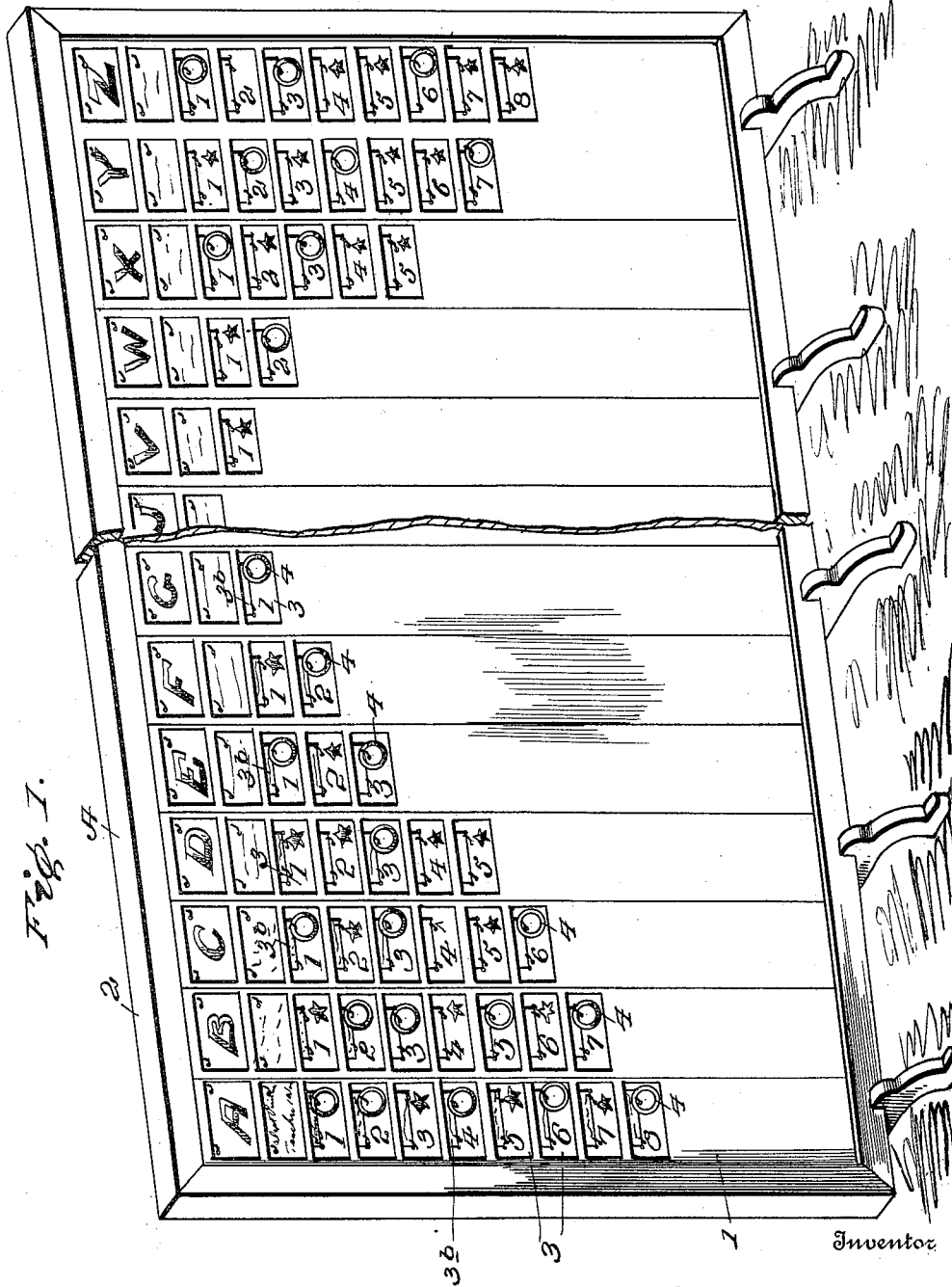


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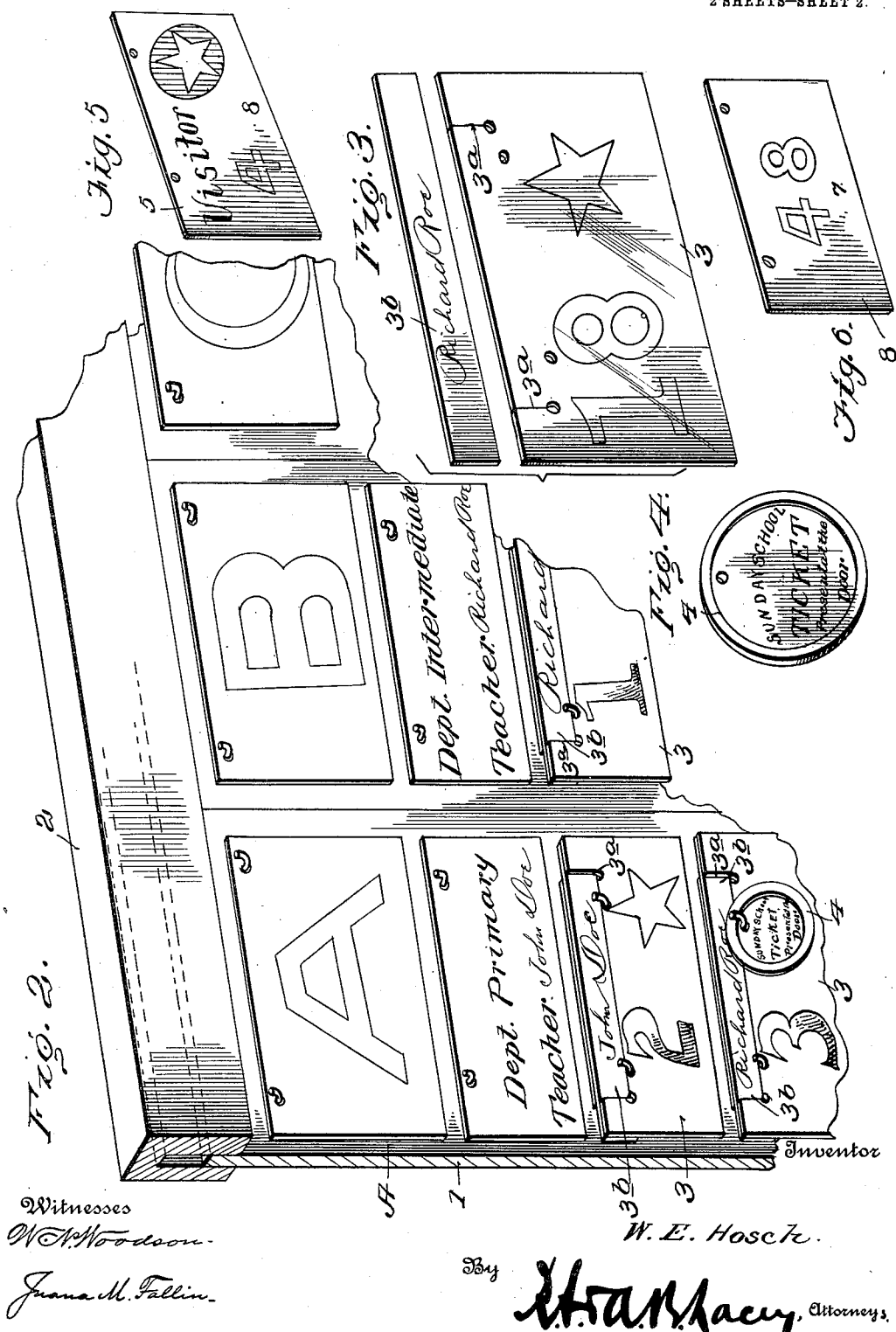
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WALTER E. HOSCH, citizen of the United States, residing at Gainesville, in the county of Hall and State of Georgia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Register or Recording Systems, of which the following is a specification.

This invention has for its object a novel and useful register or recording system for Sunday schools and the like, designed by the use of boards and separate cards for the individual scholar and other attendants, the cards being arranged in graphic form to induce larger, more regular and more prompt attendance and to also increase the *esprit de corps* of the school.

A further object of the invention is an improved register board for the purpose outlined in the preceding paragraph, which may be conveniently used to display in a comprehensive manner, prior to the commencement of the service or session, the aggregate enrollment of the school and the number of classes and scholars in each class, as well as a complete list of all of the pupils' and scholars' names; and which will distinctly show, after the opening exercises, what teachers and scholars are in attendance in the various classes, what classes contain their full quota of members, (if desired) the reasons for the non-attendance of the absentees, the new pupils entered that day in the respective departments and classes, and the number of visitors attending. Also provision is made for indicating on each individual class board, the contribution made that day and other matters that it is desired may be presented graphically to the school.

The invention also has for its object a register of this character embodying a novel and useful construction of card so arranged as to permit of the insertion of a strip card, of equal length, at the top, this strip card being designed to carry the name of the scholar or teacher. In the event of the removal, withdrawal, or dismissal, this strip card may be replaced by another and a new scholar or other attendant may be entered without the loss of the card showing the attendance indicia. And the invention has for its further object to simplify and promote the efficiency of school appliances or accessories of this character so as to render them more desirable and be universally adopted.

With these and other objects in view as will more fully appear as the description proceeds, the invention consists in certain constructions, arrangements and combinations of the parts that I shall hereinafter fully describe and claim.

For a full understanding of the invention, reference is to be had to the following description and accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of an attendance indicating board constructed in accordance with my invention, as the board might appear after it has been moved from the vestibule into the school room for the opening exercises; Fig. 2 is an enlarged fragmentary perspective view of the board; Fig. 3 is a view of the number and indicia card which holds the name of the scholar or teacher to whom the card belongs; Fig. 4 is a view of the ticket which is taken by the individual scholar or other attendant, thus exposing to view the attendance indicia; Figs. 5 and 6 are detail perspective views illustrating two cards that may be used.

Corresponding and like parts are referred to in the following description and indicated in all the views of the drawings by the same reference characters.

In carrying out my invention, I provide a register board A which may embody any desired number of individual boards 1 supported in juxtaposition to each other in any desired way. The boards are preferably surrounded by a frame that can be enlarged or reduced by taking apart at the corner fastenings and longer or shorter top and bottom strips 2 inserted, as may be desired. These boards are so arranged that they may be slipped into slots or grooves in the frame strips 2 without separating the parts of the frame. These frames may be supported in any desired way by suspending from the wall or other support or upon base sections or feet, as indicated in Fig. 1, as judgment or taste may dictate, that the handling may be facilitated.

It is to be understood that in the preferred arrangement of parts, the individual boards 1 are held detachably in place in the grooves as described, whereby any board may be removed for the adjustment of cards, as hereinafter more specifically described, or for the purpose of replacement. Of course, the number of the boards used will depend upon the size of the school for which

the device is intended, and preferably, according to the number of classes and departments comprised within the school and while the individual boards may be of any desired length, this will manifestly in turn be governed by the average number of scholars in each class, as each board is designed to contain the record of one class or department, such as the primary or kindergarten departments, for instance. The individual boards 1 display at their top, the letters of the alphabet in their order, the letters indicating graphically the different class or department, and if the school is of such size as to exhaust the letters before all of the classes have been designated, it is clear that the letters may be begun over again with the use of any desired coefficients, such as A¹, A², etc., or if preferred, any particular class may be indicated by a special name or symbol.

Each board 1 is designed to support in a detachable manner and yet as a permanent feature, (although it is to be understood that my invention is not limited to the detachable feature) attendance cards 3, each of which displays a number and some other indicia which will indicate, after the removal of a ticket normally covering the said indicia, that the scholar holding such card is in attendance at the exercises. In the present instance, this indicia is in the shape of a star, preferably of a color different from that of the number. The card 3 is also perforated and slitted at the top, as indicated at 3^a, so as to permit of the detachable insertion of a strip card 3^b that will carry the name of the individual to whom the number card to which it is attached belongs. It is to be understood that the cards 3 may be suspended from the front faces of the boards by any desired means, as by relatively short pins or suspension hooks designed to enter perforations in the respective cards. If desired, the numbered cards may be assigned to the different scholars in their order of entering the class. Hence, it will be somewhat of an honor to hold the card No. 2, (card No. 1 being the teacher's in each instance) in that particular class, as this will indicate that the scholar holding that card is the oldest member in point of attendance or membership in that particular class. In addition to the above, a ticket 4 is placed over the attendance indicia of the respective cards, which, upon removal by the scholar or attendant to whom it belongs, displays the attendance of such person by exposing the attendance indicia or star. This ticket of whatever design may be preferred, is the ticket of entrance into the school room and is to be presented before admittance is allowed.

From so much of the description as has

preceded and in connection with the accompanying drawings, it will be understood that prior to the commencement of the session of the school, the boards have their attendance indicia as shown on the cards 3, all covered by the tickets 4. In the practical use of the invention, the register board A or whatever sections thereof are necessary, will be located in the vestibule of the Sunday school room, and as each scholar enters, his or her individual ticket 4 will be handed out by the attendance or other officer assigned to this duty, or the scholar will, if desired, take the ticket from the board and use the same as a ticket of admission upon passing into the school room. Manifestly, the removal of the various tickets 4 will bring into view the attendance indicia on the cards 3, and hence after the exercises have been opened, the register board may be carried into the school room, where it will be displayed as an exhibit to the scholars and other attendants at that session. This is at once apparent, owing to the fact that the stars or other indicating matter and corresponding numbers of each scholar present in each class, are in plain view, and it is to be hoped, a number of classes in which all the stars will show out, indicating that in these classes every scholar is in attendance.

If desired, cards like that indicated at 5 in Fig. 5 may be used, the same being attached to the different boards to indicate the number of visitors present, said cards covering cards similar to the cards 3, and upon the removal of the visitor's card, there are exposed consecutive numbers of stars showing the number of visitors present who have been given these cards. Similar attendance cards may be employed to indicate new scholars just entering any of the classes, which may be arranged similarly to the visitors' cards, and like them exposed to view some striking card that will distinguish the same from the regular membership and indicia attendance cards. Other cards may be arranged over consecutive numbers, which may be taken down and hung over the ticket of any scholar so as to disclose the cause of non-attendance of that scholar, such as sickness or absence from the city. The removal of the last named cards, leaves exposed the consecutive numbers and thus the record of the number sick or out of the city may be seen, as also the number of visitors and new pupils present may be quickly seen by reference to the board. Furthermore, cards may be employed showing the amount of the collection in each class, an arbitrary example of such a card being illustrated in Fig. 6. Upon the close of the school, or whenever desired, the tickets may be collected and replaced anywhere on the board with a star number,

showing a regular member, while other cards, like those handed out as welcome to visitors and new students, may be replaced over the numbers exposed the previous Sunday. The board may then be removed to the vestibule in readiness for another session.

It will thus be seen that I have provided a very simple, compact, and comprehensive and efficient system of recording the attendance of Sunday school or the like in graphic form which would appeal to the scholars and officers and which will tend to awaken interest in the workers and induce a desire for prompt and regular attendance, as well as a desire to increase the membership of the school.

It is to be understood that my invention is not limited to any specific manner of supporting the boards 1, nor to any specific manner of supporting the cards 3 or admission tickets 4.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new is:

1. An attendance indicating board, a plurality of cards, means for securing the cards to the board, each of said cards containing the name of an individual, a number by which that individual is known, and attendance indicating indicia, another card of a size to cover the said indicia, and means for securing the second named card over one of the first-named cards, whereby to cover the attendance indicating indicia of the latter.

2. An attendance indicating board, a plurality of cards, means for securing the cards to the board, each of said cards containing the name of an individual, a number by

which that individual is known, and attendance indicia, another card of a size sufficient to cover said indicia, and means for securing the second-named card over the indicia of one of the first-named cards, the name of the individual being displayed on a name strip detachably connected to the card.

3. An attendance indicating board, a plurality of cards, means for securing said cards to the board, each of said cards containing a number and a symbol, said cards being formed with slits, a name strip secured in said slits so as to be held to the card, another card of a size sufficient to cover the symbol, and means for detachably securing the second-named card over the symbol of one of the first-named cards.

4. A plurality of attendance indicating boards, means for supporting the same, whereby any of the boards may be removed and replaced, the boards being differently designated to identify one from the other, a plurality of cards, means for securing the cards to the boards, each of said cards containing a number and a symbol, other cards each of a size sufficient to cover the symbol of the first-named boards when placed thereover, and means for securing the second-named cards to the boards over the symbols of the first-named cards.

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

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