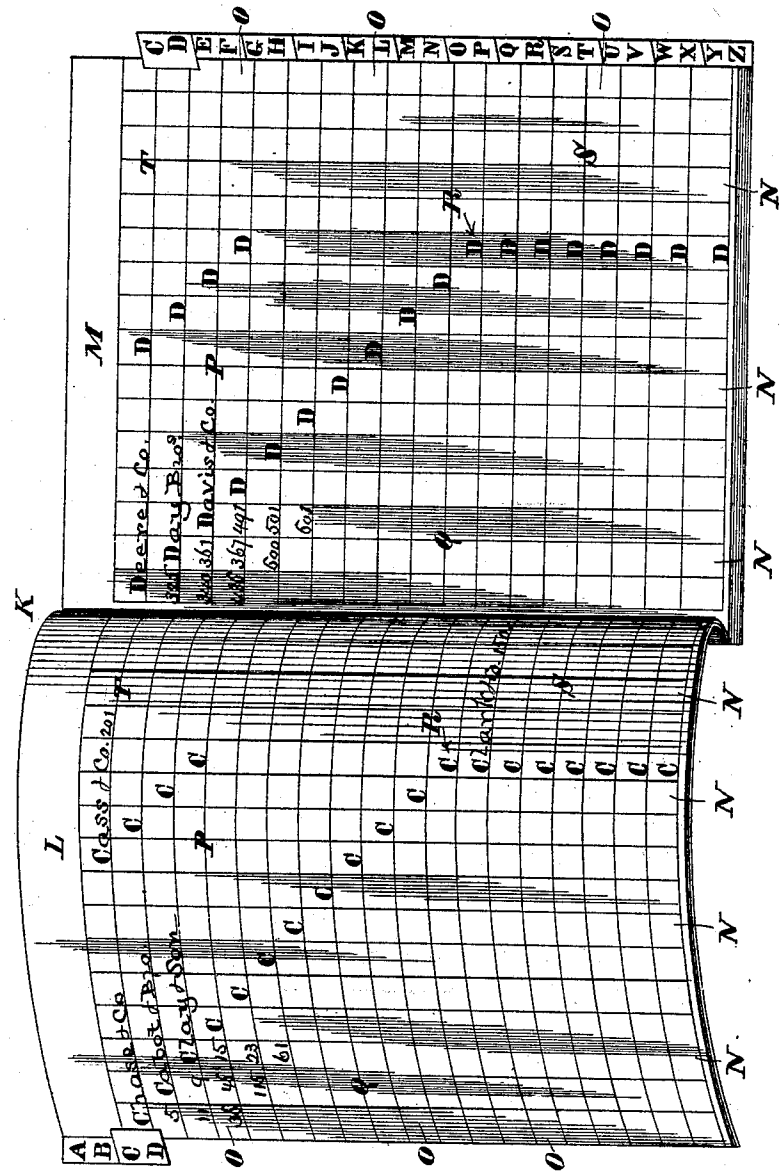
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LEWIS B. TEBBETTS, of St. Louis, Missouri, have made a new and useful Improvement in Indexes, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the annexed drawing, making part of this specification, in which the improved index is shown in perspective, the index being opened.

The present invention is an improvement in that class of indexes wherein names and reference-numbers appear in combination—a letter-book index, for example.

The prominent feature of the improvement is arranging the numbers at the left of or underneath the names, rather than at the right of and in line with the names, as heretofore has been customary—that is, the pages of the index are ruled to form vertical columns to receive the reference-numbers and to form spaces to receive the names, the latter being at the right of or above the line dividing the names and numbers, and the numbers being entered in vertical columns respectively beneath the names to which they belong, as understood more readily by referring to the drawing, where—

K represents an index having the improvement, and, saving which, being of the usual construction.

L M represent pages of the index, the page L being intended for names beginning, say, with the letter C and the page M with names beginning with the letter D. The pages are each ruled to form vertical columns N N N and the horizontal spaces O O O, and are also divided into spaces P and Q, the space P being for the names and the space Q for the numbers. The division between the spaces P Q may be suitably indicated, and preferably by means of a series of the initial letters of the names—that is, upon the page L a series of the letter C appears and upon the page M a series of the letter D, and so on. The series is arranged diagonally upon the page, so far as is practicable—that is, from the upper left-hand corner of the page diagonally across the page to the point R, at which point the space between the initials and the right-hand side of the page becomes too short to be narrowed any more. Accordingly, to utilize the space S of the page the series from the point R extends vertically downward, and in this last-named space the names and numbers are entered in the usual manner, the numbers being at the right of the names. The corner-space T is similarly utilized.

To illustrate the working of the improvement various names are entered in the index, as in practice—for instance, the names "Chase & Co.," "Cabot & Bro.," "Clay & Son," on the page L, and the names "Deere & Co.," "Day Bros.," "Davis & Co.," on the page M. The reference-numbers "5, 11, 36," for "Chase & Co.," are entered in the column under the initial of "Chase & Co.," the reference-numbers "9, 46, 115," for "Cabot & Bro.," under the initial of "Cabot & Bro.," and so on. The reference-numbers "325, 340, 436," for "Deere & Co.," are similarly entered in the column under the initial of "Deere & Co.," the numbers "361, 367, 600," for "Day Bros.," under the initial of "Day Bros.," and so on. In the space S the numbers for "Clark & Co." are entered at the right of the name, and in the space T the numbers for "Cass & Co." are entered at the right of the name.

The chief advantage of the improvement grows out of the fact that in referring to the index it is easier to go through the reference-numbers when arranged vertically in columns than when arranged horizontally at the level of the names.

I claim—

An index the pages of which have the initials of the names printed diagonally upon the pages, and being ruled to form vertical spaces to enable the reference-number to be entered in columns respectively beneath said initials.

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