

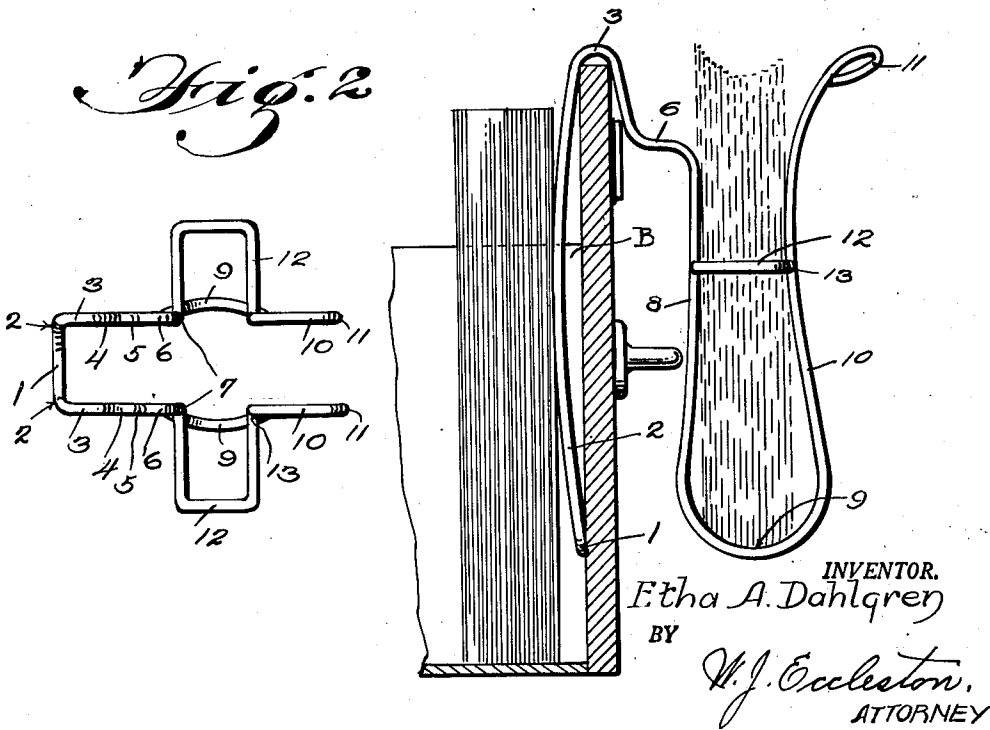
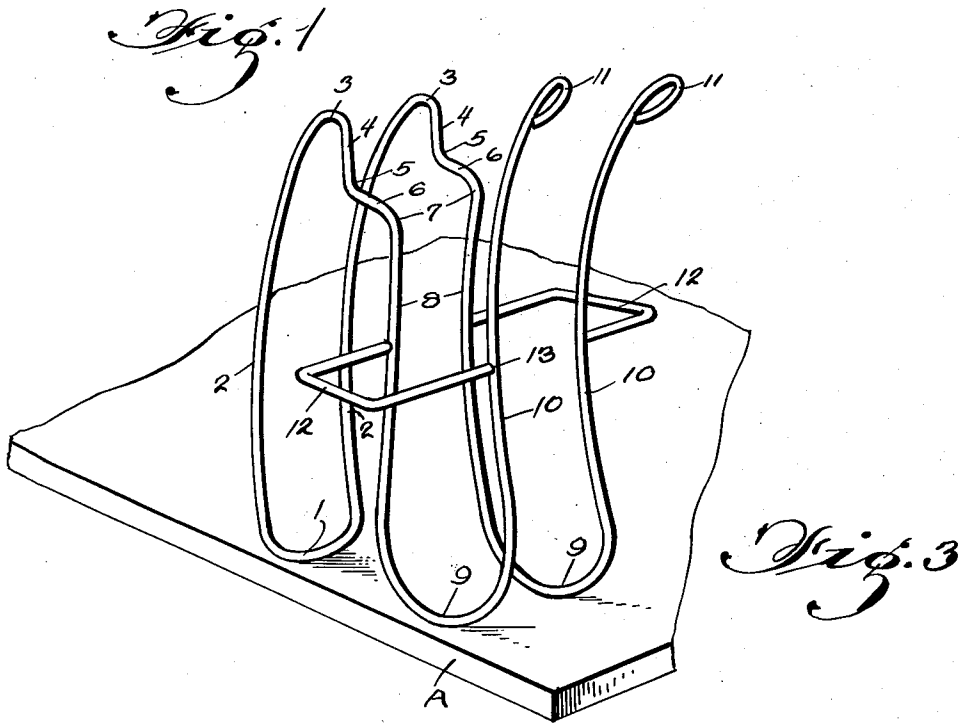
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The invention described herein, if patented, may be manufactured and used by or for the Government for governmental purposes, without the payment to me of any royalty thereon.

This invention relates to a device for temporarily holding papers to be filed in a file cabinet or the like, and has for its primary object to provide a simple and inexpensive frame or bracket in which papers to be filed may be supported in a convenient position for individual transfer to their proper places in a file cabinet.

Another object of the invention resides in the provision of a wire frame which may be removably supported on the wall or handle of the drawer of a file cabinet for supporting papers to be filed in the drawer.

A still further object of the invention consists in the formation of a wire frame for temporarily supporting papers to be filed and capable of presenting them to the file clerk in such manner that they may be readily removed for filing in the permanent files.

A preferred form of the invention is shown in the accompanying drawings, in which,

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the filing aid setting upon a table after the manner of an easel;

Figure 2 is a plan view of the filing aid; and

Figure 3 is a fragmentary detailed view of the drawer of a filing cabinet with the filing aid mounted thereon ready for use.

In the embodiment of the invention as disclosed on the attached sheet of drawings the filing aid is formed of a single length of wire bent upon itself to provide a pocket for receiving the papers for filing and to provide a combined leg and hook whereby the filing aid may be supported upon a table as an easel or suspended from a wall of the drawer of the filing cabinet or the like to support the papers in a position for ready access by the file clerk.

More specifically, the filing aid comprises a length of wire doubled medially upon itself as indicated by the numeral 1 to provide a pair of space branches 2 which together form a loop which serves as a combined leg and hook for the dual purpose of supporting the unit upon a horizontal surface such as a table or for suspending it from a wall or the handle of a drawer of a filing cabinet.

The branches of the wire may be then doubled upon themselves as indicated by the numerals 3 to provide downwardly extending portions 4 which complete the hook portion for suspending the unit from the upper edge of a wall or other

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support. From the downwardly extending portions 4 the wire branches are bent as indicated by the numeral 5 to provide substantially horizontally extending elements or spacer portions 6 which serve to space the papers from the hook portion and from the support from which the unit may be suspended.

The wire branches are bent downwardly from the horizontal spacer portions 6, as indicated by the numeral 7 to provide a rear wall comprising legs 8, which are connected to the leg 2 by the L-shaped members 4—6. Thereafter the wire branches are again doubled upon themselves as indicated by the numeral 9 to provide a bottom for the pocket and the upwardly extending rods 10 forming the front wall of the pocket. The terminals of the rods 10 may be curved upon themselves as indicated by the numeral 11 to provide a finish and dispose the ends of the wire in such manner as to avoid injury to the operator.

In bending the wire as just described it will be noted that the same is formed into a rear loop which provides the leg and hook portion and into two parallel spaced loops 8—9—10 which are disposed in planes at right angles to the plane of the leg or hook 2—2. Moreover all of the three loops are so constructed and proportioned as to have their doubled portion or bottom wall disposed in a single horizontal plane.

To form a more complete pocket for temporarily supporting papers for filing it may be desirable to provide side walls therefor in addition to the rear bottom and front walls 8—9—10. For this purpose separate wire elements 12 may be formed into U-shape and have their free ends secured to the members 8—10 intermediate the ends thereof as by welding or otherwise as indicated by the numeral 13.

In the operation of the filing aid as described above the same may be placed upon a table as indicated in Figure 1 and the papers to be filed, after being placed in the proper order, may be inserted in the pocket provided by the loops 8—9—10, and the U-shaped members 12, if desired. Thereafter the unit with the papers disposed therein may be carried by the leg 2—2 serving as a handle to the particular file cabinet and supported on the handle or a wall of the drawer by placing the leg inside of the drawer or through the handle of the drawer so that the portion 3 will engage the top edge of the drawer or its handle and support the papers so that they are presented in a readily available position to be individually removed and filed in their

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proper order within the filing cabinet. In order that the upper edges of the papers may be easily grasped by the operator the horizontal spacer portions 6 are provided so as to space the stack of papers away from the hook portion 3 and consequently away from the wall or other support to which the filing aid may be attached.

From the foregoing description and the attached drawings it will be apparent to those skilled in the art that I have devised an exceedingly simple and inexpensive filing aid which may be composed of a single piece of wire bent to the shape disclosed; that it may be supported on a table while the papers are being assembled therein; that they may be easily transported to the file cabinet by use of the leg, hook, and handle element 2-2; and that the papers are conveniently presented to the file clerk by mounting the unit on a wall of the file cabinet drawer and by reason of the offset or spacer portions 6 which maintain the stack of papers spaced apart from the supporting means for the unit.

While the preferred form of invention has been shown herein and described in detail it will be obvious that various minor changes may be made in structural details without departing from the spirit of the invention and it is intended that all such variations be included within the scope of the appended claim.

I claim:

An aid for filing papers comprising a length

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of wire doubled upon itself, said doubled wire being bent adjacent its free ends to provide a pocket having front and back walls and a bottom, a substantially horizontal spacer portion extending rearwardly from the top of the rear wall, substantially vertical extensions extending upwardly from the rear end of the spacer portion, and a leg formed of the doubled portion of the wire and extending downwardly from the upper ends of the vertical extensions and terminating in the plane of the bottom of the pocket.

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