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Cases for Law-Blanks.

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Fig. 1.

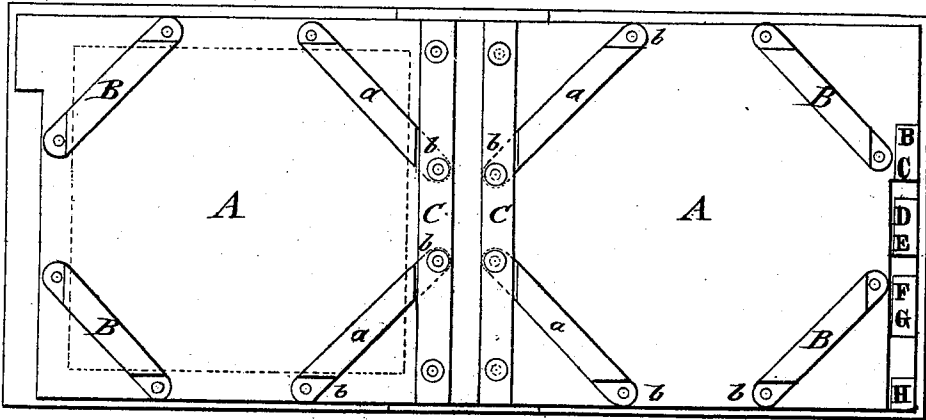


Fig. 2.

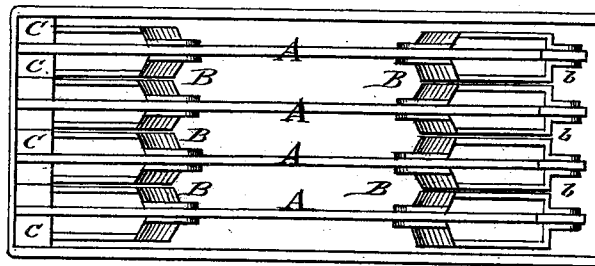
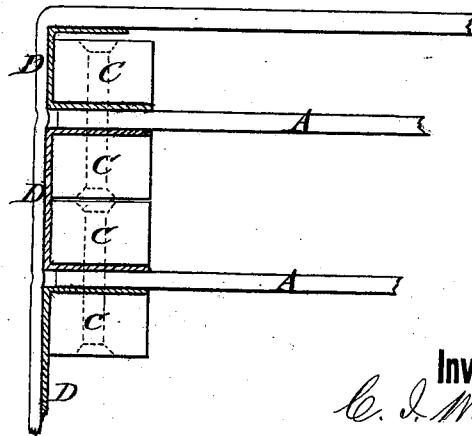


Fig. 3.



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IMPROVEMENT IN CASES FOR LAW-BLANKS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CORNELIUS IRVINE WALKER, of Charleston, in the county of Charleston and State of South Carolina, have invented new and Improved Cases for Law-Blanks, of which the following is a specification:

In the accompanying drawing, Figure 1 represents a top view of my improved law-blank case. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the same closed, and Fig. 3 is a detail side-view, showing the method of building.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The object of my invention is to furnish to lawyers, clerks of courts, notaries public, and others a law-blank case, which contains a number of leaves for the adjustment of different law-blanks, to be available for ready use, and provided with an index for easy reference. The blanks or forms are thus preserved in good order, free from injury, and by their convenient arrangement a great deal of time may be saved.

My invention consists of a book, bound as hereinafter described, composed of leaves of binders' boards, or wood, metal, or other suitable material. On each side, or on one side only, of the leaves, at the corners, are strips B, for confining the blanks and for holding them flat against the leaf. The strips are placed diagonally across the corners and so prevent any slipping of the blanks. They are stamped in such a manner that the parts *a* which pass over the blanks are bent up suitably so as to form an elevation for slipping the blanks under them. Corners would answer the purpose as well, and cover my device, but the strips are preferred on account of economy.

On the inner side of each leaf are suitable strips C, of wood or other suitable material, to form guards for filling out the back of the book for relieving the pressure at the back from the corner strips B, and for aiding the

strength of the binding, as shown hereafter. The leaves are bound together by attaching a strip, D, of cloth or other suitable material to the adjacent sides of two adjacent leaves. The back or guard strip C is placed over this and riveted or otherwise secured to the leaf. The pressure of this strip upon the cloth, aided by the whole being glued—*i. e.*, the cloth to the board and the strip to the cloth—gives the requisite strength.

The case is indexed through after the manner of index-books. Reference is had to the contents of the various leaves by each being designated by its own letter or number and an index or sheet in front containing a list of the same.

The book is bound externally in any suitable manner after the fashion of books, or the leaves are fastened into a wooden case, giving perfect protection from dust. In this latter mode the top and bottom of the wooden box or case correspond with the sides of the book.

Smaller blanks, say of size of quarter sheet of cap, may be arranged so as to bring two or more on each page with a corresponding increase of corner-pieces.

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

1. The combination, with the leaves A, of the raised corner-pieces B, back strips C, and the covers, as shown and described, to form a case for holding law-blanks, &c.

2. The mode of binding together the leaves A by means of strips D of cloth applied to the adjacent sides of two adjacent leaves and the rigid guard-strips C placed over these and secured to the leaves, as shown and described.

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