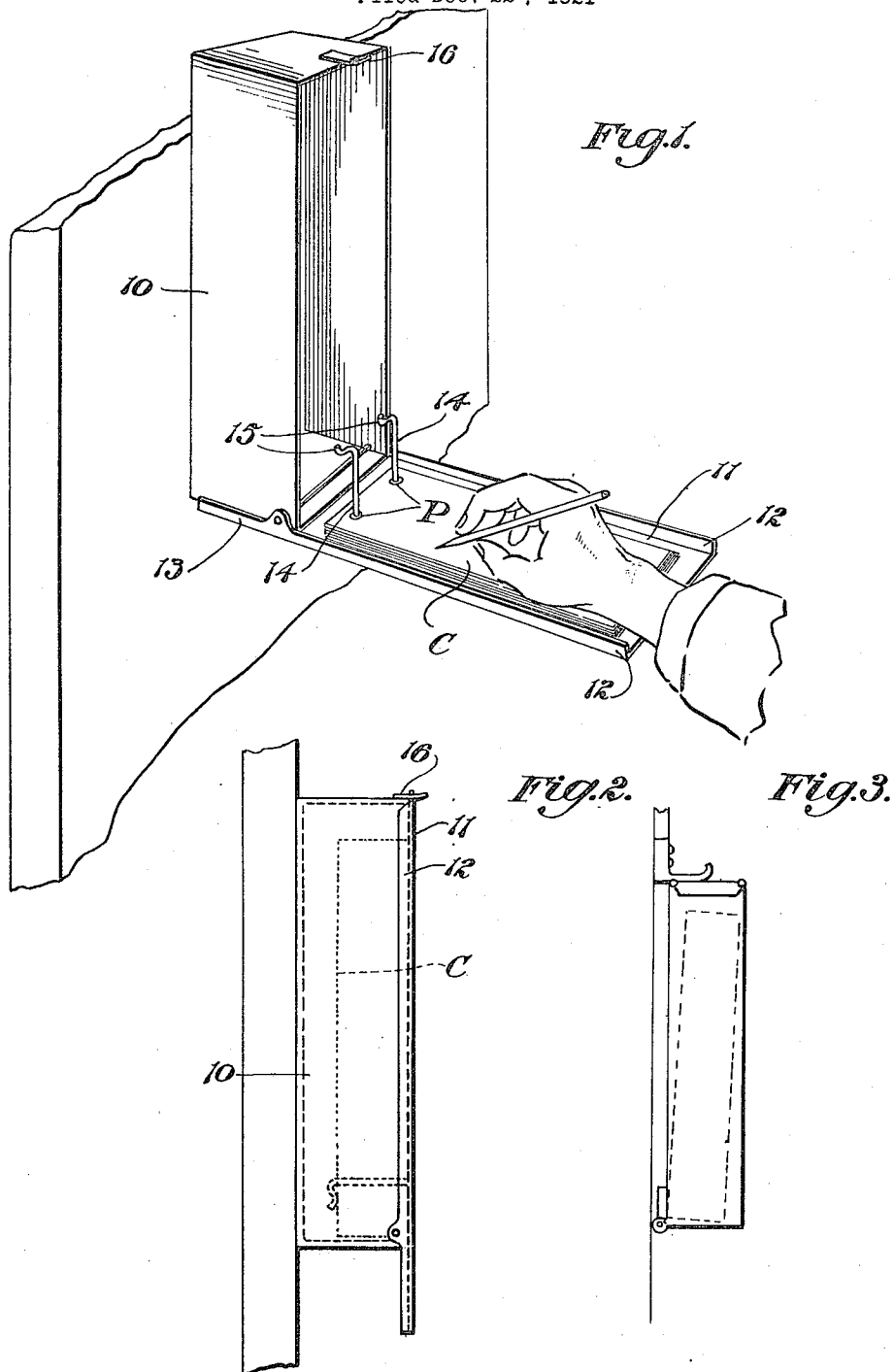


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES F. MITCHELL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Torrance, in the county of Los Angeles and State of California, have invented new and useful Improvements in Record-Fileing Devices, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates generally to record filing devices, and more particularly to a combined receptacle and support for cards, leaflets and the like, which contain data that may be frequently referred to or which may be written upon from time to time, and the particular form of the invention herein illustrated is designed for containing and supporting stock record cards that are utilized in connection with tool cribs or stock bins.

The principal objects of my invention are to provide a relatively simple and practical device that will receive and retain in a convenient manner a number of cards or leaflets, a portion of the device being hinged to the main body or housing so that it may be swung downward to provide a convenient support for the cards when the same are examined or while they are being written upon.

A further object of my invention is to provide a device of the character referred to that will maintain a number of cards or leaflets in superimposed relation and at the same time permit the cards or leaflets to be readily separated in order that any one card or leaflet may be readily examined or written upon.

A further object of my invention is to provide a record filing device that is of strong and substantial structure, very compact, and which when closed prevents dust and the like from settling upon the enclosed cards or leaflets.

With the foregoing objects in view, my invention consists in the features of construction, combination and arrangement of parts more fully hereinafter described and claimed, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, wherein:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a record filing device of my improved construction, with the cover swung downward into position to form a support for the contained cards;

Figure 2 is a side elevational view of the

device with the cover thereof in closed position.

Figure 3 is a side elevational view of a modified form of my improved record filing device.

Referring by numerals to the accompanying drawings, which illustrate a practical embodiment of my invention, 10 designates the body of the device which is preferably box-like in structure, and composed of sheet metal or analogous material. Hinged to the lower front corner of the box-like body 10 is a substantially rectangular plate or panel 11, preferably formed of sheet metal, which is adapted to close the open front of the box-like body 10. The side edges of the cover plate or panel 11 are provided with rearwardly projecting flanges 12 which when the panel is in closed position overlies the front edges of the side walls of the body 10.

The plate or panel 11 is provided with a portion 13 that projects beyond the point where said plate or panel is hinged to the body 10, said projecting portion providing a plate that engages beneath the bottom of the box-like body 10 when the plate or panel 11 is swung downwardly into open position and, consequently, serving to hold said plate or panel 11 in a substantially horizontal position, as illustrated in Figure 1. When so positioned, the closing plate or panel 11 provides a convenient support for the cards or leaflets while same are being examined or written upon.

Secured to the inner face of the plate or panel 11 adjacent to the point where the same is hinged to the container 10 is a pair of pins 14 which occupy positions substantially at right angles to the plane occupied by said plate or panel, and the ends of said pins are bent so as to form substantially S-shaped portions 15 that are disposed at right angles to the plane occupied by the body portions of said pins. The cards or leaflets C that are contained within the box or housing are provided adjacent to one end with perforations P which accommodate the pins 14.

Secured to the top of the box or container 10 and projecting forwardly therefrom is a short spring tongue member 16 that is adapted to engage the upper or outer edge of the plate or panel 11 and retain the latter in closed position upon the front of the box.

When my improved device is installed for use, it is firmly secured in upright position against a suitable vertical support and the data-bearing cards are arranged upon the pins 14. When the plate or panel 11 is swung upwardly into position to close the front of the container 10, the cards or leaflets occupy vertical positions within said container, where they are protected from dust and the like, and when the plate or panel is swung downward into a substantially horizontal position the cards or leaflets lie in superimposed arrangement upon the plate or panel, where they may be readily examined or written upon.

The bent ends 15 of the pins 14 are effective in retaining the cards in position upon said pins when the cover plate or panel is in closed position or while said cover plate is open and the cards or leaflets are being handled by the users of the device.

In Figure 3 I have illustrated a modified construction wherein the body of the card or leaflet holding box or container is hinged at its rear lower corner to a suitable support so that it may be swung outwardly and downwardly into a substantially horizontal plane, thereby permitting its top to be used as a writing surface. Where such construction is employed, one end of the box or container, preferably the upper end, is pro-

vided with a hinged cover which may be readily bent to permit the insertion or removal of cards, leaflets, catalogues or the like.

A record filing device of my improved construction is comparatively simple, is very compact and provides a convenient container and support for cards or leaflets that are used in various lines of business and which cards or leaflets are frequently referred to.

It will be understood that minor changes in the size, form and construction of the various parts of my improved record filing device may be made and substituted for those herein shown and described without departing from the spirit of my invention, the scope of which is set forth in the appended claim.

I claim as my invention:

In combination, a container having an open side, a panel pivoted on the container to close the open side thereof when in vertical position, and pins secured to the inner side of the panel and having offset free ends for retaining sheets of writing material against displacement from the pins when the panel is in closed position.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification.

CHARLES F. MITCHELL.