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IMPROVED BOOK-REPOSITORY.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ROBERT L. DODGE, of Gallatin, in the county of Daviess and State of Missouri, have invented a new and improved Book-Repository; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing forming part of this specification.

The object of this invention is to provide an improved case or repository for books; and

It consists in a case provided with a series of compartments, and a corresponding number of frames, hinged to the lower front edge of the case, and adapted to support the books in their open or closed positions, and to form the fronts of the compartments when closed.

The accompanying drawing represents a perspective view of the book repository.

A represents a square or rectangular case, of any desired size, with vertical partitions therein, forming thereby compartments for the book-frames.

This invention is more especially intended to apply to books of record, ledgers, and other large or heavy books, but is applicable to other and all books, and is especially valuable for keeping and preserving choice and costly book of every description.

B represents the compartments, more or less in number, and arranged in tiers, if desired, one above another. Each compartment is somewhat broader and higher than the book designed for it.

C represents frames, composed of the front D, the triangular side pieces E, and bottom pieces F.

The fronts and the bottoms are fastened together to

form right angles, and a frame is hinged to each compartment at the bottom end of the front, as seen at G.

H is a book, placed within its back, upon the inside of the point of one of the frames.

The book is supported in this position by the triangular side piece E, and the frame itself is held in this position when it is turned down on its hinge for placing or removing a book by means of stop-pins I, or in any other suitable manner.

When the frame is let down, as seen, the book rests upon its back on the front D. When it is closed up into its compartment the book stands upright on the bottom F. By this arrangement, a book is protected from harm, when not in use, and, when wanted, it is made readily accessible by turning down the frame.

The outside of the front is properly labeled, to indicate the character of the book within.

For preserving books of record, ledgers, and choice and valuable books of every description, the advantage of this invention must be apparent to all.

Having thus described my invention,

I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

The improved book-repository, consisting of the rectangular case A, provided with a series of compartments, B, and the hinged frames C E F, all constructed and arranged as shown and described.

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