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CARD FILING SYSTEM.

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Fig. 1.

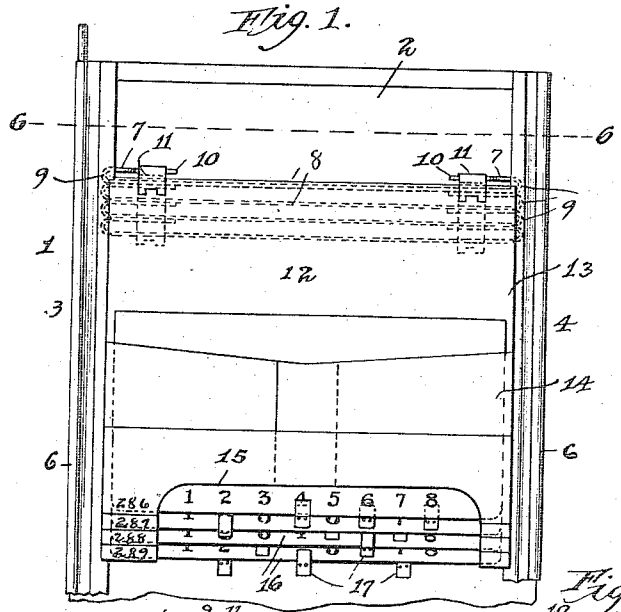


Fig. 2.

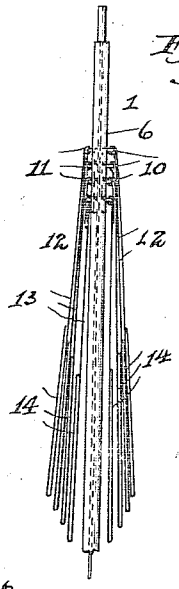


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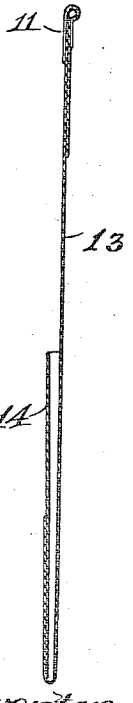


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES R. HENDRY, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city of Chicago and county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Card-Filing Systems, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in card filing systems and has among its salient objects to provide a construction in which a series of overlapping holders are detachably mounted in a frame and each holder provided with a pocket for receiving one or more cards or slips; to provide a construction in which the overlapping holders may, if desired, be mounted on either side of the frame so as to obtain a maximum number of holders and cards in a minimum space; to provide a construction of the character referred to having signaling means for determining by mere ocular inspection, without removing or raising the cards or holders the condition or classification of the cataloguing or other data contained on any given card or upon a plurality of cards in any given holder; to provide a construction in which the holders are so formed as to expose the lower edge of the card in the holder and in which each card may itself have an exposed portion independent of the other cards; to provide a construction in which not only may each card have its individual designating or cataloguing number but also each holder may be also similarly designated; and in general to provide an improved construction of the character referred to.

In the drawings:

Figure 1 is a fragmentary front elevation of my invention, parts being shown in dotted lines to bring out details of construction.

Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the construction shown in Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a front elevation view on an enlarged scale, of one of the holders showing the manner of inserting the cards.

Fig. 4 is a vertical sectional view of the card holder.

Fig. 5 is a perspective view of one of the signaling guides or tabs.

Fig. 6 is a horizontal, sectional view taken on line 6—6 of Fig. 1.

Referring to the drawings, 1 designates as a whole the frame comprising a flat central web portion 2, provided at its opposite vertical edges with marginal members 3 and 4 respectively. These marginal members are suitably secured to the central web portion and each is provided with an inwardly facing channeled portion 5, and terminates outwardly in a bead 6, the latter serving to hold adjustable guide tabs which are not shown as a formal part of the present invention.

Detachably mounted in the channel members of the frame are a plurality of superimposed carriers 7, each of which in the present instance, consists of a wire 8, bent back upon itself, at each end as shown at 9, and terminating in inwardly extending free ends 10. Suspended from each of these carriers by means of hinges 11 is a holder designated as a whole 12. The hinges 11 slip easily on the ends 10 of the carriers and are readily attached or detached therefrom. However, they can be made permanent if so desired.

Describing now the holders, each comprises a back portion 13, provided at its lower end with a pocket 14, which may be formed by bending the lower end of the back portion back upon itself as shown more clearly in Fig. 4. The lower end of the pocket is cut away throughout a major portion of its length as shown at 15 to provide an exposed sight opening or window. Each pocket 14 is adapted to receive a plurality of cataloguing or identifying cards 16, 16. If desired, each of these cards may be provided with a plurality of ruled spaces 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, as shown and these figures may, if desired, be made at the lower end of the card, to-wit, at that portion which is exposed through the window of the pocket. In order to designate the condition of any given work or any given data on any card relative to one of the spaces, I provide an identifying tab 17, which in the present instance is shown as adjustably snapped or slipped onto the card opposite a given space.

In order to more clearly illustrate one of the many uses to which the invention may be put, for example, the particular system shown might be used for the purpose of readily determining how a large catalogue of a mail order house was being made up. Each pocket might be designated with a given number referring to the page of the

catalogue such as 286, 287, 288 and 289, etc., and each pocket representing the given page, might have a plurality of cards, each card being for the purpose of showing the various data to be put on that page. For example, each card might represent the cut to be put on the particular part of the page and the various parts showing how far along the work had progressed, showing whether the original drawing had been made, whether the same had been approved, whether the plate had been made and had been finished, and when the cut had been returned by the engraving house, and when the electrotype had been made. In a very large catalogue, it is very difficult to keep track of all this data for the many thousands of cuts and this system provides a ready and intelligent guide and check.

It is, of course, apparent that the foregoing is merely one use to which the invention may be put, as is apparent to those skilled in the art. The invention is not limited to the details of construction shown, except as set forth in the appended claims.

I claim as my invention:

1. In a card filing system, the combination with a main frame, of a plurality of overlapping holders mounted therein, each holder having at its lower end a pocket provided with a cut-away uninclosed portion, one or more cards detachably seated in said pocket and having an identifying portion exposed in the cut-away portion of the pocket.

2. In a card filing system, the combination with a frame having a plurality of overlapping holders mounted therein, each of said holders having a pocket provided with a cut-away portion at its lower end and a plurality of cards mounted in said pocket, and each provided with predetermined designating spaces and a tab adjustably mounted on any given one of said spaces and exposed through the cut-away portion of the pocket.

3. In a card filing system, the combination with a main frame, of a plurality of overlapping holders mounted therein, each holder having at its lower end a pocket provided with a cut-away portion, one or more cards detachably seated in said pocket and having a portion exposed in the cut-away portion of the pocket.

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