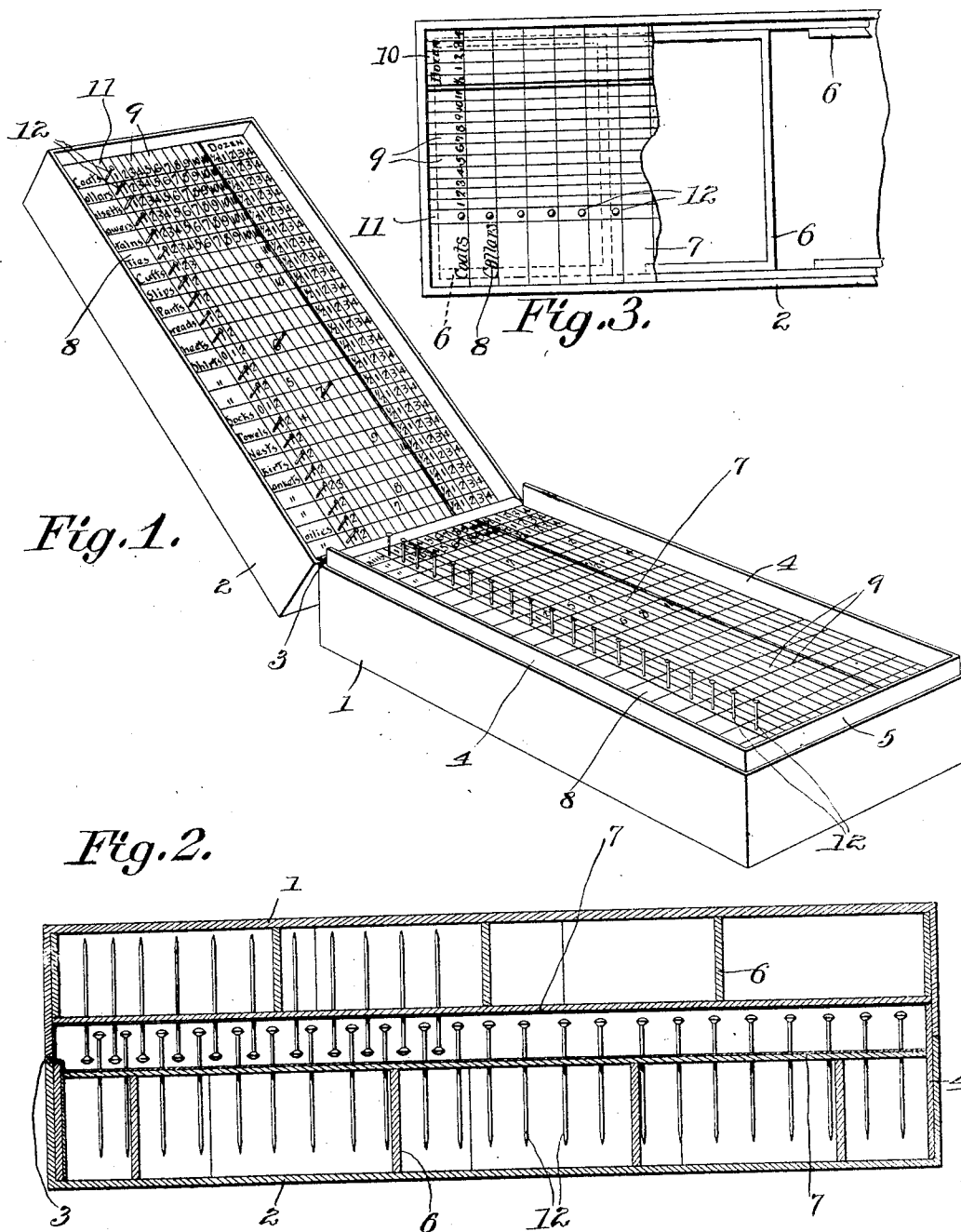


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES F. PALMER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Augusta, in the county of Richmond and State of Georgia, have invented a new and useful Laundry-Indicator, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to indicators of that type embodying a list or plurality of headings and a plurality of individual movable pins or markers capable of being associated with any of the members of the list or headings to maintain a record with respect thereto.

The object of the invention is to provide an improved construction and arrangement of parts whereby the indicator may be folded when not in use, so as to protect the list or record-card against being soiled and to prevent accidental displacement of any of the pins or markers, thereby to insure the preservation of the record.

It is also proposed to enable the convenient opening of the record, so as to expose the same for reference thereto and to permit of the convenient removal and replacing of the pins or markers to change the record whenever desired.

With these and other objects in view the present invention consists in the combination and arrangement of parts, as will be hereinafter more fully described, shown in the accompanying drawings, and particularly pointed out in the appended claims, it being understood that changes in the form, proportion, size, and minor details may be made within the scope of the claims without departing from the spirit or sacrificing any of the advantages of the invention.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the indicator of the present invention open for inspection. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal sectional view of the indicator closed. Fig. 3 is a fragmentary plan view of one of the sections of the indicator, parts being broken away to show the supports for the removable record-card.

Like characters of reference designate corresponding parts in the several figures of the drawings.

The present device includes a pair of receptacles or box-like members 1 and 2, which are terminally connected by a hinge 3 at the open sides of the members in order that the latter may be folded together against their open sides to produce a closed box or recep-

tacle, as in Fig. 1 of the drawings. These members are substantial duplicates in shape and size, and one of them is provided with a longitudinal outwardly-directed flange 4, extending from the inner face of each side thereof, and a similar terminal transverse flange 5 at the outer free end of the member, the inner or hinged end of the member being unobstructed by such a flange. The outer edges of all of these flanges are mutually flush and are arranged to fit within the other section 2 when both of the sections are folded together, as in Fig. 2, whereby the flanges brace the sections and remove considerable lateral strain from the hinge. Within each section there is a plurality of transverse upstanding walls or partitions 6, having their outer edges terminating short of the outer edge of the section and are designed to support a removable card 7, which is provided at its left-hand side with a list or column of headings 8 appropriate to the subject-matter to be indicated or recorded—such, for instance, as a laundry-list—as clearly shown in Fig. 1 of the drawings. Parallel with the column 8 is a series of columns 9, which are numbered consecutively from left to right, and these columns are intersected by the transverse columns, which are headed by the individual headings in the column 8. There may be any appropriate number of columns 9, the present embodiment showing eleven such columns numbered consecutively from 1 to 11. At the right-hand side of the series of columns 9 there is a series of columns 10, the entire series of columns 10 being provided with a heading "Dozen," the successive columns being marked " $\frac{1}{2}$," "1," "2," and so on, according to the number of said columns. Between the columns 8 and 9 there is a column 11, in which the pins 12 are designed to be inserted when not in actual use for maintaining a record. It will here be explained that it is proposed to provide a plurality of record-cards 7 with each indicator in order that the cards may be replaced when worn out by continued use.

The present disclosure of this invention shows a record-card arranged for a laundry-list, and in practice the total number of articles of each kind is indicated by placing the appropriate pin in the column numbered according to the number of articles contained in the wash, the pin of course being placed opposite the appropriate heading. For in-

stance, the present list indicates six shirts and seven socks.

It will here be explained that the card-supporting walls or partitions 6 are disposed between adjacent transverse columns, so as not to interfere with the sticking or insertion of the pins through the card, and each card is spaced from the back of the adjacent section at a distance to permit of the pins being thrust therethrough far enough to insure the retention of the pins upon the card. After the record has been completed the two sections are folded together, as in Fig. 2, so as to prevent soiling of the record-cards and to prevent displacement of the pins during the space of time which elapses before the indicator is again consulted to ascertain whether or not the entire list of articles has been returned.

It will of course be understood that each record-card is removable in order that it may be replaced when worn out, and the projected flange 5 of the section 1 prevents edgewise displacement of the record-card in the section 2 when the indicator is closed.

From the foregoing description it will be understood that the device of the present invention is exceedingly simple and effective for the purpose designed and may be readily used without requiring any particular degree of skill or experience. Moreover, the device is embodied in shape for convenient handling and may be placed away within a drawer or elsewhere out of the way when reference thereto is not desired, thus insuring the preservation of the record in a very simple and convenient manner.

A very important feature of the present invention resides in having the longitudinal columns of the two record-cards in alinement and the transverse columns of one card offset or staggered with respect to those of the other card, whereby when the indicator is closed there will be no interference between the pins

of the two cards, as the pins of one card will pass between the pins of the other card. 45

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed is—

1. An indicator of the character described comprising a pair of box members having corresponding open sides and hinged to fold inwardly against their open sides, a record-card contained within each section and provided with intersecting longitudinal and transverse columns, one set of columns being provided with appropriate headings and the other set of columns numbered consecutively, and a plurality of record-pins capable of being placed in any of the blocks formed by the intersecting columns of the cards, the transverse columns of one card being offset with respect to the transverse columns of the other card whereby when the indicator is folded the pins of one section will enter between the pins of the other section. 50 55 60

2. An indicator of the character described comprising a pair of box members having corresponding open faces and hinged to fold inwardly against their open faces to close the same, one of the sections having a projecting marginal flange at its open side to enter the open side of the other section when the indicator is closed, supports within each section at the inner walls thereof, and removable record-cards resting against the respective supports, the flange of the first-mentioned section bearing against the card of the other section when the indicator is folded to hold said card in place. 65 70 75

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses. 80

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