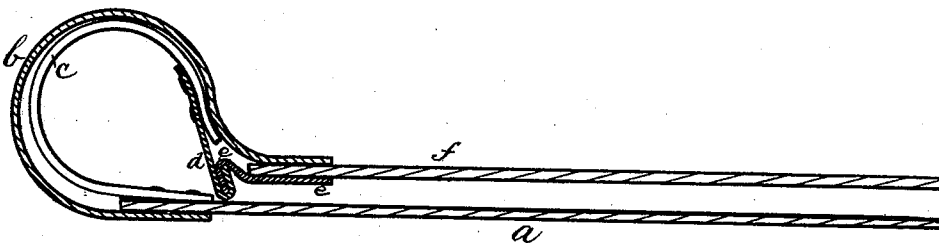


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TEMPORARY BINDER.

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ROBERT O. PEIRCE, OF PORTLAND, MAINE, ASSIGNOR OF ONE-HALF HIS
RIGHT TO FRANK DUNN, OF SAME PLACE.

IMPROVEMENT IN TEMPORARY BINDERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ROBERT O. PEIRCE, of Portland, in the county of Cumberland and State of Maine, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Temporary Binders; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it pertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

The drawing shows a side view in section of my invention.

The object of my invention is to produce certain improvements in bill-holders and paper-files, whereby a much cheaper and stronger device is obtained than in those in common use. The improvement is simple and may be thus described.

In the accompanying drawing, *a* shows the bottom or base of the file. *b* shows the back, which is attached to the bottom and curved, as illustrated in the drawing. *c* is a spring, bent to conform with the curve of the back, and is fastened at one end to the bottom *a*, and at the other to the inside of the inner part of the curved back. Rigidly attached to the spring, and extending the length of the back of the file, is the holder or retainer *d*. This holder is formed of a single piece of metal doubled at its lower edge over a strip of leather, *e*, and so fastened to said strip of leather as to hold it firmly clasped or clamped between the two parts of the holder which form the double before described. *f* shows the cover, to the upper side of which is pasted or otherwise fastened the inner part of the back *b*, and to the under side of which is secured, in any suitable manner, the outer end of the strip of leather *e*, which is held at its opposite end between the two parts or double of the retainer. Between the base *a* and the retainer *d* are placed suitable index-sheets for the filing of letters, bills, &c.

The operation of the spring will keep the holder pressed firmly down upon the papers within the file, and when it is desired to introduce more papers all that is necessary to do is to turn the cover over upon the back *b*, and press down on said cover, which operation will raise the holder from the papers within the file, and allow of the insertion of such others as may be desired. Any number of springs may be employed, two, however, being preferable, one near each end of the back.

By the foregoing description it will be seen that I provide a bill-holder and paper-file possessing great strength and durability, and capable of being manufactured very cheap in comparison with those in common use.

I do not claim, broadly, a holder or retainer for confining papers within the file; neither do I claim a paper-file having a spring back; nor the spring or springs which operate to keep the holder or retainer pressed down upon the papers within the file. My invention relates more particularly to the construction of the retainer, and its manner of attachment to the cover; but

What I do claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

In combination with the bottom *a*, back *b*, cover *f*, and spring *c*, the holder or retainer *d*, formed of a single piece of metal, clamped around a strip of leather, *e*, at its lower end, said strip of leather being fastened at its opposite end to the cover, as set forth, and said spring being attached to the bottom and the back of the file, substantially as and for the purposes herein described.

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

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