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Fig. 1.

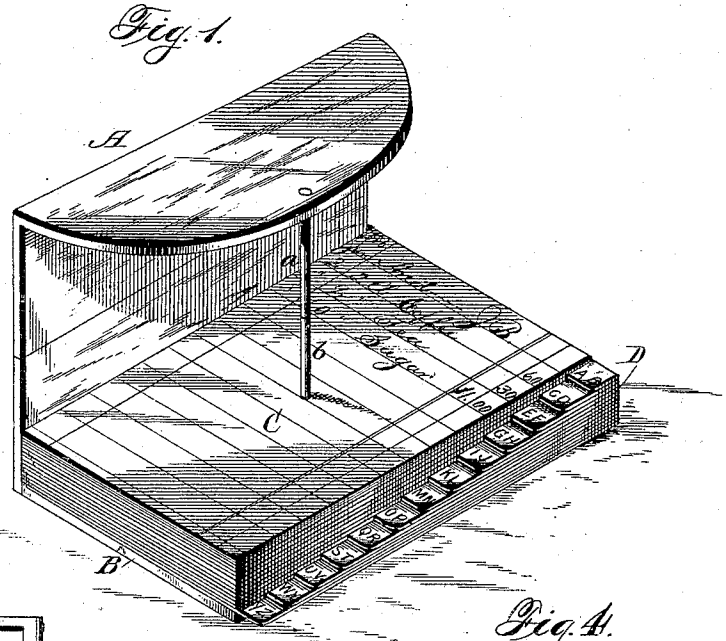


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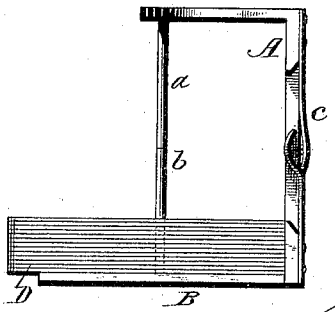


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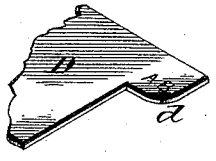
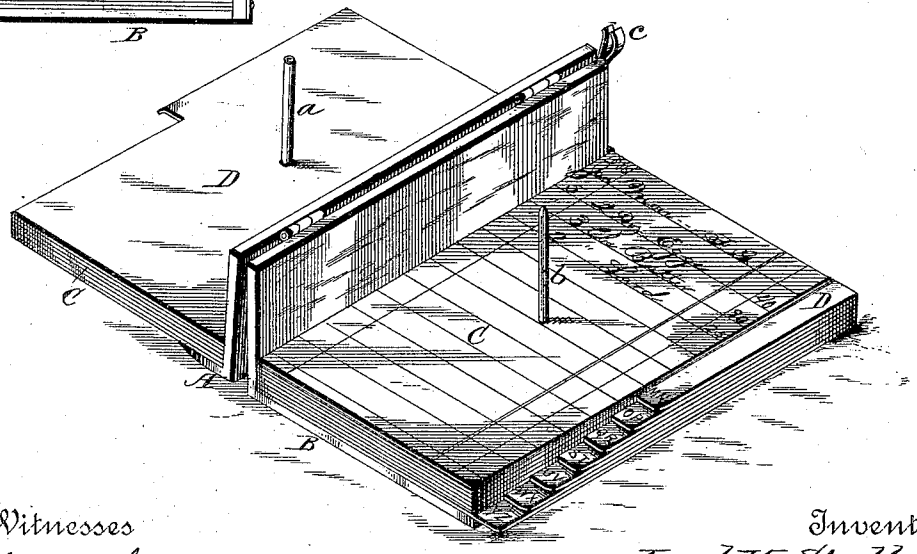


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JACOB H. STULL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Fremont, in the county of Sandusky and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Paper Files and Holders; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a perspective view of my improved paper-file, showing the two hinged sections of the frame in position to bring their respective wires on line with each other and prevent the papers from being accidentally withdrawn; Fig. 2, a similar view showing the upper hinge-section thrown back when access to a certain paper is desired; Fig. 3, an end view of Fig. 1, and Fig. 4 a detail view of a portion of one of the index-plates.

The present invention has relation to that class of paper-files wherein is employed a series of index-sheets and filing-wires formed in sections connected, respectively, to the upper and lower backs or covers of the device, and when access to a certain paper is desired the upper one of the backs or covers is thrown back out of the way, the sections of wire thereof carrying with it those of the papers and index-sheets above the one required.

It is the object of the invention to improve the construction of the above-mentioned class of paper-files, as will be hereinafter described, and pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings the frame of the device consists of two right-angle sections, A B, hinged together, as shown. The upper portion of the section A has connected to it a wire, *a*, formed with a socket in its end to fit over the pointed end of a wire, *b*, projecting from the lower portion of the section B, a suitable spring-catch, *c*, keeping the section A in an upright position, as shown in Fig. 1.

The papers C, having the accounts or memoranda thereon, bills, or other papers used, are placed between the index-plates D, composed of a rigid material, in contradistinction to sheets of paper usually employed, and are preferably constructed of metal, so as to provide weighted index-sheets to keep the papers pressed out smooth and prevent the corners of the papers from curling or being torn, this feature of the invention being considered of importance in this class of paper files or holders.

As the index-plates are constructed of metal, I prefer to have two or more letters on each of the plates, to decrease the weight and bulkiness of the device by decreasing their number, and also making the device less expensive to manufacture.

It will be noticed that the upright portion of the two sections A B, forming the back of the device, also forms a gage for the edges of the papers and index-plates to keep them straight and even, thereby avoiding the necessity of using two sets of wires.

When any particular paper is required, the papers and index-plates above it are brought up on the wire of the upper frame-section and said section thrown back, as shown in Fig. 2, thereby enabling the paper to be removed and replaced or a new one substituted or added. The device is equally applicable to keep accounts or manuscripts on file, for druggists' use in filing away prescriptions, and various other uses where it is found important to preserve any papers or instruments in writing. The index-plates D have upturned corners *d*, so as to give sufficient room between the plates to slide the finger or fingers in, in order that they may be easily raised up.

The frame-sections may be made of wood, metal, or any other desirable material, and each of the index-plates has a central perforation, through which pass the wires.

Having now fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A paper file or holder consisting of two hinged right-angle sections constituting the frame thereof, each of which is provided with a section of filing-wire, and provided with index-plates, and a spring-catch for holding the upper one of the sections in an upright or closed position, the vertical portions of the sections, when closed, forming a back to the frame, and the horizontal portion of the upper section, when thrown back, forming a sup-

port for the papers and index-plates, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

2. In a paper file or holder, a frame consisting of two hinged sections having the filing-wires connected thereto, in combination with metal index-plates having their corners turned up, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

In testimony that I claim the above I have hereunto subscribed my name in the presence of two witnesses.

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