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Bill-Files.

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Fig. 1

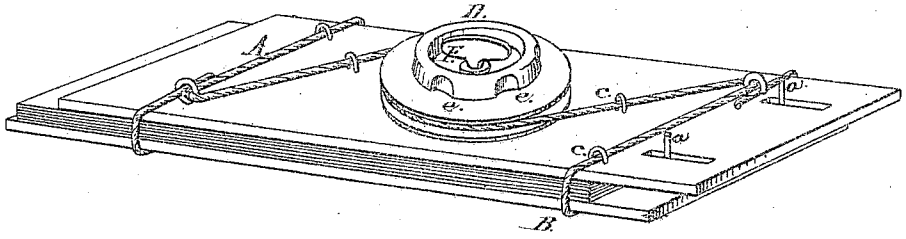


Fig. 2

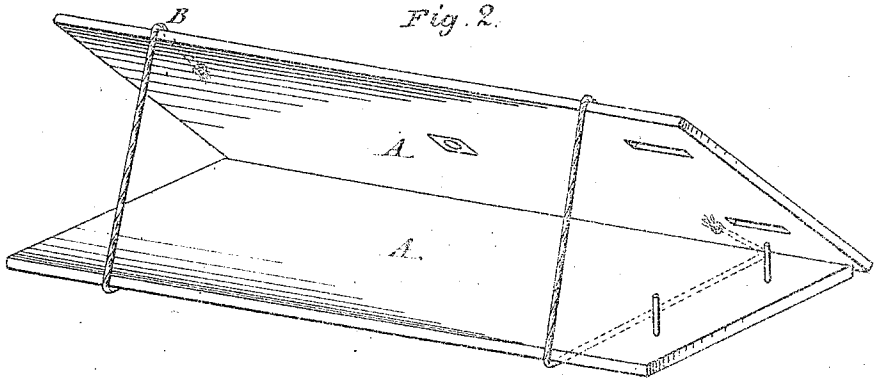
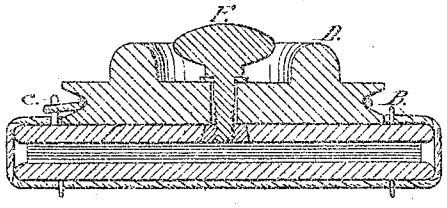


Fig. 3.



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IMPROVEMENT IN BILL-FILES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JACOB D. GEESAMAN, of Shippensburg, in the county of Cumberland and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain Improvements in Bill-Files, of which the following is a specification:

My invention relates to a device for securely filing away papers or documents in such a manner that they can be kept compactly, occupying but a small space, and at the same time be easily accessible for ready reference.

Figure 1 is a view of the file closed, the upper part being slid downward so as to allow the titles at the ends of the inclosed papers to be examined without their removal. Fig. 2 is the empty file opened, showing how papers can be inserted or removed sidewise. Fig. 3 is a transverse section.

Appropriate letters designate the several parts.

A A are slats or covers, made of any material suitably stiff and rigid, between which papers and documents are to be placed. They are connected with the cords B, which are prevented from slipping out of place by being passed through eyes or staples *c*. These cords terminate at and are secured to a grooved drum, D. The drum is supplied with notches *e*, in which the fingers rest while turning it. Through the center of the drum there is a thumb-screw, F. In the upper slat there are two slots through which pass the pins *a a*.

Papers are placed between the slats A by opening them, as in Fig. 2, or sliding them, after the cords are loosened, as in Fig. 1, the pins *a a* preventing the papers from being pushed too for through the lower end. After the papers are inserted, the drum is turned, thus winding round, in its groove, all the loose cord, and then the whole is firmly held in position by the thumb-screw F. Thus any quantity of papers can be filed, and held convenient for reference, as the upper slat A can be slid downward, as shown in Fig. 1, so that any memorandums on the end of the papers can be read, and one or more withdrawn at will, without disarranging the others, and those left can be immediately readjusted by tightening the cords, as before described.

I claim—

An adjustable paper or document holder, made of two slats, A, held in position with cords *c c*, in combination with a drum, D, and thumb-screw F, substantially as herein set forth.

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