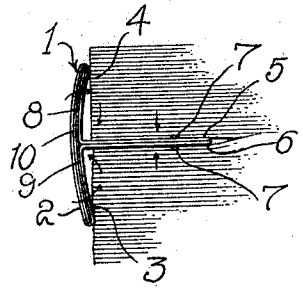


Fig. 3



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CLARENCE WOFFORD, a citizen of the United States, residing at Atlanta, in the county of Fulton, State of Georgia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Markers or Indicators, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to markers or indicators, more specifically it is directed to a detachable title plate, particularly applicable to loose-leaf binders or the like, to designate the nature of their subject matter or its sub-divisions.

Owing to the frequent handling to which loose-leaf ledgers are subjected, as well as the constant addition from day to day of new sheets, it has been found extremely difficult to obtain a serviceable marker which will maintain its proper position despite this extensive usage.

The fundamental purpose of this invention is to effect a simple, inexpensive indicator, readily positioned between the leaves of a loose-leaf binder or the like, and possessing facilities for securely maintaining its position until the ledger sheets have been released to permit its removal.

Another object of this invention is to provide an indicator having a detachable label which may be conveniently inserted or withdrawn prior to locating the marker between the leaves of the binder, but which will be firmly secured after the indicator has been operatively positioned.

Other objects of this invention are to provide an indicator constructed from a single sheet of metal folded upon itself to function in the manner outlined, also to afford a simple, expedient means permitting the subject matter of the ledger to be quickly ascertained.

With these and other objects in view, my invention consists in certain novel details of construction, combination and arrangement of parts to be more specifically hereinafter described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, in which corresponding parts are indicated by similar reference characters:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the marker as it appears prior to insertion between the leaves of the binder;

Fig. 2 is an end elevation illustrating the divergent relationship of the anchoring extensions prior to their being positioned between the leaves of the binder, and

Fig. 3 is a similar view illustrating the indicator in operative position in the binder.

Briefly stated, this indicator comprises a front portion having a rectangular opening, rear portions meeting at a point substantially coincident with the longitudinal axis of the front portion and in spaced relation with respect thereto, to produce a longitudinal recess, an indicating card and transparent cover located within the recess and rearwardly-extending normally divergent anchoring extensions designed to project between the leaves of the binder to enable the indicator to be firmly secured in operative position.

In the illustrated embodiment characterizing this invention there is shown a marker 1 formed from a single sheet of metal or other suitable material and folded to produce a front portion 2, rear portions 3 and 4, and anchoring extensions 5 and 6, the latter being normally divergent and provided with a plurality of alining spurs 7 for a purpose hereinafter to appear.

As the rear portions 3 and 4 meet to the rear of the front portion and in spaced relation thereto, a recess 8 is provided which accommodates character bearing card 9 and its transparent cover 10.

By constructing the marker in this manner, when extensions 5 and 6 are inserted between the leaves of a loose-leaf binder, compression of said leaves brings the extensions together, as shown in Fig. 3 of the drawings and causes the rear portions 3 and 4 to frictionally engage the character bearing card, thus preventing its displacement. Moreover, when extensions 5 and 6 of the indicator have been operatively located between the leaves of the binder, spurs 7 frictionally engage the opposing surfaces of the leaves of the binder and securely maintain the marker in its proper position.

Upon removing the marker from the ledger, extensions 5 and 6, owing to their resiliency, immediately diverge to permit easy and convenient movement of the character bearing card, as clearly shown in Fig. 2 of the drawings.

In conclusion, it will be apparent that this invention, while primarily designed for use in connection with loose-leaf binders and the like, it may be employed to show style and price of goods, such as dry goods, woolens, and the like, by the individual bolt, or in quantity when the goods are in piles or

stacks. Likewise it may be used to show style, quantity, price, etc., of stationery where the loose sheets are stacked one upon the other. In fact, it is susceptible to a variety of uses wherever the character of the goods is such as to permit insertion of the marker.

Having described this invention, what is claimed as new and desired to be protected by Letters Patent is:

The marker or indicator of the class described embodying a face portion formed to receive and expose an index card, and a binder entrant, consisting of a pair of resilient shanks diverging outwardly from the rear of the face portion, and a plurality of laterally projecting spurs formed on the outer surfaces of the shanks, said shanks being adapted to be compressed and inserted between the binder leaves, said compression serving to draw the face portion into contact with the binder while at the same time forcing the spurs into frictional engagement with the adjacent binder leaves to lock the marker in position.

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