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The image shows an open ledger book with two facing pages. Both pages are headed "Expenses" in a cursive script. Each page contains several vertical columns of varying widths, designed for recording financial transactions. On the left page, a label "B" points to a column near the left margin, and another "B" points to a column further right. A label "C" is also present near the bottom of the page. On the right page, a label "A" points to a column near the right margin, and another "B" points to a column further left. The book's binding is visible at the bottom center, showing a decorative metal clasp or hinge mechanism. The overall appearance is that of a vintage accounting or business ledger.

A diagram of a rectangular box, likely representing a book or a folder. The box is shown in a three-dimensional perspective. The top surface is labeled 'A'. The front face is labeled 'B'. The left side face is labeled 'C'. The right side face is labeled 'D'. The bottom edge is labeled 'E'. The box has a dashed line on the front face, suggesting a fold or a pocket.

A diagram of a truncated cone. The left circular face is labeled *A* and the right circular face is labeled *B*. The top and bottom edges are solid lines, while the slanted side surface is indicated by dashed lines.

Fig. 2 is a longitudinal section of a cable or rope. It shows a central core (A) surrounded by multiple layers of twisted strands. Labels include C at the left end, A³ and A⁴ on the left side of the core, A' and B' on the top surface of the core, A'' and B'' on the bottom surface of the core, B on the right side of the core, D on the right side of the outer layer, B³ and E on the right end, and F on the far right end. The text 'INVENTOR' is visible on the right side of the diagram.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES C. SMITH, of Exeter, in the county of Fillmore and State of Nebraska, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Indexes, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The object of the invention is to provide a new and improved index designed for temporary use on the leaves of a book to indicate the character of the leaves, the index being arranged to permit of moving it from leaf to leaf as an account progresses, the index being also very serviceable in indexing shifting accounts of a general ledger and other account-books.

The invention consists of certain parts and details and combinations of the same, as will be fully described hereinafter and then pointed out in the claims.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improvement as applied. Fig. 2 is an enlarged perspective view of the improvement. Fig. 3 is a side elevation of a modified form of the improvement, and Fig. 4 is an enlarged sectional plan view of the improvement as applied.

The improved index is provided with a clip A and a tab B, of which the former is made of a single piece of spring metal bent over so as to form the sides A' and A², arranged parallel one to the other and a suitable distance apart, as plainly indicated in Fig. 4. The free ends of the sides A' and A² are formed with inwardly-extending jaws A³ and A⁴, respectively, normally contacting with each other and adapted to engage and clamp the leaf C, a portion of which extends between the sides A' and A², as indicated in Fig. 4.

The tab B is preferably made of leather or like flexible material and is also bent over to form two sides, of which the front ends B' and B² extend over the sides A' and A² of the clip, the said portions being fastened to the clip by a suitable adhesive substance or other means. Thus the parts B' and B² form a cover for the metallic clip. The remaining portions B³ and B⁴ of the tab extend outwardly from the bend of the clip A, and the

space between these portions B³ and B⁴ contains a filling D of suitable material, the filling being secured in place by stitches E or other means.

On the portions B³ and B⁴ are printed, stamped, or otherwise marked the character or characters forming the title of the account or the like, so that when the index is applied on the leaves C, as shown in Figs. 1 and 4, the title can be conveniently read, it being understood that the tab forms a tag.

By the arrangement described the clip can be readily engaged with the leaves C of the book to securely hold the index in place at any desired point along the margin of the leaf, as indicated in Fig. 1, and the index can be readily removed whenever desired and placed on another page of the book or onto a page of another book. Thus the index is very serviceable for indexing shifting accounts of a general ledger or other account-book.

It will also be seen that the jaws cannot injure or tear neighboring leaves, and as the projecting tab is very flexible it will readily yield if struck or pushed by the operator, and consequently the leaf will not be injured. As the tab is stitched around the edge, it is not liable to curl or roll up. The index as arranged is not liable to mar or injure the leaf in any way, as there are no projecting parts or ends. The indexes may be of various shapes or sizes, as indicated in Figs. 2 and 3.

The bend in the clip A prevents the latter from slipping too far on the leaf, and the contact of the bend with the edge of the leaf firmly holds the index in place.

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

1. As a new article of manufacture, an index consisting of a metal clip having spring-jaws, and a flexible tab secured to the clip forming a cover for the same and projecting therefrom, the projecting portion of the tab forming a tag, substantially as shown and described.

2. An index, comprising a clip made of a single piece of spring metal bent upon itself and formed at its free ends with inwardly-extending jaws normally contacting with each other, and a tab made of flexible material and

bent upon itself, the said tab engaging with part of its free ends the outer surface of the clip and secured thereto forming a cover for the same, the remaining portion of the flexible tab projecting from the clip, substantially as shown and described.

3. An index, comprising a clip made of a single piece of spring metal bent upon itself and formed at its ends with jaws adapted to engage the article to which it is applied, a tab made of flexible material and bent upon itself, the end portions of the tab extending over the clip and secured thereto forming a cover for the same, the remaining portions of the tab extending outwardly from the bend of the clip and connected to each other by stitching, substantially as shown and described.

4. An index, comprising a clip made of a single piece of spring metal, bent over and formed at its ends with a pair of inwardly-extending jaws normally contacting with each other and adapted to engage and clamp the leaf of a book, a tab made of a flexible material and bent over to engage with part of its free ends the said clip forming a cover for the same, and a filling secured in the said tab and extending between the bend of the clip and the bend of the tab, substantially as shown and described.

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