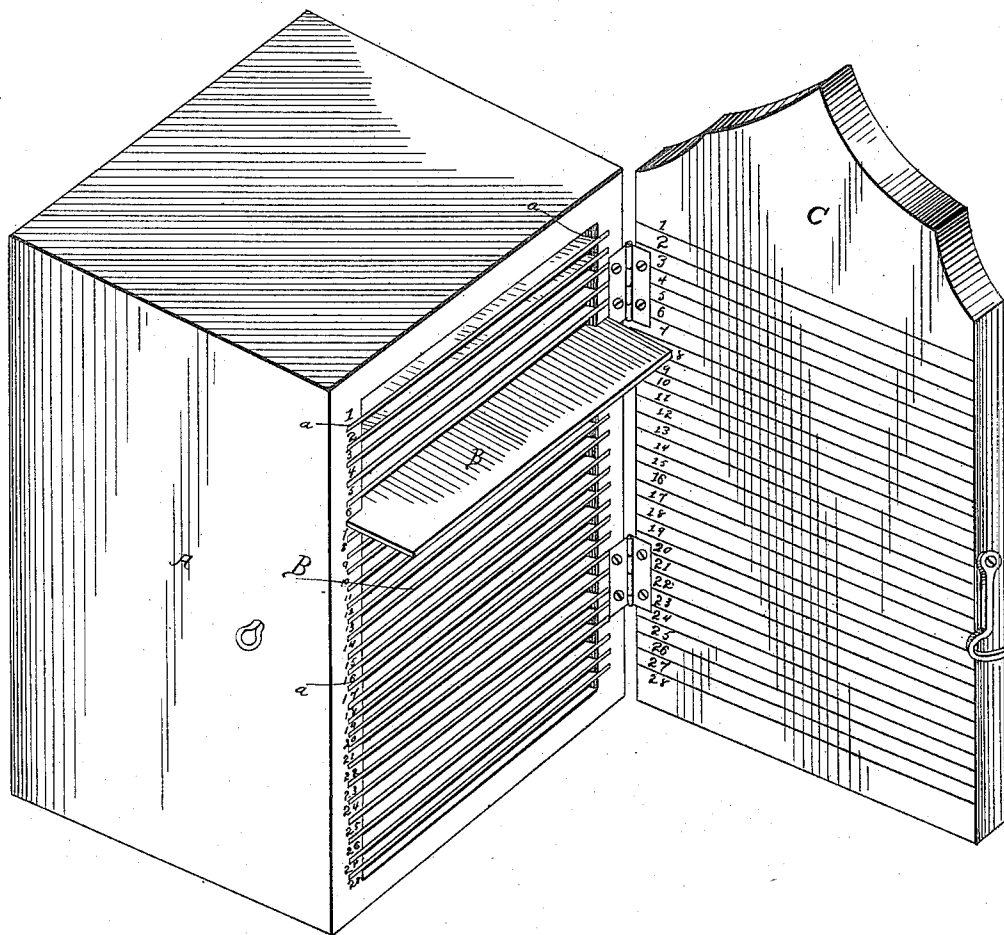


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CYRUS A. RIEDER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Anthony, in the county of Harper and State of Kansas, have invented new and useful Improvements in Blank-Depositories, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in blank-depositories, or file-cases for circulars or blanks, such as are used in every office to contain circulars, bill-heads, printed letters of information, &c.

In the drawing hereto annexed, the figure shows a perspective view of my improved depository or case with the door open, and adapted for use in a post-office, showing the names of the different circulars used for different purposes.

Referring to the drawing, in which similar letters denote corresponding parts, A designates the body of the case, having the grooves *a* on opposite sides thereof to receive the shelves B, formed of any thin material—such as sheet-iron, glass, or wood—and the space above each shelf is numbered on the edge of the box close to the said shelf.

The door C is provided with a series of grooves or lines, *c*, to correspond with the shelves in the box, and above each groove or line is a number corresponding to that of the shelf opposite thereto, and followed by the name or use of the circular or blank which is to be found on the shelf bearing the said number. Thus the door is provided with a complete directory to the contents of the several shelves of the case, which directory refers by number or letter to the said contents, thus enabling a person wholly unfamiliar with the location of the circulars to be used at different times to find said circulars easily and quickly,

said unskilled person being thus placed on an equality in point of rapidity of work with a person who has long been engaged in the same kind of work who has used the old forms of cases—simply a row of shelves or a series of recesses, sometimes called “pigeon-holes.”

My invention will thus save much valuable time in the selection for use of circulars, &c., which are continually used in connection with the work of any large office, and especially in connection with the work of the Government departments, as the Post-Office, &c.

The shelves are designed to slide out when desired.

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

A case or depository for blanks, comprising the box A, having the grooves or ways in its sides, and the series of independent removable shelves sliding in the grooves or ways, and the numbers or letters on the box opposite each shelf, combined with the door hinged to one side of the box, and having on its inner face a series of lines or grooves corresponding in number and location to the shelves, each line or groove on the door having a number or letter corresponding to that of the shelf adjacent thereto, and also such information as will give the nature of the blank to be found on the shelf, whereby the door when opened will serve as a guide to assist the proper withdrawal of the blank desired, as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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