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COMBINED CARD INDEX AND STENCIL FRAME.

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Fig. 1.

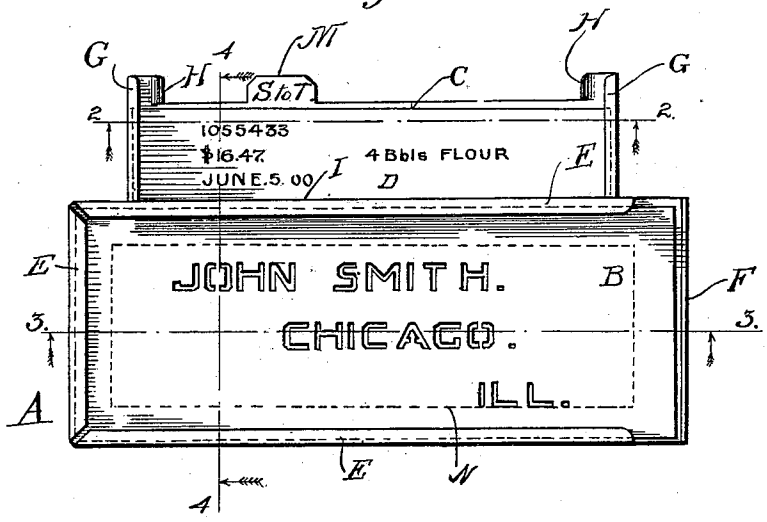


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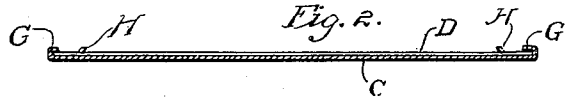


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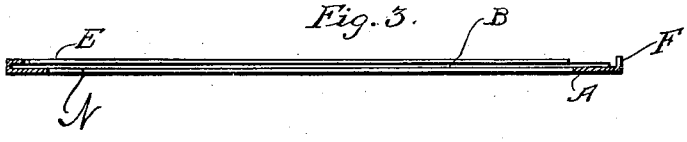


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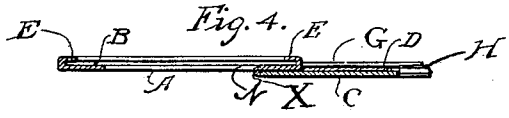
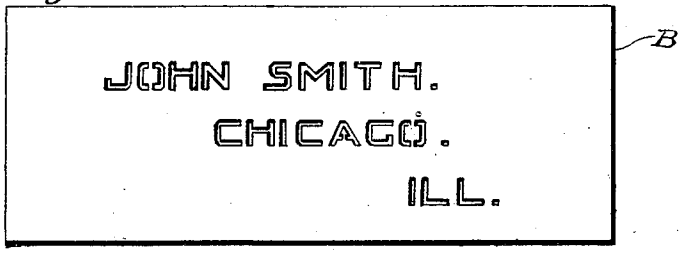


Fig. 5.



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COMBINED CARD-INDEX AND STENCIL-FRAME.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH S. DUNCAN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in a Combined Card-Index and Stencil-Frame, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a novel combined card-index and stencil-frame made, preferably, of sheet metal; and its object is to provide a frame for an address-stencil having a support for a card-index bearing information relating to the stencil and connected with the stencil-frame.

Another object of the invention is to provide a combined card-index and stencil-frame constructed and arranged so that an impression can be taken from the stencil without in any way disturbing or mutilating the card-index.

With these and other ends in view the invention consists in the novel device hereinafter described, and shown in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a face view of my combined card-index and stencil-frame. Fig. 2 is a sectional view on the line 2 2 of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a sectional view on the line 3 3 of Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a sectional view on the line 4 4 of Fig. 1. Fig. 5 shows a stencil which may be used.

Referring to the drawings, in which like letters of reference denote corresponding parts in all of the figures, the frame consists of a stencil-section A to receive the stencil B and a card-section C to receive the card D. The stencil-section is in the form of a skeleton frame, as shown, and the card-section can be conveniently made by bending up at X, Fig. 4, and into a position above the stencil-section, the material cut or stamped out of said section to form the opening N therein.

The stencil-frame is provided with securing-flanges E, so that the stencil can be slipped into place beneath the flanges and held thereby securely in position. I also prefer to bend up the open end of the frame to form a stop F, which will prevent the stencil from slipping out of the frame while an impression is being taken; but it will be understood that any suitable means for securing and holding the stencil in place in the frame may be employed without departing from my invention.

The card-section of the frame is preferably formed by bending up that part of the metal which is cut out to form the skeleton stencil-frame, as before stated; but it is apparent that this section can be otherwise constructed and fastened to the stencil-section. The card-section of the frame is provided with the end flanges G to receive the edges of the card, which is held in place on the frame between the inwardly-turned lugs H and the shoulder I, formed by the top of the stencil-section of the frame.

The frame is designed to be used in a card-index system and is substituted for the cards commonly used in this manner. For this reason I provide a tongue M at the top of the card-section to receive index information, and these tongues are disposed on different frames at various points between the ends of the card-section, so that they can be readily read in the manner now common with the ordinary card-index system employing cards.

My invention thus provides for arranging address or other stencils in accordance with a card-index system, each stencil having a card connected therewith bearing any information desired relating to the stencil. The frame is constructed so that the stencil and the card can be removed without destroying or injuring them, and it can be run through an addressing-machine of any suitable character to take an impression from the stencil without tearing the stencil or inking the card. My novel invention thus provides for storing stencils in a convenient manner, so that they can be renewed or replaced at any time without interfering with or disturbing the arrangement of the other stencils, and the card-index system incorporated with the stencil-frame enables the stencils to be conveniently arranged, alphabetically or otherwise, in a manner common to systems of this character.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A frame of the character described comprising a skeleton stencil-section and a card-section connected therewith, substantially as described.

2. A frame of the character described comprising a skeleton stencil-section and a card-section arranged above the upper edge of said stencil-section and connected therewith, substantially as described.

3. A frame of the character described comprising a skeleton stencil-section and a card-section integral with the stencil-section and formed of material cut or stamped out of the stencil-section, substantially as described.

4. A frame of the character described comprising a skeleton stencil-section and a card-section secured thereto at its upper edge, and devices for holding the card in said card-section on the upper edge of the stencil-section, substantially as described.

5. A frame of the character described comprising a skeleton stencil-section having flanges thereon for securing a stencil therein, a card-section provided with end flanges and securing-lugs and an index-tongue all stamped out of a single sheet of metal, substantially as described.

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