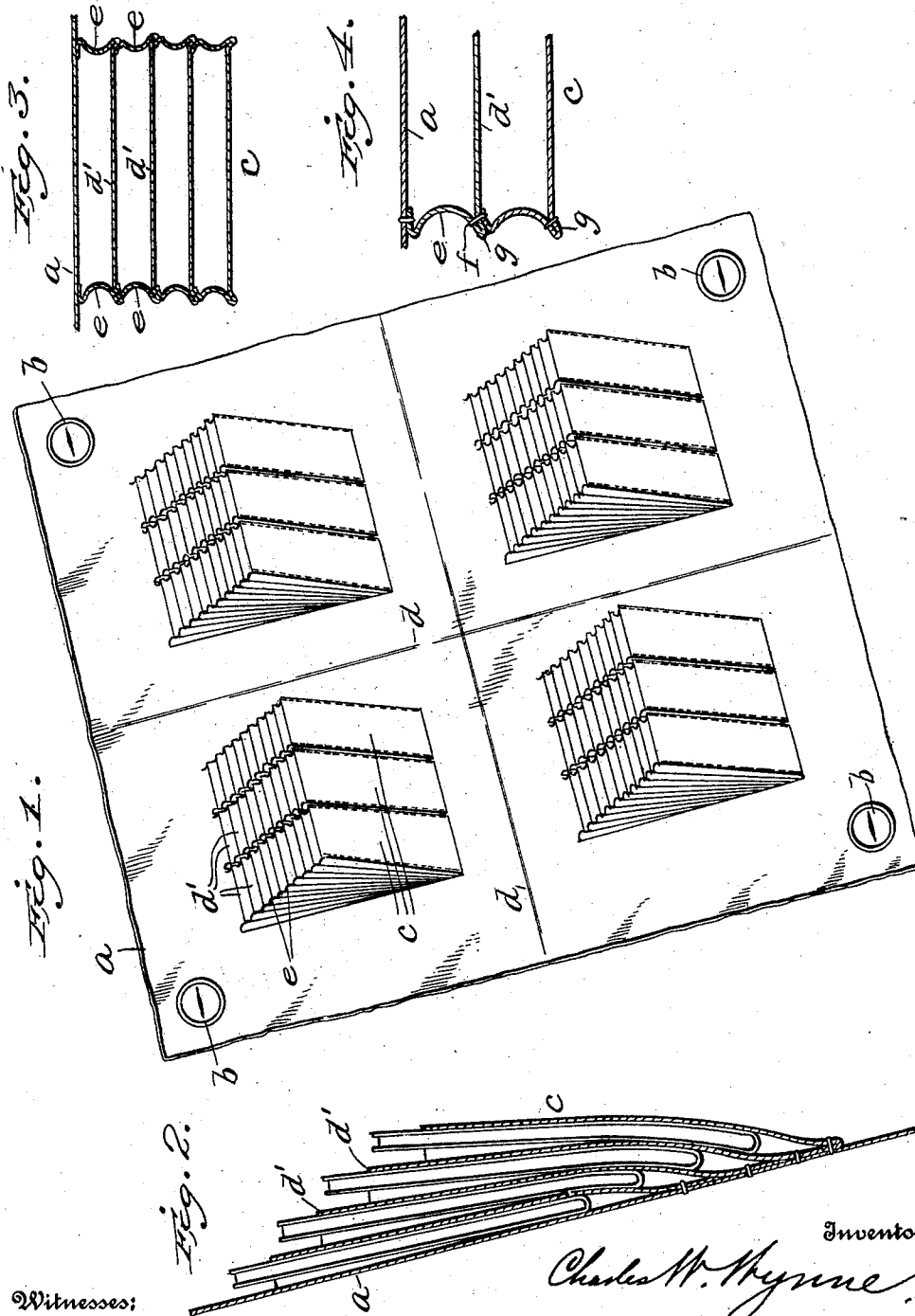


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES W. WYNNE, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Charlotte, in the county of Mecklenburg and State of North Carolina, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Account-Book File-Cases, of which the following is a full and clear specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a file case showing one embodiment of my invention; Fig. 2 a vertical sectional view through one of the groups of book pockets showing books *h* therein; Fig. 3 a horizontal sectional view through one of the groups of book pockets; and Fig. 4 a fragmentary section through a portion of one of the groups of pockets.

This invention relates to that class of account book holders or files now in common use by retail merchants for conveniently holding and displaying the small daily account books in which the accounts of the customers are kept, the construction of these file cases being such that the books are held in such manner that they may be conveniently removed from their pockets and returned thereto and when in the pockets will display their upper ends above the pockets, the names of the customers being written upon these displayed portions of the books and the books being arranged in alphabetical order so that the books themselves serve as an index, as more fully hereinafter set forth.

The object of the present invention is to simplify this class of file cases so that the cost of manufacture will be reduced to a point that will permit these cases to be supplied at such a low cost that they may be used by the smaller merchants, the volume of whose business does not permit an investment in the higher priced file cabinets, as more fully hereinafter set forth.

In the drawings *a* designates a rectangular sheet of flexible material, such as canvas, leather, etc., which sheet of fabric is provided at suitable points, preferably at its corners with suitable means, such as eyelets *b* for removably attaching the sheet to a suitable support, preferably an inclined board. Fastened to the face of this sheet is a series of rows *c* of pockets, the illustration showing twelve of these rows, these rows being arranged in groups of three or

more each with sufficient spaces between the groups to permit the sheet to be folded twice upon itself on the lines *d*, this folding of the sheet being desirable in that it permits the appliance to be brought to a compact form for transportation and for storage in a safe. When the pockets are empty, they being made of flexible material, they may be collapsed and flattened against the sheet and will thus occupy but a small area, and even when the pockets are filled with books this capacity for folding will permit the appliance to be reduced in transverse and longitudinal dimensions sufficiently to be inserted in a safe of the average size.

It will be understood that this invention is not confined to the grouping of the pockets disclosed in the drawing as the arrangement of the rows of pockets may be varied without departing from the invention.

As will be seen, the pockets are stepped up or arranged with one slightly above the other so that when the books *h* are inserted therein the top edge of each book will extend above the top edge of the book immediately in front of it, so that the customers' names on the books will be displayed, one above the other. The pockets are made of flexible material and the vertical side wall *e* of each pocket is permanently bent inwardly so that when pressure is applied to the front pockets of each row, the row of pockets will fold against the face of the fabric, for compactness in transportation. The base fabric *a* forms the back wall of the back pocket, and the front wall *d'* of each pocket forms the back wall of the pocket immediately in front of it, and each one of these front walls is bent inwardly at its lower end to form the bottom of the pocket immediately back of it, each one of these walls being attached to the base fabric at a point below the wall immediately back of it so as to obtain the stepped up arrangement above described. Each front wall *d'* is formed integral with two of the edge or side walls *e*, and near the bent corners of the fabric is run a vertical line of stitching *f* to form a vertical bead *g* at the front or outer corner of each pocket, these beads serving to give stiffness to the pockets and to cause them to stand open when the base fabric is hung up. It will be observed also that the end walls *e* taper downwardly and the front walls *d'* incline downwardly and inwardly, which arrangement conduces to

compactness and also insures the books being held in the most convenient position for reading the customers' names thereon. This arrangement causes the pockets to be
5 arranged in an approximately radiating relation, so that even the outer-most pocket will have a firm connection with and support upon the base fabric.

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

In an apparatus of the class set forth, a base piece and a row of superposed pockets fastened to the front thereof and having
15 their upper ends open and their lower ends closed, said pockets being constructed of front walls and edge walls of flexible material the edge-walls tapering downwardly, and the front wall of one pocket serving as
20 the back wall of the pocket immediately in

front of it, the top edge of each pocket terminating below the pocket in the rear thereof and the bottom of each pocket terminating below the bottom of the pocket in the rear thereof, the bottoms of all the pockets
25 being fastened to the base piece one a little below the other and their edge walls being fastened to each other, whereby there is provided a series of pockets collapsible against
30 each other each of which is supported by the base piece and which approximately radiate therefrom.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature in the presence of two witnesses this 30th day of July 1910.

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