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FIG.1

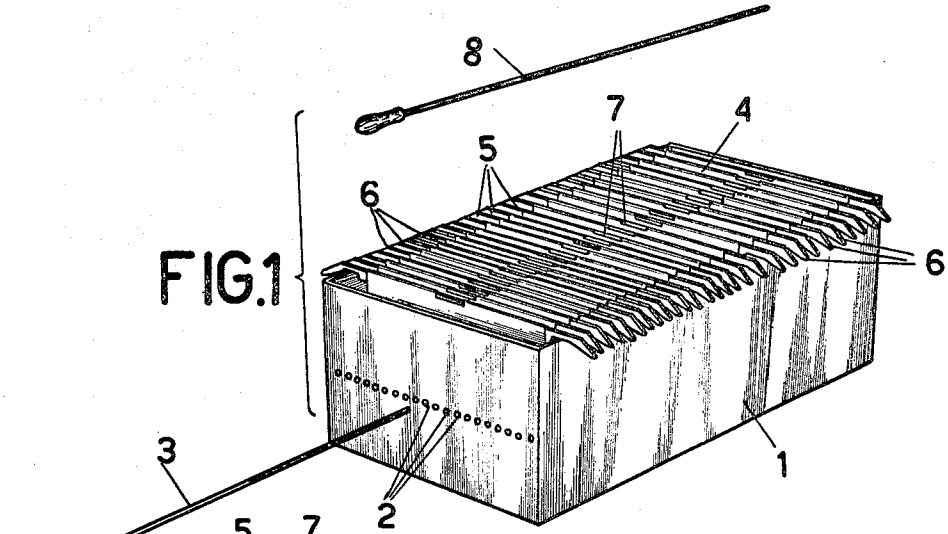


FIG.2

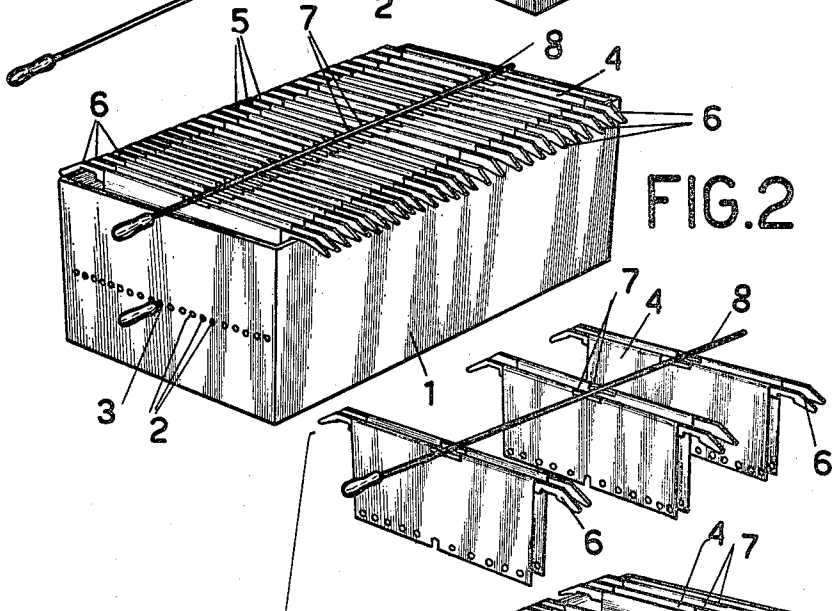
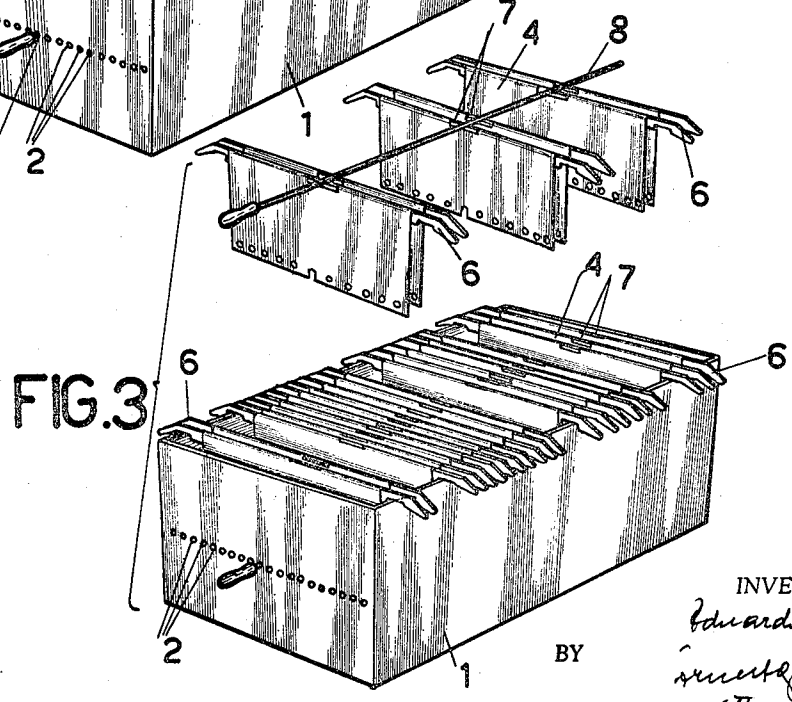


FIG.3



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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A hanging card system comprising a drawer having opposite upper edges and a plurality of metal strips having ends removably engaging the upper edges and forming supporting elements, a filing card having an upper end folded over and secured on each of the metal strips between the ends, the upper end defining at least one slot adjacent the metal strip exposing an adjacent area of the metal strip. Means are provided for preventing removal of a desired selection of filing cards, and magnetized means for being placed adjacent the exposed area of the metal strips for withdrawing the remaining freely hanging filing cards is provided.

The present invention relates to hanging filing card cabinets, in general, and to hanging filing card cabinets with magnetic removal means, in particular.

It is known that hanging filing-card drawers from which filing-cards are selected by means of a stiletto or long needle, present a serious defect, in that the selection is made by inserting the stiletto in the holes provided in the lower border of the filing-cards, the alignment of while holes is made in accordance with a predetermined code; and the withdrawal of the filing-cards selected for withdrawal by the stiletto holding the remaining cards, is made in a somewhat slow manner, in spite of the filing-cards being pre-selected.

It is one object of the present invention to provide a hanging filing-card drawer wherein the sorting-out of the filing-cards is made in a simplified and novel manner, wherein, once the stiletto is inserted, the loose filing-cards can be withdrawn all together, since the novel combination of suspended cards or sheets combined with holes and slots, respectfully, permits insertion of stilettos into the aligned holes and slots, respectively, regardless of the thickness of the cards.

With this and other object in view which will become apparent in the following detailed description, the present invention will be clearly understood in connection with the accompanying drawing, in which:

FIGURE 1 is a perspective view of a filing-card drawer;

FIG. 2 shows the same view as in FIG. 1, but in the first phase of sorting-out the filing-cards from the drawer prior to withdrawal; and

FIG. 3 shows the same perspective view, but with some of the filing-cards already sorted-out and withdrawn from the drawer.

Referring now to the drawing, and in particular to FIG. 1, an improved hanging-card drawer designed in accordance with the present invention, comprises a drawer **1** or filing-cabinet, with holes **2** for sorting-out the filing-cards **4**, by means of a stiletto **3**, the holes are provided in the front wall of the drawer, the upper borders of the filing-cards being folded over magnetic metal strips **5**, on which they are glued, and which metal strips project beyond the sides of the drawer, thus forming supporting elements **6**, for the filing-cards.

In accordance with the present invention, the folded over upper ends of the filing-cards **4**, are provided with one or more slots **7**, exposing parts of the respective metal strips so that, after the filing-cards **4** have been sorted out, by the stiletto **3**, the loose filing-cards can be withdrawn simultaneously by a magnetized rod **8**, (FIGS. 2 and 3) or other suitable instrument, also magnetized.

Increasing the attracting power of the magnetic field of the magnetized extracting instrument and the exposed portions of the supporting metal strip of the filing card is unnecessary.

The filing-card cabinet, in accordance with the present invention, enables only loose filing-cards to be withdrawn together, after the stiletto **3** is inserted when the filing cards are still in the drawer. The filing cards are suspended on the metal strips **5** and have their lower ends spaced in suspended position from the bottom of the drawer. The filing cards have also a plurality of a group of holes and a plurality of slots open at their lower end and disposed at the level of the holes of the drawer.

The stiletto **3** is inserted at first in the holes of the drawer and then, selectively into holes of a first group of cards and into slots of a second group of cards, respectively, thereby rendering possible the removal of the second group of said cards and preventing removal of the first group of said cards.

While I have disclosed one embodiment of the present invention, it is to be understood that this embodiment is given by example only and not in a limiting sense, the scope of the present invention being determined by the objects and the claim.

What I claim is:

1. A hanging card system comprising

a drawer having spaced upper edges and a bottom, and a plurality of holes provided in the front wall thereof at a predetermined level thereof,

a plurality of magnetic metal strips having ends removably supported on said upper edges,

a filing card having an upper end folded over each of said metal strips between said ends, thereby hanging on said metal strips, and having a lower end spaced in hanging position from the bottom of said drawer and further having a plurality of a group of holes and a plurality of slots open at their lower end and disposed at the level of said holes of said drawer.

said folded upper end having at least one slot positioned adjacent said metal strips exposing a portion of said metal strips, and the latter being aligned to each other,

stiletto means inserted in said holes of said drawer and selectively into said holes of a first group of said cards and into said slots of a second group of said cards, respectively, thereby rendering possible the removal of said second group of said cards, and preventing removal of said first group of said cards, and

magnetized rod means engaging said metal strips for withdrawing said second group of filing cards by mutual magnetic attraction of said magnetized means and said metal strips.

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