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BILL OF FARE INDICATOR.

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Fig. 1.

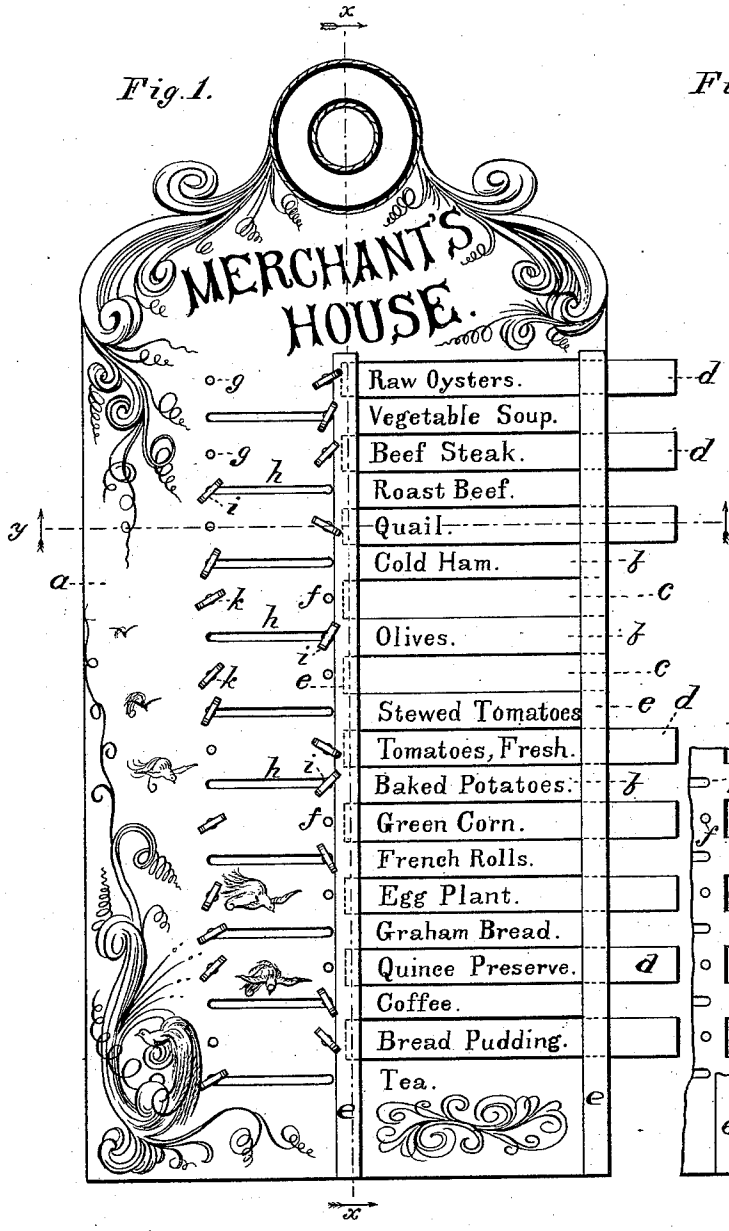


Fig. 2.

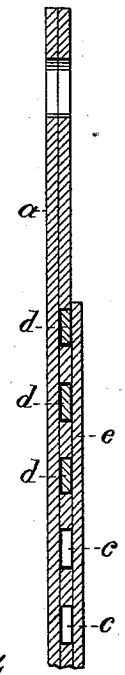


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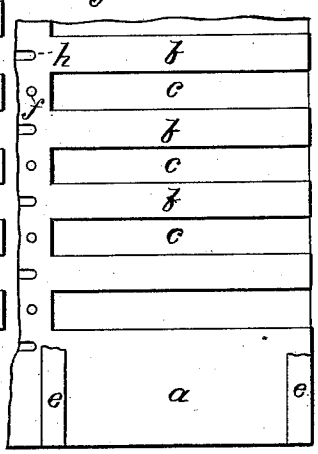
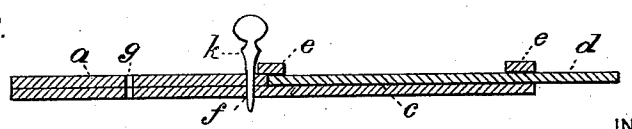


Fig. 3.



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BILL-OF-FARE INDICATOR.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, E. S. SUTTON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Wildwood, in the county of St. Croix and State of Wisconsin, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bill-of-Fare Indicators; and I do 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 appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters or figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a representation of this invention, and is a front view. Fig. 2 is a portion of the device, and is a longitudinal section taken in the direction of line *x x* on Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a horizontal section taken in the direction of line *y y* on Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a view showing a portion of the invention with the guard-strips broken away.

This invention has relation to a bill of fare for hotel, restaurant, and dining-room uses; and it consists in the construction and novel arrangement of devices, as will be hereinafter fully described, and particularly pointed out in the claim appended.

Referring by letter to the accompanying drawings, *a* designates the body of my improved bill of fare, which may be made of any suitable material, and in any suitable design of ornamentation, with the name of the house and proprietor, &c., printed thereon. It is preferably made of two sheets of material stamped out to form the outline, the perforations, the slots for alternate slide-pins, the perforations being for the removable pins, and to form the seats for the removable slide-strips. The inner ends of the seats for the slide-slips are covered by a strip of suitable material, a strip being used at each end to form guards to hold the sliding strips in place in their seats. The spaces between the seats for the slide-strips are of the same width as the slide-strips, and on these spaces are printed the names of those articles of table food that are more commonly placed on the table. On the removable slips are printed the names of dishes that are more frequently changed, and a sufficient number of these strips are provided to print the names of all the dishes that are furnished at the table for any and all meals. The waiter hands the bill of fare to the guest, who selects from it what he desires for the meal, and places a pin in the perforation opposite the strip containing the article he wants, and when he has concluded his selection the waiter will carry the bill of fare to the cook, who can see what has been ordered by reading the names opposite the pegs. When it is desired to change the bill of fare, those slips containing the names of articles not wanted by the cook can be removed, and those slips containing the names of the articles wanted may be substituted. The ends of the removable slips project as shown.

b designates the stationary strips, *c* the seats between them for the removable sliding strips *d*, and *e e* are the guard-strips over the ends of the seats *c*. The order row of perforations *f* is along the inner guard-strip, *e*. The other row of perforations, *g*, is parallel thereto and a short distance therefrom.

h designates the slots in which the sliding pegs *i* move. *k* are the removable pegs. The slots and sliding pins are opposite the stationary strips, and can only be moved up to them, while the others may be moved indiscriminately.

It is obvious that the sliding strips may be removed and their seats left vacant, if desired.

This is a convenient bill of fare, and does not require to be printed every day, as in the old way.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A bill-of-fare indicator composed of the perforated sheets secured together and provided with the stationary printed strips *b*, the intervening seats *c*, the guard-strips *e e*, the removable slide-strips *d*, printed as described, the slide-pins *i*, and the alternate removable pins *k*, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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