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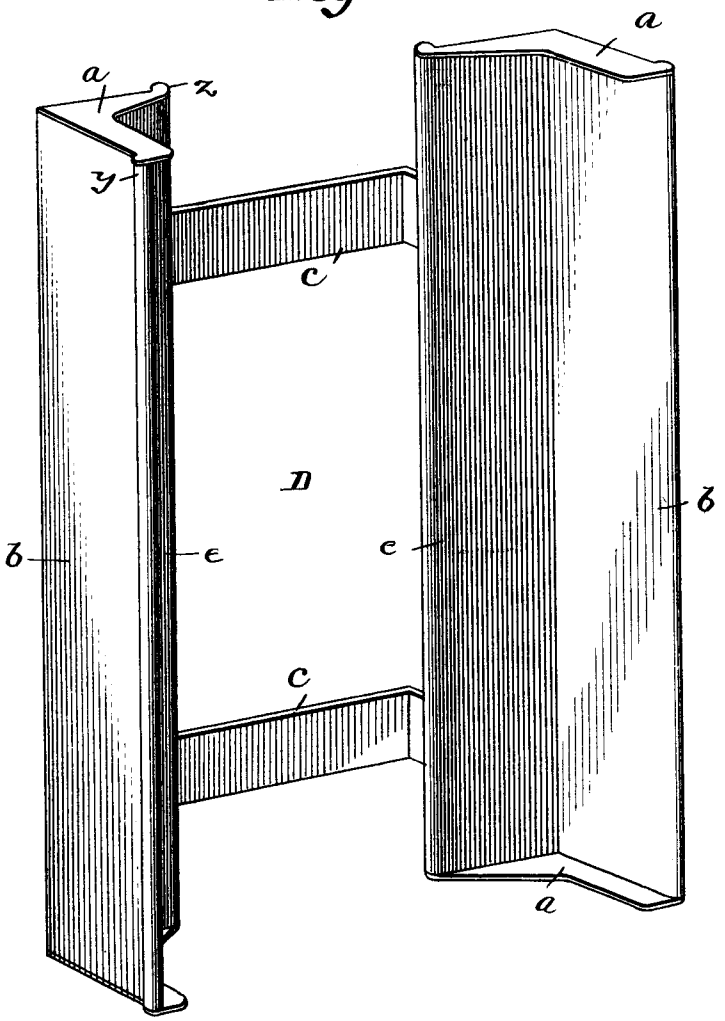
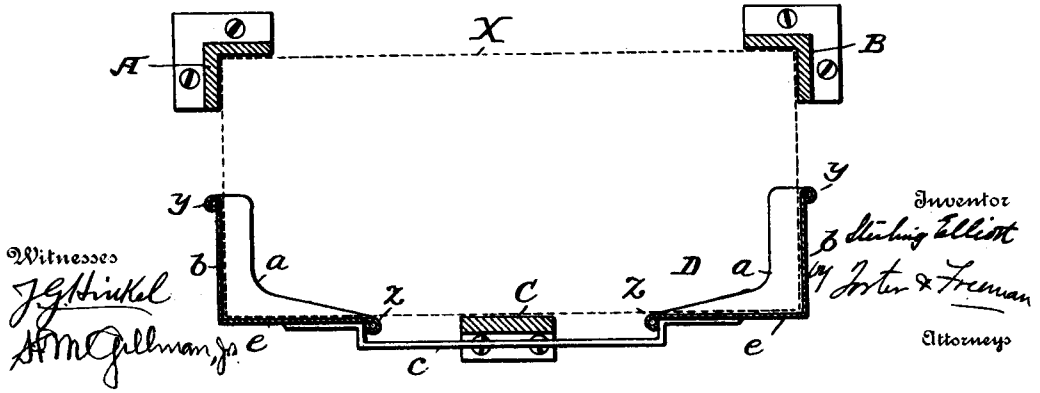



Fig. 2.




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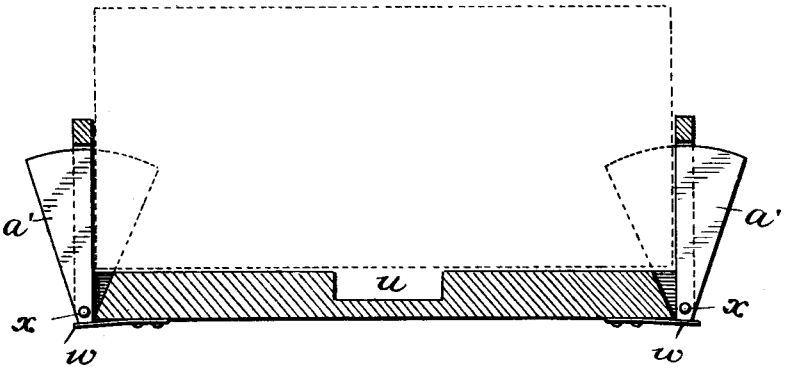



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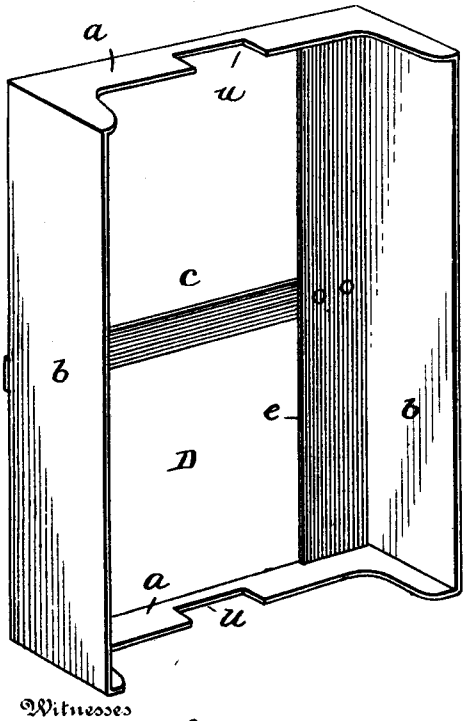
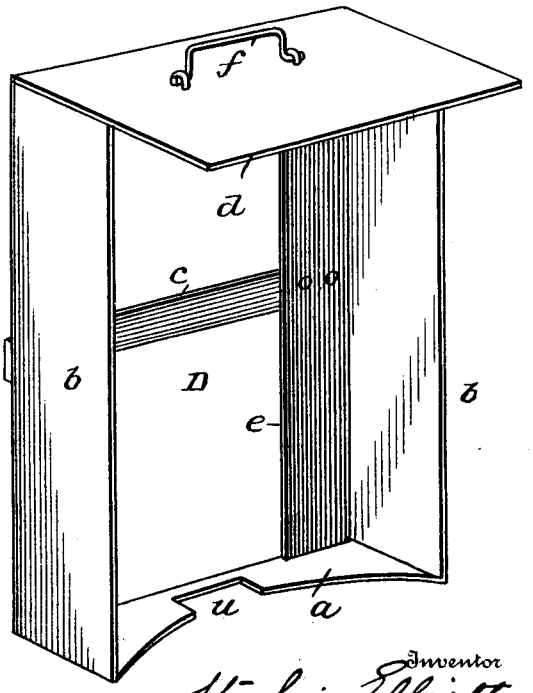



Fig. 5




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## HOLDER FOR STENCILS, &c.

SPECIFICATION forming part of Letters Patent No. 676,032, dated June 11, 1901.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, STERLING ELLIOTT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Holders for Stencils, &c., of which the following is a specification.

My invention has for its object to readily remove any desired number of stencils, cards, &c., from a pile; and to this end my invention consists of a receptacle or holder open at one or both ends with side pieces adapted to receive the card between them and with blades at right angles to the side pieces, so that they can be readily introduced between the stencils at any desired point in the height of the pile to lift those above the blades and retain them in the holder for future reference, as fully described hereinafter and as illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my holder for stencils, &c.; Fig. 2, a transverse section of the holder and its supporting structure; Fig. 3, a transverse section showing the holder as constructed of wood with pivoted separator-blades; Fig. 4, a perspective view showing the holder with the separator-blades in one piece; Fig. 5, a perspective view showing a modification.

The pile of stencils, cards, or other like objects is suitably supported so that access may be had to the corners for the purpose of introducing a separator in the form of a blade or blades, which may then be raised, carrying with it out of the supporting structure the stencils above the blades.

As shown, the supporting structure X consists of three uprights A B C, the uprights A B being angle-bars separated to permit the introduction of the stencils, cards, &c., between them with two corners of the stencils in the angles of the bars, and the upright C being preferably flat and arranged to bear on the rear edge of the stencils, which are thus confined in position between the uprights, but so that they can be lifted vertically away from the structure. The separator constitutes a part of a holder D and has two parts or blades *a a*, which may be connected in a single piece extending across the holder, as in Fig. 5, or they may be in separated pieces, as in the other figures. In either case the separator is part of a holder D, having side pieces *b b*, adapted to receive the stencils between them and connected by one or more cross-pieces *c* (which may be a solid back) and with flanges or bearings *e e*, on which the stencils rest when the holder is horizontal, as in Fig. 2.

To detach a number of stencils from the pile, the holder is brought to a vertical position against the upright C, the blades *a a* being introduced at any desired point between adjacent stencils, which above said point are thus received between the side pieces of the holder, and the latter is then lifted until the lowest stencil supported by the separator is above the structure X, when the holder is laid down, supporting and holding the mass of stencils in proper position to permit ready access, or, if desired, the holder may be inserted in a suitable case or placed on a shelf with others of like character, thus permitting ready access to any series of stencils and any stencil of any series.

Each end of the holder may be provided with a separator, as in Figs. 1 and 4, so that the holder may be used with either end up, or one end may be a rectangular plate *d*, as in Fig. 5, about the same size and dimensions as a stencil, affording a means of securing a drawer-pull *f* and of attaching a label, if desired. It will be seen that the device serves first as a means of separating any desired number of stencils from a pile in the supporter X at any point in the height of the latter without disturbing those which remain or changing the relations of those removed and serving as a file or drawer to retain and keep together the stencils removed, permitting ready access as desired.

In order that the bearings *e* may be brought against the edges of the stencils in the act of removing them, the cross-pieces or back *c* are bent outward, as shown, to receive the standard C. The holder may be of wood, as shown in Fig. 3, with a channel *u* to receive the standard C, and the separator may be in the form of movable blades *a' a'*, each hinged at *x* and thrown outward by a spring *w* and arranged to be pushed in by the thumb and fingers when the holder is grasped.

When the holder is of metal, the sides and bearings may be strengthened by curling the same at *y z*, as shown in Fig. 2, wires being introduced, if desired.

Without limiting myself to the precise construction and arrangement shown, I claim—

1. A holder for stencils, &c., consisting of an open-ended receptacle having side pieces, and a separator consisting of blades arranged in a plane at right angles to said side pieces, substantially as set forth.

2. The combination with the side pieces of an open-ended receptacle for stencils, &c., of a separator consisting of blades arranged transversely of the length thereof, substantially as set forth.

3. An open-ended holder for stencils, &c., having side pieces, a separator, bearings *e e*, and intermediate connecting portion beyond the plane of said bearings, substantially as set forth.

4. A holder for stencils, &c., having L-shaped connected side pieces and a separator consisting of blades each at right angles to one of the side pieces, substantially as set forth.

5. The combination in a holder for stencils, &c., of connected side pieces, and a separator consisting of two blades at right angles to the side pieces, and pivoted to swing inward and outward, substantially as set forth.

6. A structure for detachably supporting a pile of stencils consisting of a base and three standards thereon two arranged adjacent to two corners of the pile and one at the opposite side between the corners, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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