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Fig. 1.

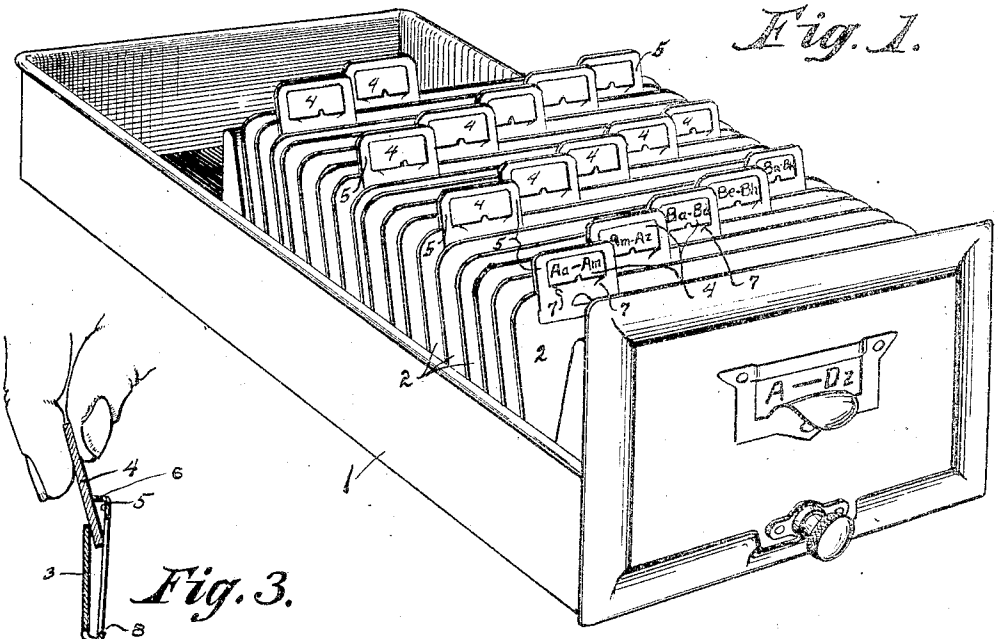





Fig. 3.

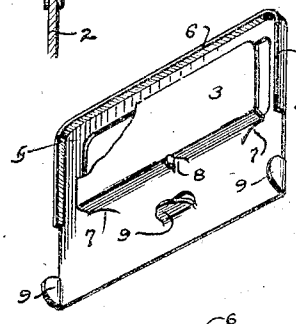


Fig. 4.

Fig. 2.

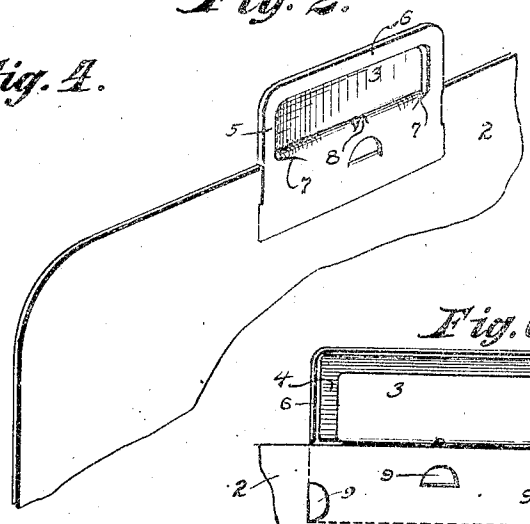


Fig. 5.



Fig. 6.



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## DIVISION-PLATE AND TABLET-HOLDER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, HORACE W. ANDREWS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Canton, in the county of Stark and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Division-Plates and Tablet-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 figures of reference marked thereon, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing a number of the division-plates and holders placed in a receptacle. Fig. 2 is a view showing a portion of one of the division-plates and illustrating the tablet-holder connected thereto. Fig. 3 is a transverse section of a division-plate and tablet-holder, illustrating the manner of placing the tablet in position with reference to the holder. Fig. 4 is a detached view of the tablet-holder, showing a portion of the spring back plate broken away. Fig. 5 is a transverse section showing a portion of one of the division-plates and illustrating the tablet-holder connected thereto and a tablet placed in proper position. Fig. 6 is a view showing a portion of a division-plate and illustrating the back of the tablet-holder, also showing the back side of the tablet.

The present invention has relation to division-plates and tablet-holders adapted to facilitate the distribution or arrangement of documents, such as checks, notes, invoices and such other papers as are commonly kept in files.

Similar numerals of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures of the drawings.

In the accompanying drawings, 1 represents a suitable receptacle, which may be of any desired size or of any desired construction, inasmuch as the receptacle designed to contain the division-plates and tablet-holders forms no particular part of the present invention. The division-plates 2 may of course be of any desired size, reference being had to their various uses and to the size of the receptacle into which they are to be placed, as illustrated in Fig. 1. To the division-plates 2 are attached the tablet-holders proper, which tablet-holders consist of the spring-plates 3, which spring-plates are formed integral with the holders at their lower edges; but their top edges and their ends are severed or cut from the body of the holder, thereby allowing the plates to be sprung away from the holder proper for the purpose of placing the tablets 4 in position, this feature being illustrated in Fig. 3. For the purpose of exposing to view the letters, names, or numbers upon the front faces of the tablets 4 the forward or front face of the holder is open, as best illustrated in Figs. 1 and 2.

It will be understood that when the tablets 4 are brought into their normal position the spring back plates 3 will assist in holding the tablets against any lateral movement, owing to the fact that the tablets are located between the front faces of the spring back plates and the back faces of the holders proper or against the back flanges 5, which back flanges constitute an integral part of the tablet-holders proper. For the purpose of preventing any accidental displacement of the tablets 4 the holders are provided with the angled flanges 6, which angled flanges are located at the ends and tops of the holder. For the purpose of increasing the elasticity of the upper portions of the holders the metal is cut or severed, as indicated at 7, said cuts being located at the lower corners of the front opening. The object and purpose of providing the cuts or severs 7, and thereby increasing the elasticity of the upper portion of the tablet-holder, are to allow said holder to be sprung or moved away from the spring back plate 3 and provide sufficient clearance to easily remove the tablets. For the purpose of assisting in holding the lower edges of the tablets the holders are provided with the tangs 8, which tangs are so located that they will engage the bottom or lower edges of said tablet.

It will be understood that by providing the angled flanges 6 they form a protection for the ends and upper edges of the tablets after the tablets have been placed in proper relative position with reference to the holders. If in the event the holders proper are formed separate from the division-plates 2, their lower portions are provided with suitable attaching-tangs 9, which tangs may be located as shown or they may be differently located, as their only object is to connect the holders to the plates; but it is evident that the plates

and holders may be formed integral and the same object accomplished.

In use the tablets may be so lettered or numbered as to form or produce an index, thereby rendering it easy to arrange such drafts, notes, or invoices in such a manner and with reference to the labels that any particular paper can be easily found.

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

1. A division-plate and tablet-holder adapted for index-files consisting of a plate and a holder comprising an open front having marginal flanges at the rear, and a spring back of less area than the front, whereby a tablet or index-card may be securely held against lateral movement between the front and back, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

2. A division-plate and a tablet-holder consisting of a suitable plate, and a tablet-holder provided with a back, and an open front, top and end angled flanges located at the top and ends of the back plate, and the body of the holder cut or severed below the front open portion of said holder, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

3. A division-plate and a tablet-holder consisting of a suitable plate, and a tablet-holder provided with a back, and an open front, top and end angled flanges located at the top and ends of the back plate, and the body of the holder cut or severed below the front open portion of said holder, and a tang adapted to engage the lower edge of the tablet, 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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