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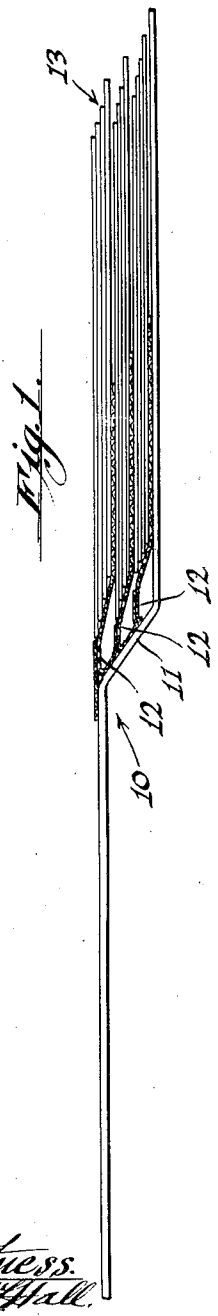


Fig. 1.



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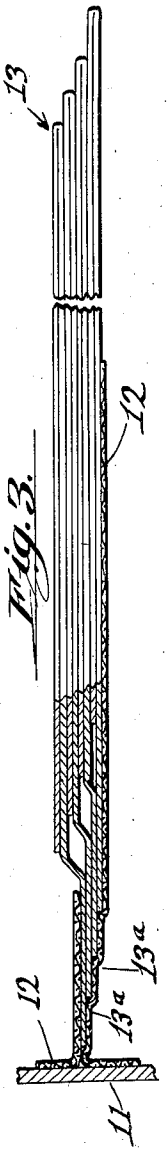


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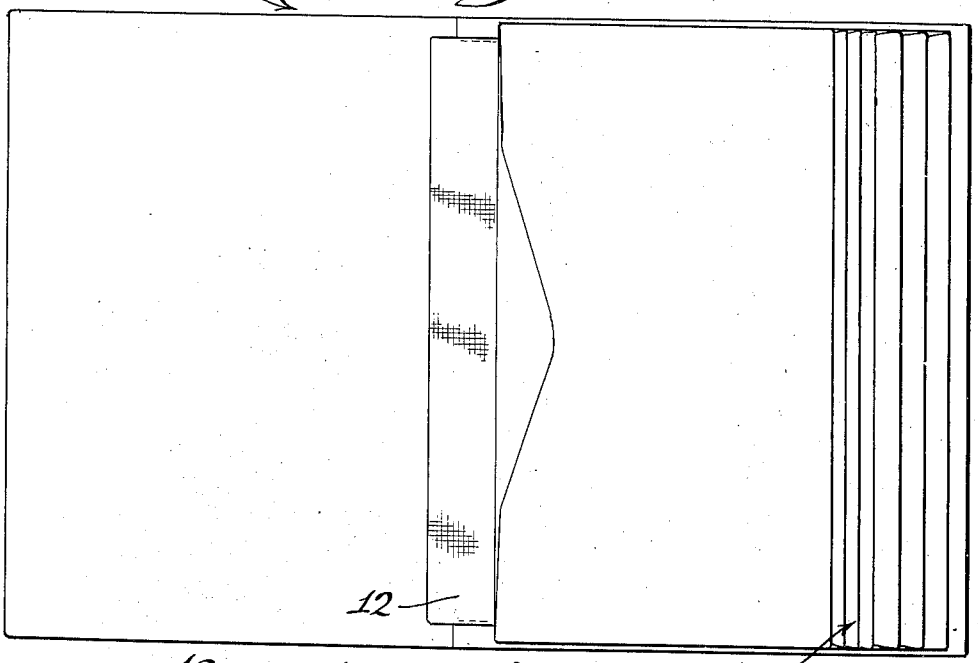
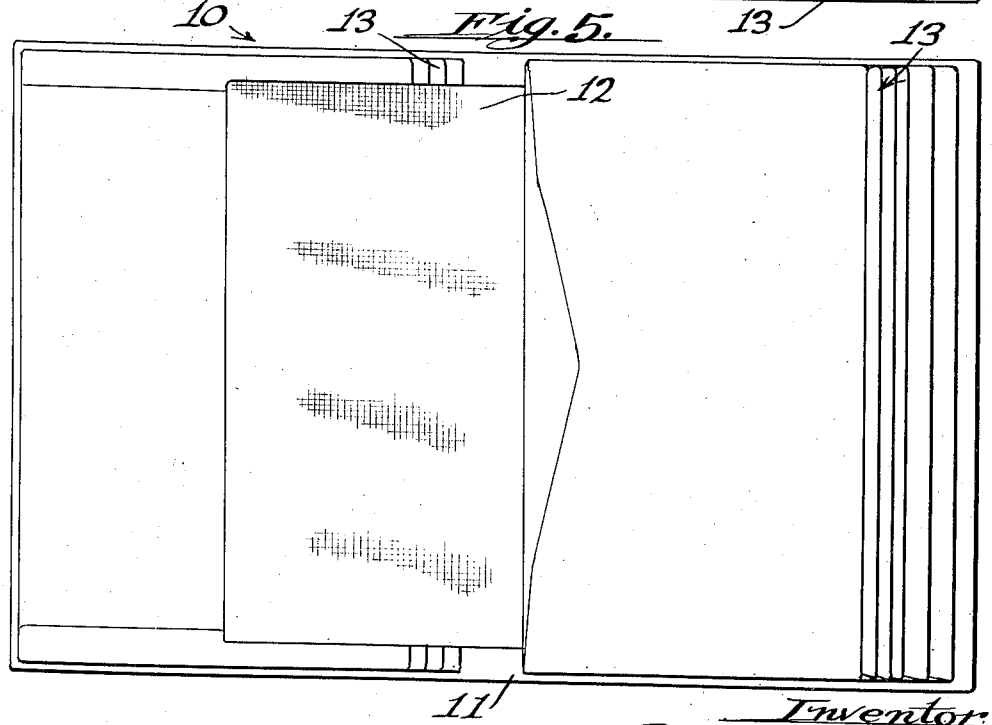


Fig. 5.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DAVID W. LOW, a citizen of the United States, residing at Los Angeles, in the county of Los Angeles and State of California, have invented new and useful Improvements in Filing Devices, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to filing devices, and provides for filing devices which may be constructed to hold letters, clippings, receipts, maps, drawings, specifications, photographs, documents, phonograph records, bills, catalogues, pamphlets, magazines, books, and any other articles or papers used in filing systems.

An object of this invention is the provision of a file which may be in the form of a drawer, case, book, portfolio, etc.

Another object of this invention is the provision of a filing device comprising a series of pockets, each pocket being hinged at its open side, so as to form a cover for an adjacent pocket and thereby closes the same.

A further object of this invention is the provision of a file comprising a series of pockets arranged in steps so as to expose to view, when the file is opened, a portion of each pocket adapted to be indexed.

Another object of this invention is the provision of a file comprising a series of containers spaced apart to allow for expansion as articles are filed in the same.

With the foregoing objects in view, together with such other objects and advantages as may subsequently appear, this invention consists in the construction and arrangement of parts hereinafter described and claimed and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1 is an end view of a file embodying my invention, the file being in book form, the upper cover of the book being thrown back,

Fig. 2 is a view similar to Fig. 1, showing the book closed,

Fig. 3 is an enlarged detail, showing the method of mounting a series of pockets,

Fig. 4 is a plan view of Fig. 1, and

Fig. 5 is a plan view of the file shown in Fig. 2, when the same is open between leaves.

Referring to the drawings for a more detailed description thereof, the numeral 10 indicates a file cover comprising a back 11, to which are secured spaced leaves 12, on each of which is mounted in stepped or shuffled formation a series of pockets 13 of envelope form.

It is to be understood that the term "pocket," as used in this specification, includes any form of container, or even plain sheets with or without means for fastening papers or other articles to the sheets.

The pockets 13 are hingedly mounted on the leaves 12 and at their open sides, each pocket 13 having an extension 13^a which is affixed to the leaf 12 and to the extension 13^a of the underlying pocket.

The pockets 13 of each series are hinged at their open sides so that the back of each pocket acts as a cover or closure for the subjacent pocket and each of the leaves 12 may act as a cover or closure for its subjacent pocket.

The pockets 13 are preferably of greater length at their open sides than the length of the leaf, so that the ends of the pockets extending beyond the leaves may be raised and thereby afford easier entrance for an article being placed in the pocket.

The pockets 13 are arranged in stepped or shuffled formation so that a portion of each pocket along one edge thereof may be exposed to view, and the exposed portion may bear indices, indicating the nature of the contents of each pocket. The lowermost pocket of each series overhangs all the pockets mounted on the subjacent leaf except the lowermost pocket on said subjacent leaf, and the lowermost pockets on each leaf are in alignment with each other when the book is closed. The lowermost pocket of each series may bear an index, indicating the general classification of the material contained in its series.

In embodying my invention upon a file drawer, I provide a drawer, the front end of which is hinged and the leaves may be secured to the hinged front end. The pockets may be hinged to the leaves in a similar manner to that shown upon the drawing.

While I have herein described one form of my invention, modifications thereof may be devised without departing from the spirit thereof, and it is to be understood that such modifications come within the scope of this invention.

What is claimed is:

1. A file comprising a cover provided with a back portion, a series of leaves secured to said back portion, and pockets mounted upon each leaf and hinged thereto, said pockets being so arranged that each pocket on a given leaf exposes a portion of each of the subjacent pockets on that leaf.

2. A file comprising a cover provided with a back portion, a series of leaves secured to said back portion, and a series of pockets mounted upon each leaf, each pocket having an extension secured to the leaf upon which it is mounted and to the corresponding extension of an adjacent pocket upon that leaf.

3. A file comprising a cover provided with a back portion, a series of leaves secured to said back portion, and a series of pockets mounted upon each leaf, each pocket having an extension secured to the leaf upon which it is mounted and to the corresponding extension of an adjacent pocket upon that leaf, said pockets being arranged in stepped relation exposing a portion of the face of each pocket.

4. A file comprising a cover provided with a back portion, a series of leaves secured to said back portion, and a series of pockets mounted upon each leaf and so arranged that a portion of each pocket upon a given leaf is exposed, but the pockets on the leaves therebelow are hidden.

5. A file comprising a cover provided with a back portion, a series of leaves secured to said back portion, pockets hingedly secured to each of said leaves, said pockets being arranged in stepped relation upon each leaf, the lowermost pocket upon each of the leaves being in alignment with the lowermost pockets upon the other leaves.

6. A file comprising a cover provided with a back portion, a series of leaves secured to said back portion, and pockets hingedly secured to each of said leaves, said pockets being arranged in stepped relation upon a given leaf, the open side of each pocket being disposed towards said back portion.

7. A file comprising a cover, a plurality of pockets within said cover, and means for securing said pockets to said cover in such positions that when said cover is turned back from normally closed position, portions of the faces of a portion of said pockets are exposed.

8. A file comprising a series of leaves, pockets mounted on each leaf and hinged thereto, each pocket being hinged at its open edge so as to form a cover for an adjacent pocket, the pockets on each leaf being arranged in steps so as to expose to view at one time a portion of every pocket mounted on a given leaf.

9. A file comprising a series of leaves, pockets mounted on each leaf and hinged thereto, each pocket being hinged at its open edge so as to form a cover for an adjacent pocket, the pockets on each leaf being arranged in steps so as to expose to view at one time a portion of every pocket mounted on a given leaf, the lowermost pocket on the respective leaves being in alignment with each other at one edge.

10. A file comprising a series of leaves, pockets mounted on each leaf and hinged thereto, each pocket being hinged at its open side so as to form a cover for an adjacent pocket, the pockets on each leaf being arranged in steps so as to expose to view at one time a portion of every pocket mounted on a given leaf, each leaf being of less length than the length of the pocket at the hinged sides of the latter.

11. A file comprising a cover, a series of leaves secured to said cover, a series of pockets secured to each of said leaves by means of an extension formed on each of said pockets, said extensions being of less length than the pockets permitting said pockets to expand.

12. A file comprising a cover, a series of pockets within said cover, said pockets having extensions formed upon the open edges thereof forming means for securing said pockets within the cover, said extensions being of less length than the pockets permitting said pockets to expand.

13. In a file, a file pocket having front and back sides, the side and bottom edges of these sides being secured directly to each other, and the top edges being unsecured, and a securing flap secured to the top edge of the back side, said flap being of less length than the pocket permitting the pocket to expand.

14. In a file, a file pocket having front and back sides, the side and bottom edges of these sides being secured directly to each other, and the top edges being unsecured, and a securing flap secured to the top edge of the back side, said flap being of less length than the pocket permitting the pocket to expand, the top edge of the front side being cut away so as to expose a part of the back side.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification.

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