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Fig. 1.

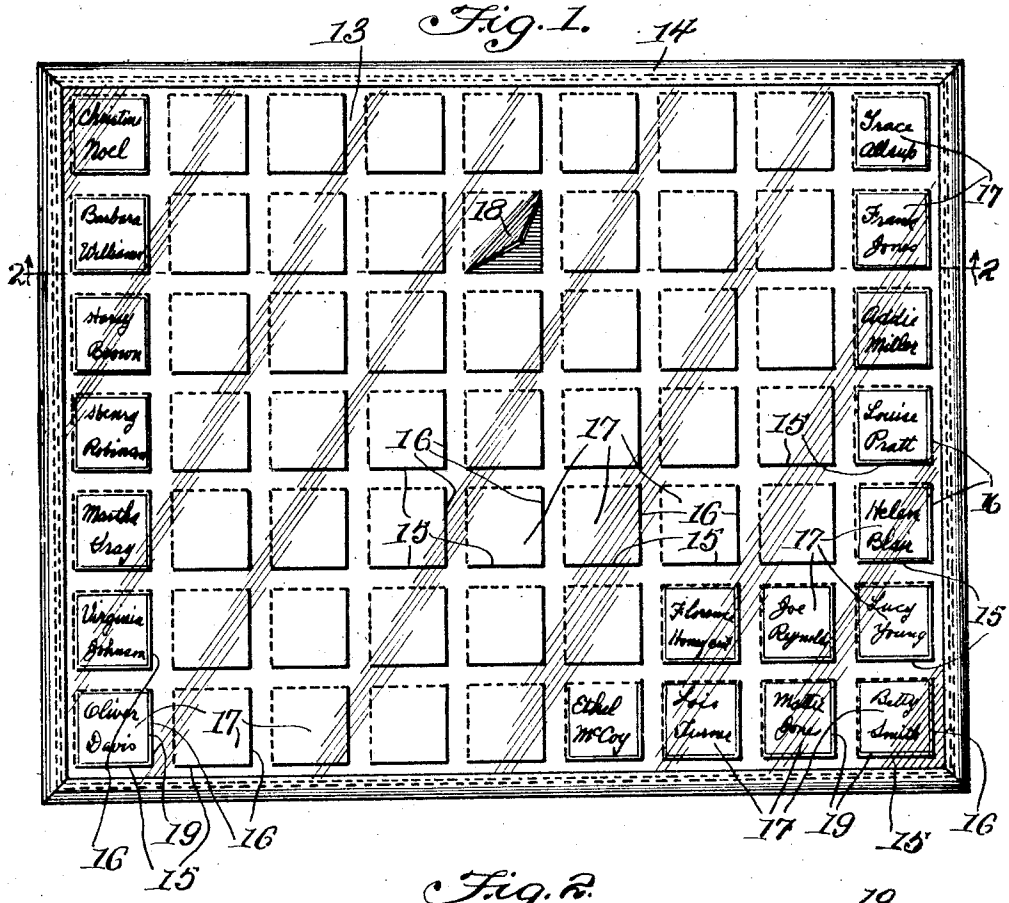


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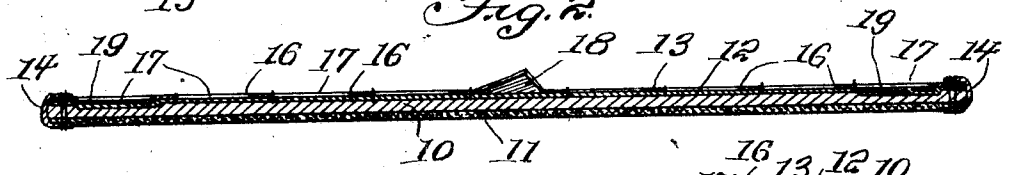


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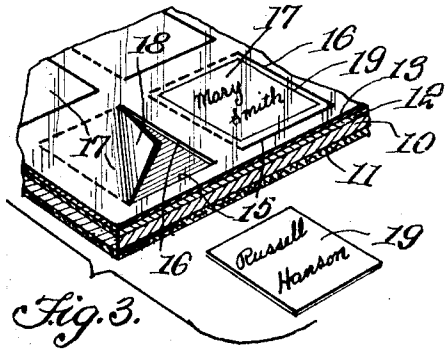
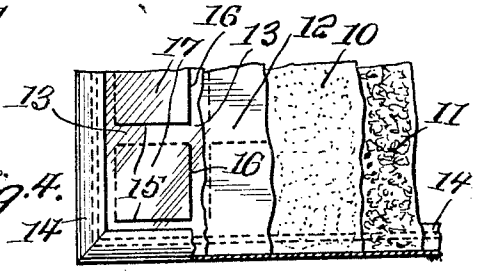


Fig. 4.



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This invention relates to indicating the chart devices and has for its object the provision of a novel plan or chart particularly well adapted for use by school teachers and others whereby the correct name of the occupant of any seat in the room or hall may be ascertained with ease and certainty, thus greatly facilitating the work of calling upon selected pupils for recitation and the like, waste of time, annoyance, and effort being consequently avoided.

Another object of the invention is to provide an indicating chart device constructed and arranged to hold a plurality of cards bearing the names of the pupils or other occupants of the chairs, benches or desks, the cards being removably mounted upon a supporting structure and being covered by a sheet of transparent material whereby the names upon the cards may be easily read.

Another object of the invention is to provide a device of this character which may be constructed in any size corresponding to the number of seats, chairs, desks or benches in the room or hall, the device being capable of being laid flat upon an ordinary desk without injury thereto and located at such a position as to be easily inspected so that the names may be ascertained practically at a glance.

Still another object is to provide a device of this character which in addition to possessing the above advantages will be neat and attractive in appearance, easy to correct as the occasion may demand and which will in every respect be a distinct improvement in the art.

With the above and other objects and advantages in view, the invention consists in the details of construction, and the arrangement and combination of parts to be hereinafter more fully described and claimed and illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which:—

Figure 1 is a plan view of the complete device.

Figure 2 is a cross sectional view taken on the line 2—2 of Figure 1.

Figure 3 is a fragmentary perspective view with a portion broken away and in section, and

Figure 4 is a fragmentary plan view with the various layers forming the device broken away, to disclose the construction more clearly.

Referring more particularly to the drawings, I have shown the device as comprising a rectangular sheet 10 of cardboard or other similar material provided at its underside with a lining 11 of felt or other material which will avoid injury to a polished desk upon which the device may be used. Obviously, canton flannel or anything of a similar nature may be used instead of felt. Disposed upon the top of the sheet 10 is a covering 12, preferably of oil-cloth or other material impervious to water and consequently capable of being readily cleaned. Disposed upon the top of the oilcloth sheet is a sheet 13 of celluloid or other transparent material. These various sheets 10, 11, 12 and 13, are arranged in registration and have their edges protected by a binding strip 14 suitably secured thereto whereby to give the finished device a neat and attractive appearance and to cover the raw edges of the various sheets in addition to preventing separation thereof.

The celluloid or other transparent sheet is cut out at a plurality of points along lines 15 and 16 at right angles to each other to define a plurality of flaps 17 which are loose at one corner only and which are capable of being sprung upwardly as indicated at 18 in Figures 1 and 2 to permit the insertion of cards 19, of pasteboard or the like, bearing the names of the pupils or other occupants of the chairs, benches or desks in the room or hall where the device is used.

In the use of the device, it is intended that the cards be so arranged within the holder as to correspond to the seating arrangement of the occupants of the room, blanks being of course left to correspond with any vacant seat there may be and as a consequence it will be quite evident that the teacher or other person in charge of the room may ascertain at a glance, the correct names of the occupants of the various seats. This is of course a great advantage at all times and is of particular advantage in case a substitute teacher is in charge. It is believed that the utilization of this device will facilitate teaching and promote harmony inasmuch as there will be no doubt as to the name of any particular pupil it is desired to call on for recitation or other purposes, the work being consequently expedited and a frequent cause of annoyance removed. Obviously, when there are any changes to be made, the card or cards in question may be easily withdrawn subsequent to the springing up of

the flap or flaps thereabove and other cards inserted in place.

From the foregoing description and a study of the drawings it will be readily apparent that I have thus provided a very simple, inexpensive, neat and attractive as well as convenient device for the purpose specified. It is believed that the construction, operation and advantages will be readily apparent to one skilled in the art without further explanation.

While I have shown and described the preferred embodiment of the invention, it should be understood that I have reserved the right to make such changes in the form, construction and arrangement of parts as will not depart from the spirit of the invention or the scope of the subjoined claims.

Having thus described the invention, I claim:—

1. A device of the character described, comprising a holder having a cover of transparent material cut at a plurality of points to define flexible flaps, and cards bearing legends removably engaged beneath said transparent cover at the flaps.

2. A device of the character described, comprising a holder having a cover of transparent material cut at a plurality of points to define flexible flaps, and cards bearing legends removably engaged beneath said transparent cover at the flaps, the cards being of such size as to be capable of passage through the openings subsequent to the springing up of the flaps.

3. In a device of the character described, a sheet of material constituting a support, a lining of soft material mounted at the bottom of said sheet, a covering of impervious material on said first named sheet, a cover of transparent material disposed upon said impervious top sheet, means binding all of said sheets together, said transparent sheet being formed to provide openings covered by movable flaps, and cards insertible through said openings and normally retained upon said impervious sheet by engagement beneath the transparent cover sheet.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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