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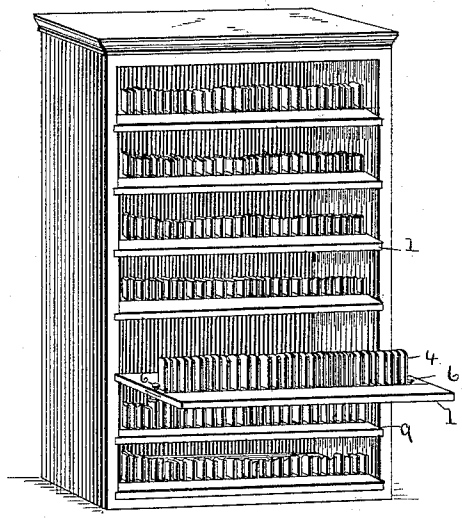
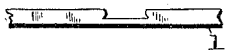


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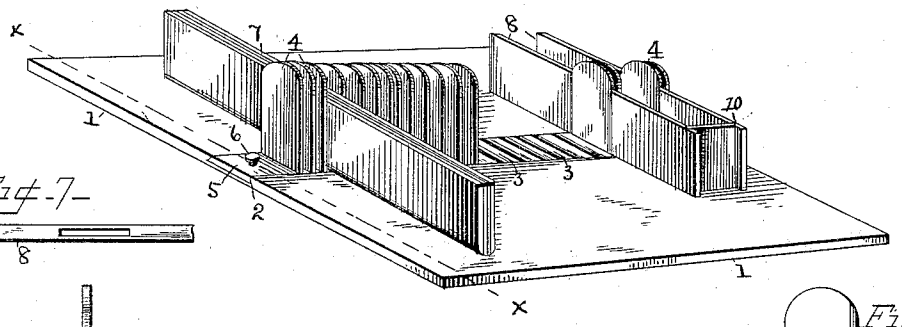


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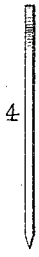


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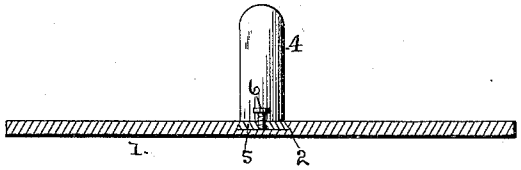
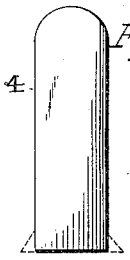


Fig 5.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JESSE BAILEY BROWN, a resident of Nashville, in the county of Davidson and State of Tennessee, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Paper Files or Holders; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it pertains to make and use the same.

The object of my invention is to produce a bill-file suitable for various uses, which is easily adjustable, which can be readily secured in or to a desk, table, or other article of furniture, and which can without difficulty be converted into a series of pigeon-holes of any desired number; and the invention consists in the matters hereinafter described and pointed out.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improvement applied to a case. Fig. 2 is a similar view without the case and on an enlarged scale. Fig. 3 is a section on line *x x*, Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is a modification of a detail, the parts being separated. Fig. 5 is a side view of a partition on an enlarged scale, a dovetailed foot being indicated in dotted lines. Fig. 6 is an edge view of a partition having a chamfered foot, and Fig. 7 is a sectional edge view of a horizontal division or partition.

The figure of reference 1 indicates a base, preferably made of wood, and provided with a dovetail groove 2.

3 are spacing-blocks shaped to fit the groove and made adjustable laterally therein. These spacing-blocks may, if desired, be made of various thicknesses.

4 indicates vertical partitions or side supports, each with a foot shaped to enter the groove. This foot may be made of dovetail form, as indicated at 2, Fig. 3; or it may be shaped as indicated in Fig. 4, and be adapted to be entered only laterally in the groove; or it may be made with straight or parallel sides and capable of being entered vertically between the spacing-blocks and the upper edges of the blocks, and the bottom edges of the partitions may be chamfered to readily permit this operation. The blocks and partitions may be locked in position by blocks 5, provided with tightening-screws 6, or by other equivalent locking devices. These vertical partitions may each be made fast in the groove, if desired, by any well-known means.

At 7 is indicated one manner in which files, bills, or other articles may be held.

The movable spacing-blocks permit the spaces between the vertical partitions to be varied at will.

In Fig. 2 I have shown how by the use of horizontal partitions pigeon-holes may be produced. Two partitions 8 are each placed between two vertical partitions and inclose between them a receptacle, which may be closed in front, if desired, as indicated at 10, Fig. 2.

Instead of placing the division-pieces 8 between the vertical supports 4, they may be mortised and the vertical pieces passed through them, and this form is on some accounts preferred.

Instead of bases 1 sliding in ways 9, as indicated in the drawings, they might obviously be hinged so as to fold up, down, or sidewise, according to location, and the improved file or bill holder can be applied to all articles of the desk, cabinet, or table form, or even to the walls of a room.

The adjustable partition or spacing blocks permit the dimensions of particular receptacles to be varied at will or to be entirely removed for cleaning. Ordinarily the partitions will have some elasticity and act as spring-holders. They may be made, as well as the other parts of the device, of any suitable material, such as wood, metal, or paper. The device is simple, efficient, and possessed of a wide range of adjustability.

In a bill-file heretofore proposed vertical partitions were provided with depending flanges overlapping the edges of a rabbeted base and adapted to be secured in place by a rod or wire passing through apertures in said flanges. Each partition stood upon the upper surface of the base, and the above-described flanges or depending parts extended below the foot of the partition and down at the side of the base.

By my invention the foot of each partition enters a groove cut transversely in the base at some distance from the edge thereof. Distance-pieces are also inserted in the groove and between the feet of the partitions, which distance-pieces or spacing-blocks may be

made of different thicknesses, and are removable and interchangeable, whereby the distance between the partitions may be varied as desired.

Having thus described my invention, what I desire to secure by Letters Patent is as follows:

1. A holder for bills, papers, files, and the like, consisting of a grooved base, spacing-blocks fitted to the groove, and vertical partitions having each a foot adapted to enter the groove and located between the feet of adjacent partitions in said groove, and a locking device, substantially as described.

2. A holder for bills and the like, consisting of a base provided with a dovetailed groove, spacing-blocks having a similar form, and vertical partitions having feet with straight sides adapted to enter between the blocks in the groove, the blocks being located in the same and between the feet of the partitions therein, substantially as described.

3. The holder for bills and the like, consisting of a grooved base, spacing-blocks, vertical partitions, and horizontal division-partitions, the blocks and partitions being separately movable, substantially as described.

4. The holder for bills and the like, consisting of a grooved base, spacing-blocks, vertical partitions, and horizontal partitions or division-pieces mortised and fitted upon the vertical partitions, substantially as described.

5. The holder for bills and the like, consisting of the grooved base, the spacing-blocks, the vertical and horizontal partitions, and the transverse closure whereby the pigeon-holes are formed and inclosed, substantially as described.

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

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