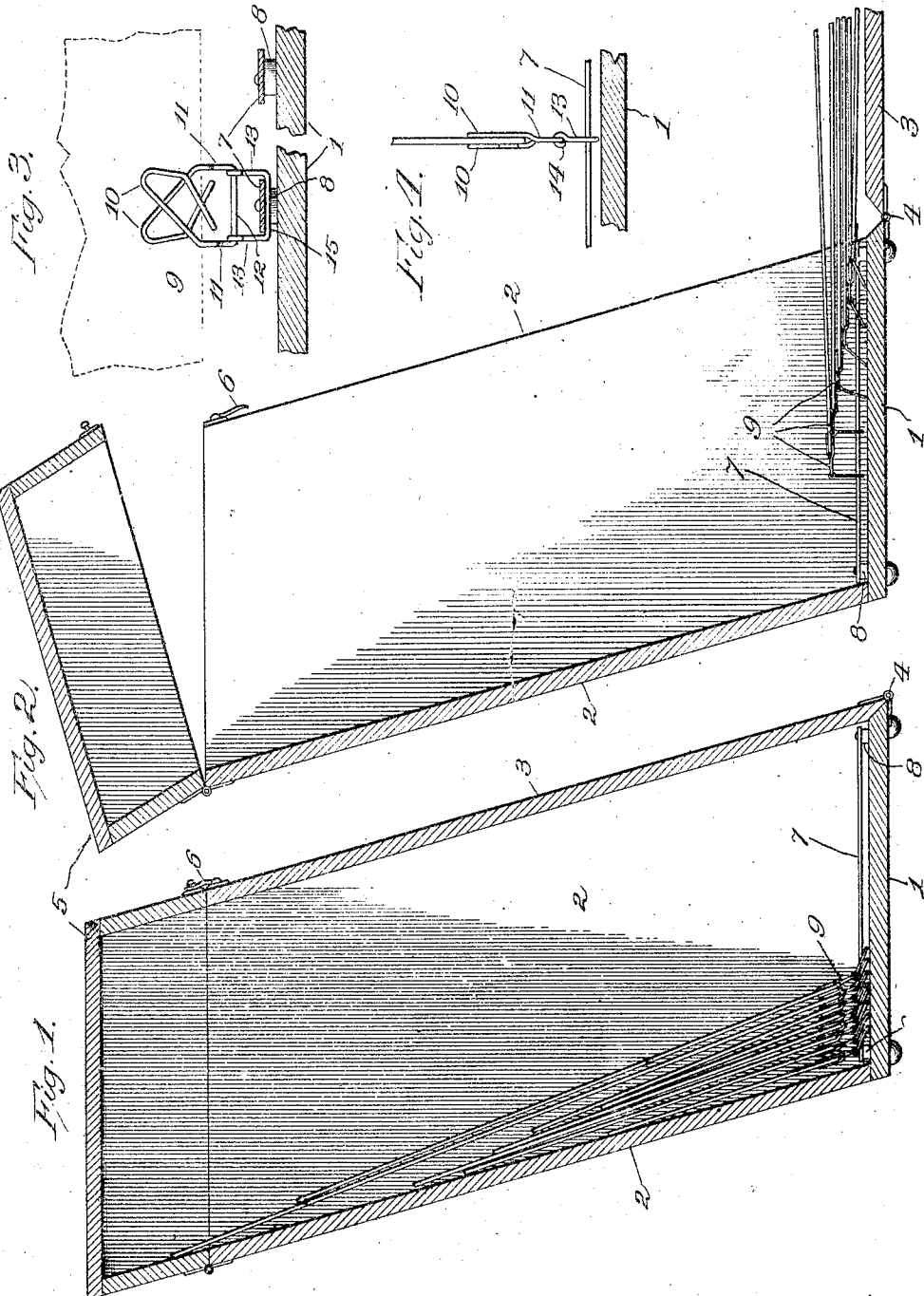


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MAX S. ERSLER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Filing and Display Devices, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to files or containers for photographs, post-cards, tailors' samples, and the like, and its objects are to provide means capable of receiving a relatively large number of articles, to facilitate the insertion and withdrawal of the articles, and to provide for the convenient examination of the articles contained in the file or holder, inexpensiveness being also an important feature attained by means of my invention.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a vertical central section through a cabinet embodying the features of my invention, the cabinet being represented as closed. Fig. 2 is a view similar to that of Fig. 1, but showing the cabinet open. Fig. 3 is a fragmental detail view illustrating the construction and mounting of the devices by means of which articles are supported and connected in place. Fig. 4 is a fragmental view of the parts shown in Fig. 3, the view being taken in a plane transverse to that of Fig. 3.

While my invention may be embodied in a book, portfolio, filing drawer, and various other forms, it is herein shown as embodied in a cabinet. The cabinet may be of any suitable shape, but in this instance it is shown as comprising a bottom wall or base 1, side and rear walls 2, a front wall or lid 3 connected in a suitable manner, as by hinge means 4, to the forward edge of the bottom 1, and a cover 5 hinged in this instance to the upper edge of the rear wall 2. Any suitable means, such as a latch 6, may be used to secure the cover in closed position. In order that photographs and other articles of considerable size may be accommodated in the cabinet without unduly increasing the height of the walls, the cover 5 is made of chambered or recessed form so as practically to form a section of the cabinet.

To the upper side of the bottom wall 1 is secured a suitable number of parallel bars or strips 7 preferably of sheet metal, said bars being spaced above the bottom wall by means of members 8. Upon the bar or bars 7 are mounted devices adapted for engage-

ment with photographs, cards or the like, which devices in the present instance consist of clips 9 connected to the bars 7 by means of links. These links may be associated with the bars 7 in any suitable way; herein I have shown them as being slidable along the bars. While any suitable form of clip may be used, the form herein shown consists of two arms 10 crossing one another and adapted to lie at opposite sides of the article and clamp said article by means of the resiliency of the wire from which the clip is formed. The lower portions 11 of said arms are straight and parallel, and the lower ends thereof are connected by the cross-bar 12. The link before referred to is of U-form, the arms 13 having eyes 14 to receive the cross-bar 12, said arms being joined by the transverse portion 15 underlying the bar 7. Any suitable number of clips are provided for each of the bars or strips 7, only a partial set being illustrated in the present drawings.

In use, the photographs or other articles to be mounted are placed in the clips, as indicated in Figs. 3 and 4. When the cabinet is in closed position the articles stand within the cabinet, as indicated in Fig. 1, the front and rear walls of the cabinet preferably being inclined rearwardly at a suitable angle so that the articles shall be stable in the upright or withdrawn position illustrated in said figure.

When it is desired to examine or display the articles, the cover 5 is swung upwardly and rearwardly, and the lid 3 swung downward into or toward the horizontal position. The articles may now be successively turned from their normal upright position into the substantially horizontal position indicated in Fig. 2, so as to expose to view the successive articles. It will be seen from Fig. 2 that by reason of the jointed or link connection of the clips to the cabinet, and also by reason of their sliding connection to the cabinet, the articles are permitted to space themselves apart automatically so as to be free to assume a substantially horizontal position, this result being facilitated by reason of the fact that the inner or attached end of any given article is free to rise or move away from the bar or strip 7 to compensate for the thickness of the articles upon which the given article rests.

I would have it understood that in the practical manufacture of devices embody-

ing my invention various changes may be made from the form herein illustrated, without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention, as set forth in the appended
5 claims.

I claim as my invention:

1. A holder for photographs or the like comprising a base portion, a flat bar attached to said base portion and spaced there-
10 from, links of wide U-form, the base of the U being straight, said links being slidably engaged with said bar, the arms of the U having eyes, and clips for supporting cards, said clips being pivoted to the eyes of said
15 links.

2. A holder for photographs or the like, comprising a base portion, a bar immovably attached to said base portion and a plurality of independently movable devices, each con-
20 sisting of a link loosely engaging with said bar for movement with relation thereto in a direction lengthwise of the bar, said link being adapted to extend at right angles to the bar and being further adapted to be
25 tilted forwardly into a position at a small angle with said bar, and a clip adapted to receive and grip the edge of a card, said clip being pivoted to said link for swing-
ing movement lengthwise of said bar, said

clip being adapted to extend substantially 30 at right angles to said bar and being also adapted to lie flat along the bar when said link is tilted forwardly.

3. A holder for photographs or the like, comprising a base and a plurality of inde- 35 pendent devices permanently mounted on said base, each of said devices consisting of a link movably engaging at one end with said base, and a clip pivoted to the other end of said link and arranged to receive 40 and grip the edge of a card, said link being movable with respect to said base in the same direction as that in which the clip moves with respect to said link, said clips being adapted to be swung into position at 45 a small angle with said base and said links assuming different positions from one at a small angle with the base to one a proximately at right angles to the base, whereby said links will permit the cards in said clip 50 to lie flat one upon the other when the cards are tilted forward.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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