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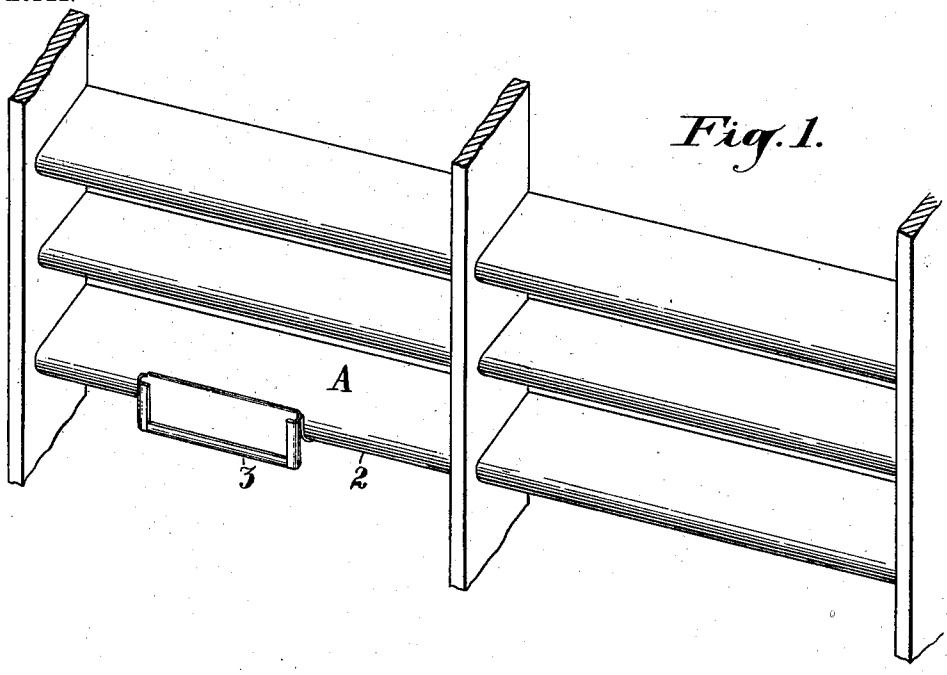


Fig. 1.

Fig. 2.

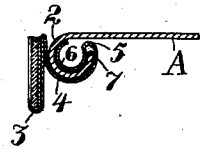
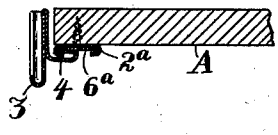


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LOUIS C. DE CARLI, a citizen of the United States, residing at San Jose, in the county of Santa Clara and State of California, have invented new and useful Improvements in Label-Holders for Library-Shelves, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a device for holding labels and means for attaching it to library-shelves, so that the subjects treated by the books contained on the shelves may be indicated to those desiring to use them.

It consists of a slip or label holder having a curved segment extending rearwardly therefrom, said segment being recurved upon itself and adapted to fit upon a correspondingly-shaped segmental curve of the front of the shelf or a guide which may be fixed to the shelf.

It also comprises details of construction, which will be more fully explained by reference to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 shows my holder attached to a shelf. Fig. 2 is a transverse section. Fig. 3 is a transverse section showing a wood-shelf attachment.

My invention is designed to be used upon library-shelves either of wood or metal.

Where what are known as "steel" stacks are made for the reception of books and libraries or like places, the shelf A may curve into a segment at the front edge, as shown at 2. The holder 3 for the label, card, or other slip may be made in any usual or suitable manner, so that the slip or label can be introduced either with or without a protecting-cover of glass, as shown. From the back of this holder extends a strip 4, which is curved to correspond with the curvature of the front 2 of the shelf, extending around to a point beneath the shelf, as shown at 5. Thence it is recurved upon itself, forming the major part of a cylindrical curve, as shown at 6. By this construction the curved edge 2 of the shelf is passed between the outer and inner curved portions 4 and 6, and the part 5 serves as a stop either against the under part of the shelf or against the inner edge 7 of the inturned shelf, thus retaining the card-holder 3 in a substantially vertical position, so that the card within it can be easily inspected at all times. The curved portion 4 5 6 of the attachment is so fitted to the curved portion 2 7 of the shelf that it is easily slidable from one end to the other, and can thus be placed upon or removed from the shelf or moved to any point in the length of the shelf without interfering with the proper holding of the card in position.

Where wooden shelves are employed, as shown in Fig. 3, in place of making the curve a part of the shelf, as shown in Fig. 2, this curved position 2^a is secured to the lower edge of the shelf. The part 4, to which the card-holder 3 is attached, is bent so that the part 6^a fits and is slidable within the part 2^a in the same manner as that previously described, the only difference being in the provision of the part 2^a to be attached to the shelf instead of being formed by bending it, as when the shelf is made of metal.

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

1. The combination with a library-shelf having a channeled guide, of a card or label holder having a rearwardly-extending portion substantially conforming to said guide and slidably fitting the same.

2. The combination with a library-shelf of a curved guide, a card or label holder having a rearwardly-projecting curved plate, said plate being slidably fitted within the guide.

3. The combination with a library-shelf of a curved guide upon the front of the shelf, a card-holder, a curved plate extending rearwardly therefrom and having the end curved to extend into and slidably interlock with the guide, said interlocking portion also serving to retain the label-holder in a substantially upright position.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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