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Fig. 1

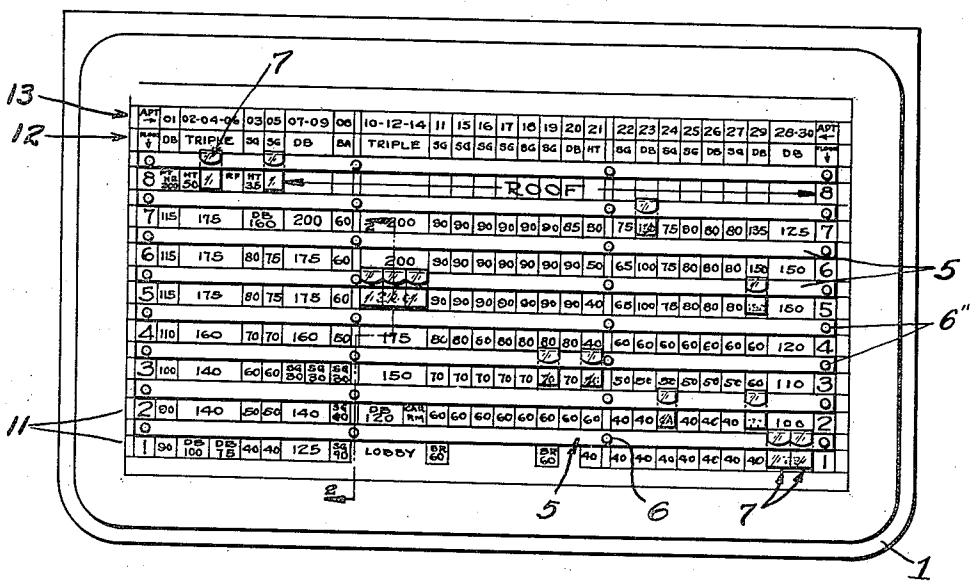


Fig. 2

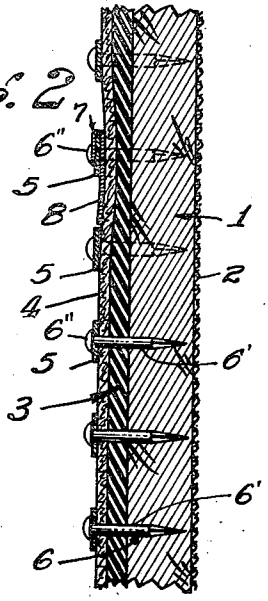
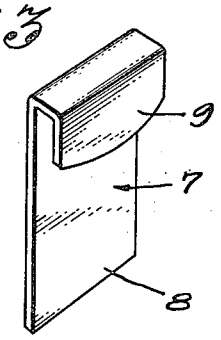


Fig. 3



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This invention relates to a pocket room guide whereby a person may have available an indicator which relates to rooms and tenancies of a particular hotel, apartment house, office building, or the like.

An object is to provide a novel and compact guide which may be conveniently carried in the coat pocket of an office building, apartment or hotel manager.

Another object is to provide a novel guide of the above character which may be conveniently carried by a person when showing prospective tenants, renters or lodgers various accommodations of the building or place to which it appertains.

A further object is to provide a novel guide whereby a person may be immediately advised as to which rooms or spaces in his establishment are rented or occupied, and in which vacancies are available for immediate occupancy, and in which vacancies are reserved, or which are out of order.

A still further object is to provide a novel guide of the above character whereby such information may be easily and quickly varied or changed to indicate the proper status in the above particulars of the establishment in which the guide may be used.

The invention resides in the parts and combinations of parts more particularly hereinafter described in the specification and more particularly pointed out in the claims.

Other objects, advantages and features of invention may appear from the accompanying drawing, the subjoined detail description, and the appended claims.

The accompanying drawing illustrates the invention in a form I at present deem preferable.

Fig. 1 is a plan view of my novel guide.

Fig. 2 is a fragmentary enlarged section on irregular line 2—2, Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a perspective view on enlarged scale of an indicating clip associated and used with my guide.

My room guide is preferably mounted on a relatively stiff or rigid backing member 1 which may be of any suitable shape, but is shown as being substantially rectangular, and such backing 1 may be provided with any suitable covering 2 such as fabric or other material. A sheet of resilient or yieldable material such as sponge rubber is secured to one side of the backing member 1, and upon which an indicia bearing plate, card, or chart 4 is mounted.

The card 4 is substantially coextensive in area with the backing member 1 and is interposed between the resilient member 3 and a plurality of parallel retaining bars or strips 5 through which securing means 6, such as nails, tacks or screws extend into the backing member 1, and through the card 4 and yieldable material 3. The retaining means 6 as shown are in the form of nails or tacks, the shank 6' of which freely extends through the retaining bars, but the head 6'' of which limits the outward movement of the retaining bars 5, such connection thereby allowing for compression of the chart 4 against the yieldable material 3 to provide a slight space between the card 4 and retaining bars 5 when the card is pressed against the yieldable material 3 by manual force.

An indicating clip 7, preferably formed of a flat strip of transparent or translucent material, having a major tab portion 8 at one end, and which is doubled or bent upon itself at its other end to form a minor tab portion 9, is provided for association with my guide. The indicating clips or tabs 7 may be of various colors, the purpose of which will be hereinafter more fully explained.

In use, the major tab portion 8 of each clip 7 is adapted to be inserted between any one of the bars 5 and the chart 4, whereas the minor tab portion 9 receives and overhangs the bar 5, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2. When positioning a clip 7 on the bars 5, the resilient material 3 may be compressed for easy insertion or removal of a clip 7 without disturbing adjacent clips, and the normal tendency of the resilient material 3 to force the chart 4 against the retainining bars 5 will exert a pressure upon the major tab portion 8 of the clip 7 to retain the same in position so as to prevent accidental disengagement thereof in mounted position on the bar 5.

The chart 4, as shown in Fig. 1, by way of illustration, has thereon a plurality of rows 11 of square or rectangular shape, one row 11 thereof being preferably below each retaining bar 5. At the top of the chart additional rows of indicia 12 and 13, indicating in row 13 the room numbers employed on the several floors, such as "01", "02" etc., and the row 12 indicating the character of the apartment or room of the corresponding room number indicated in row 13.

The vertically arranged squares or rectangles may also indicate substantial floor space of the appropriate space to be rented, and on the extreme right and left hand vertical rows of squares, indicia may be inserted indicating the various "floors" of the building for which the chart is used.

For example, apartment 417 is indicated as being a single, "SG", and rents for $80.00 per month; whereas apartment 702–706 is a triple apartment that rents for $175.00 per month, and apartment 320 is a double, "DB", that rents for $70.00 per month, and room 608 is a bachelor, "BA", that rents for $60.00 per month.

Other indicia may be provided on the chart to indicate appropriate spaces occupied on the various floors, such as, for example: rooms 807–30 is the roof, and rooms that would be otherwise numbered 100–14, 115–18, and 120 is the "lobby."

In practice, with the chart 4 arranged to compare with the floor space of the building with which it is to be used, the clips 7 are preferably of various colors, such as green, yellow or red, or any other suitable combination of various colored clips, and as, for example, such room numbers that do not have a clip interposed over the appropriate square representing such space may be occupied; those over which a green clip may be interposed may indicate such space that is "ready for occupancy"; and the yellow clips may indicate vacancies which are "reserved" and the red clips may indicate spaces that are "out of order" or undergoing repair. However, it will be apparent that any suitable variety or combination of colored tabs may be used to indicate the various characteristics of the floor space.

It will also be observed that the rectangles or squares of the chart 4 are of sufficient width that one indicating clip or tab 7, when mounted on a bar 5, will substantially cover the area of the smallest square or rectangle on the chart, as will be apparent from the drawing.

As the indicia and squares on the chart 4 may vary, depending upon the character or floor plan of the building for which it is intended to be used, such arrangement may vary from that shown in the drawing by way of illustration, but such variation comes within the scope of my invention and is to be covered by the appended claims.

I claim:

1. In a room guide, a stiff backing member; a yieldable plate thereover; a chart covering said plate and locally depressible therein; a plurality of bars supported from said backing member and normally lying contiguous to said chart; and tab means adapted to be interposed between said bars and chart by depressing a local region of said chart into said plate.

2. In a room guide, a stiff backing member; a yieldable plate thereover; a chart covering said plate and locally depressible therein; a plurality of bars supported from said backing member and normally lying contiguous to said chart; tab means adapted to be interposed between said bars and chart by depressing a local region of said chart into said plate; the portions of said chart exposed between said bars divided into rows and columns to define areas representative of rooms in a building; and said tab means adapted to be removably positioned over said areas for indicating predetermined facts regarding said rooms.

3. In a room guide, a backing member; a chart; a yieldable member interposed between said chart and said backing member; a plurality of bars extending across said chart; and tab means adapted to be interposed between said bars and chart, said yieldable member normally urging said chart against said bars to frictionally hold said tabs in place.

4. In a room guide, a backing member; a chart having rows of spaces delineated thereon; a yieldable member interposed between said chart and said backing member; a plurality of bars extending across said chart and between rows of said spaces; and tab means adapted to be interposed between said bars and chart.

5. In a room guide, a backing member; a chart having rows of spaces delineated thereon; a yieldable member interposed between said chart and said backing member; a plurality of bars extending across said chart and between rows of said spaces; and varied colored, translucent tab means adapted to be interposed between said bars and chart.

6. In a room guide, a backing member; a chart supported from said backing member; a yieldable member interposed between said chart and said backing member; said chart having rows of spaces delineated thereon; a plurality of bars extending across said chart; and tab means having a portion adapted to be inserted between one of said bars and said chart by depressing a local region of said chart into said yieldable member, and having another portion to receive and overhang its associated bar.

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