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Fig. 5.

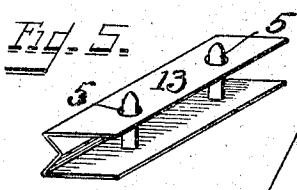


Fig. 1.

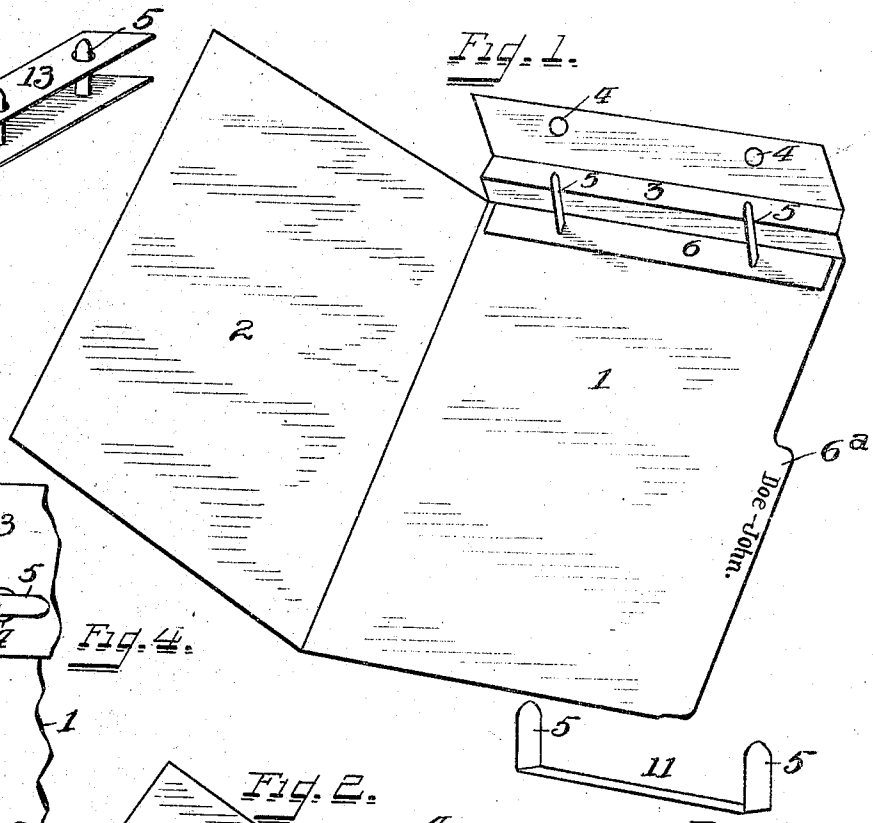


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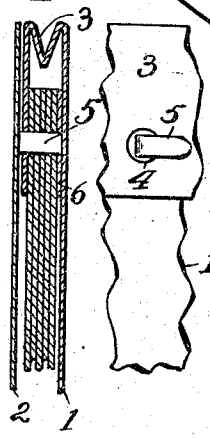


Fig. 4.

Fig. 2.

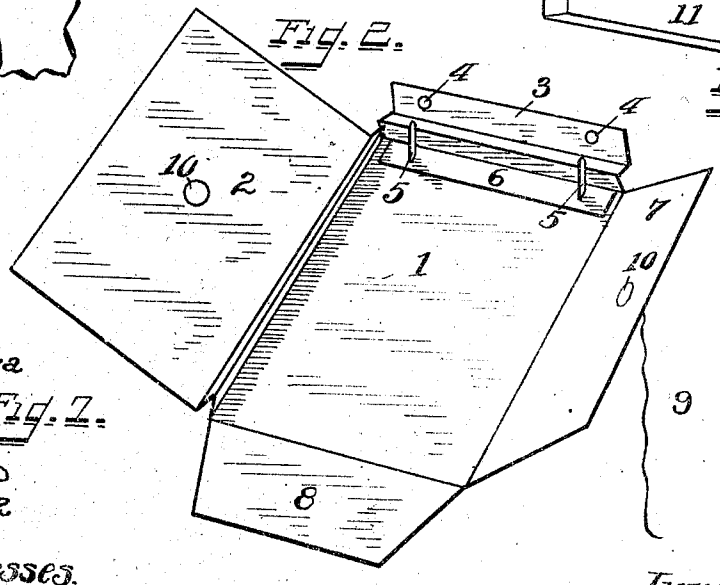


Fig. 6.

Fig. 7.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN EWING BLAINE, Jr., a citizen of the United States, residing at Cincinnati, in the county of Hamilton and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Folders or Envelops, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, forming part of this specification.

My invention relates to folders or envelops, primarily to be used in filing receptacles, but which may be used without such receptacles; and it has for its object the production of a cheap, simple and efficient folder for that purpose.

The novelty of my invention will be hereinafter more fully set forth and specifically pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawing: Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved folder as intended for filing purposes. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of a modification of such folder which may be used in a filing case or not, as desired, and which may permit of its contents being carried around securely. Fig. 3 is a vertical section of the upper end of the folder. Fig. 4 is a broken plan view of Fig. 3. Figs. 5, 6 and 7 represent modifications in the forms of tangs and they will be referred to specifically hereafter.

The same numerals of reference are used to indicate identical parts in all the figures.

The folder of Fig. 1 is a folio of manila paper with a bottom side 1 and a top side 2. The bottom side has an upper satchel-like or bellows flap 3 with perforations 4 in it near each end, intended to come down over flexible metal tangs 5 which extend up through a strip 6 which is pasted to the upper edge of the bottom side 1. The papers are filed on these tangs: the bellows flap is brought over having perforations over the tangs which pass through them and then the projecting ends of the tangs are bent down, as seen in Fig. 4, to hold all securely in place. The top cover 2 is then folded over them and they are placed in the filing receptacle. One edge of the bottom part 1 is extended to form an index as seen at 6^a in Fig. 1.

In Fig. 2 the bottom part has an additional fold 7 on the side opposite the fold 2 and a bottom flap 8, and the fold 2 of this construction has a satchel or bellows construction similar to that of the top flap 3. This folder is intended to carry a larger amount of papers than the folder of Fig. 2 and is intended to be carried from place to place as from a lawyer's office to court and back, and when closed it is secured by a string 9 to be attached in the usual way to buttons on the flaps 7 and 2, as will be readily understood. While I prefer to use the strip 6 for securing the tangs, my invention is not to be limited in this respect as the tangs might be passed directly through the bottom cover of the folder.

In Fig. 6 the tangs are in one piece secured by a flat strip 11, and in Fig. 7 the tangs 5^a have a right angular bottom foot 12 with projections to be inserted through the cover and then to be turned under to secure the tangs in place. In Fig. 5 the bellows strip 13 has the tangs inserted through it and it is adapted to be glued to any folder.

Having thus fully described my invention, I claim:

A folder composed of a bottom piece, a bellows flap carried thereby, retaining perforations adjacent to the free edge of said bellows flap, a tang carrying strip attached to said bottom and adjacent to said bellows flap, flexible metal tangs carried by said strip said tangs being adapted to pass through said retaining perforations in said bellows flap to prevent the lateral withdrawal thereof therefrom and said tangs being further adapted to be bent into engagement with the outer surface of said bellows flap to prevent the longitudinal withdrawal thereof therefrom, substantially as described.

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