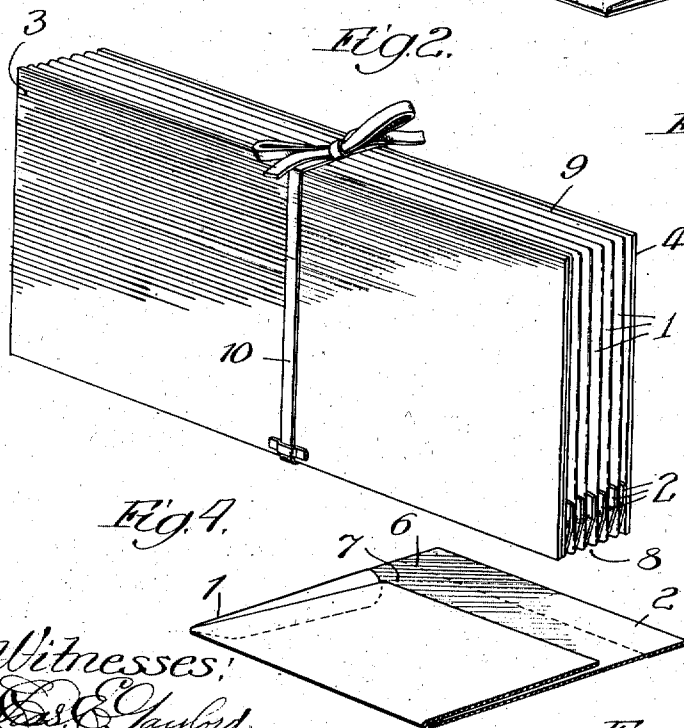
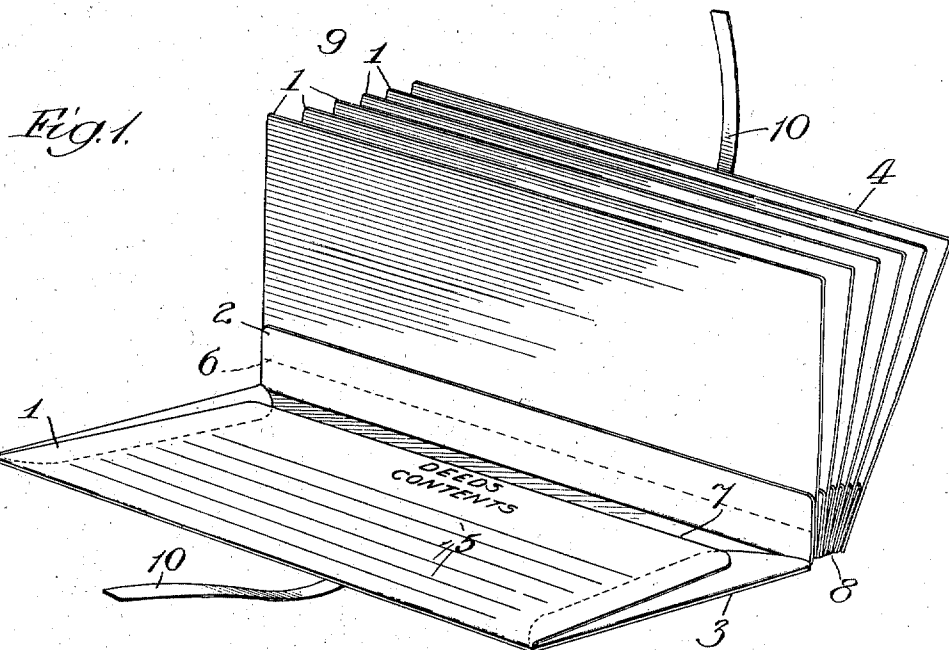


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANK G. FAWKES, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Document-Files, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates particularly to document files employing a plurality of pockets or envelopes of uniform size and shape; and my primary object is to provide an improved file of the character indicated which can be cheaply manufactured and which possesses advantages in point of accessibility to the contents of the pockets or individual receptacles and also in the freedom from danger of spilling the contents of the receptacles when the file is in use.

The invention is illustrated in its preferred embodiment in the accompanying drawing, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the file, showing the same in partly open condition; Fig. 2, a perspective view showing the file in closed condition; Fig. 3, a transverse sectional view; and Fig. 4, a broken perspective view showing a fragment of one of the envelopes employed in the construction of the file.

The invention comprises a plurality of envelopes 1 having flaps 2, said envelopes being of similar construction and arranged in series with their flaps at one lateral (the lower) edge of the file and all turned in the same direction, the flap of one outer envelop being secured to the back of the next envelop, and so on throughout the series. A cover-section 3 is secured to the back of the first envelop of the series, and a cover-section 4 is secured at its lower edge to the flap of the last envelop of the series. These cover sections are adapted to receive thereon advertising matter, or a general index of the contents of the file, if desired. The flap side (reverse side) of each envelop is provided with blank spaces 5 adapted to receive an index of the contents of the individual envelop. By preference, the flap 2 of each envelop is scored at a short distance from its edge, as indicated by the dotted line 6, to give a certain amount of expansibility to the file, and the portion of the flap between the line 6 and the edge of the flap is secured to the surface of the adjacent envelop by gumming, gluing, or in any suitable manner. According to this arrangement, the openings

7 of the individual envelopes are located at the lateral edge of the file, at which the envelopes are connected together. Owing to this method of arranging and connecting the envelopes in series, it is impossible for any individual envelop, when the file is open, to hang or depend with its open edge forwardly, and thus my invention obviates the possibility of the contents of the envelopes being accidentally emptied or dropped out.

The closed or back edge of the file, considered as a file, is indicated at 8, and the open or front edge of the file, considered as a file, is indicated at 9. The file is preferably provided with a tape or band 10 for use in securing it in closed condition. When the individual receptacles or envelopes are filled, the gorings or creasings 6 in the flaps of the envelopes permit a certain amount of expansibility to the file.

The file may be constructed of envelopes which may be purchased on the market, or envelopes may be made especially for use in the construction of the file. Such a file may be cheaply manufactured, is exceedingly handy in use, and the contents are secure against accidental loss in the handling of the file in the open condition.

The foregoing detailed description has been given for clearness of understanding only, and no undue limitation should be understood therefrom, but the appended claims should be construed as broadly as permissible in view of the prior art.

What I regard as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A file of the character set forth, comprising a plurality of envelopes arranged in series with the flaps of the envelopes at the same edge of the file and presented in a common direction, the free edge portion of the flap of one envelop being secured to the adjacent envelop near the flap edge thereof, and so on throughout the series.

2. A file of the character set forth, comprising a plurality of envelopes of the same size and shape arranged in series with the flaps of the envelopes at the same edge of the file and presented in the same direction, the flap of one envelop being secured to the adjacent envelop, and so on throughout the series, and a cover-section connected with the free flap of the last envelop of the series.

3. A file of the character set forth, comprising a plurality of envelopes of the same size and shape arranged in series with the

- flaps of the envelopes at the same edge of the file and presented in the same direction, the flap of one envelop being secured to the adjacent envelop, and so on throughout the series, a cover-section connected with the free flap of the last envelop of the series, a cover-section applied to the first envelop of the series, and means for securing the file in closed condition.
- 10 4. A file of the character set forth, comprising a plurality of envelopes, each having one longitudinal edge-portion provided with an opening, and means expansibly connecting the open-edge portions of said envelopes so that the openings of the envelopes are 15 turned toward the bottom edge of the file, for the purpose set forth.

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