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Fig. 1.

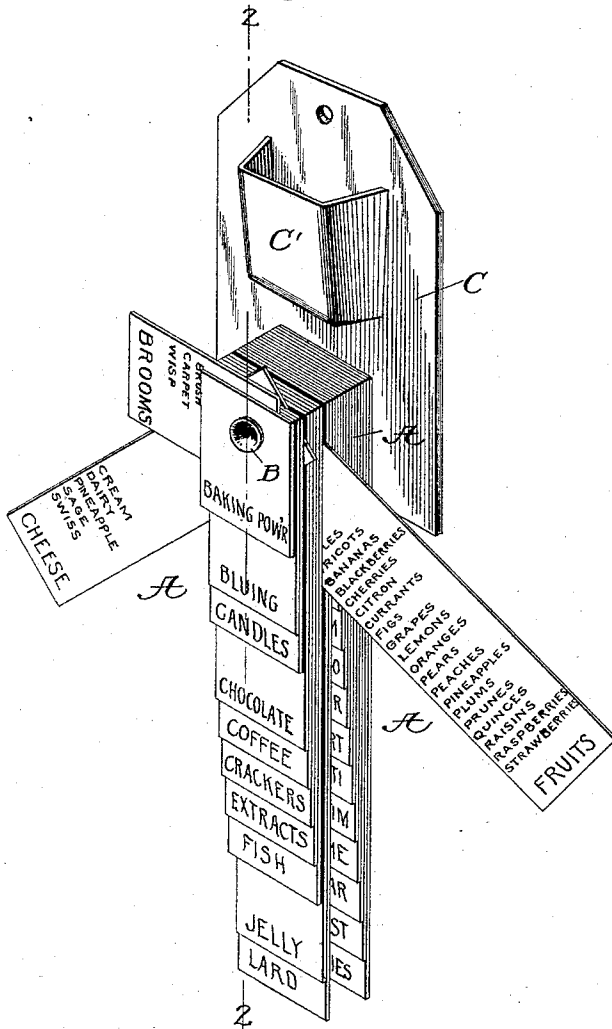


Fig. 2.

on line 2-2

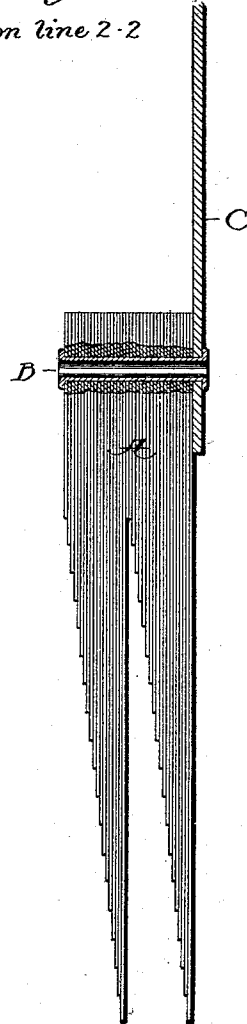
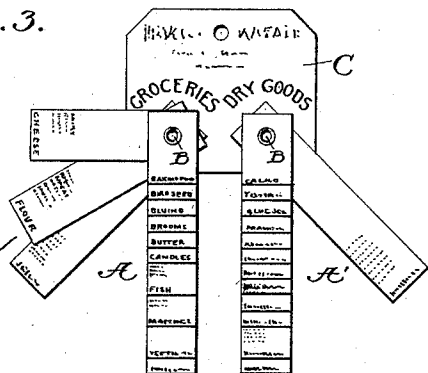


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, JOHN J. MOSHER and MAJOR ROMEYN JEWELL, of Rochester, in the county of Monroe and State of New York, have
5 invented certain Improvements in Registering and Indicating Devices, of which the following is a specification.

Our invention relates to a mechanical device for the use of housekeepers, which serves
10 as an inventory or schedule of groceries or other articles and also as a means for recording and reminding the user of the articles needed and purchases to be made.

Our contrivance consists of a series of superimposed sheets of different lengths mounted on a frictional pivot so that each has its end exposed beyond the next, the concealed portion or body of each sheet bearing a list of analogous articles and the exposed end a
20 generic or key word, so that the user is thereby enabled to select the sheet bearing the name of the particular article desired so that the sheet may be turned outward in an exposed position.

Our device may be provided with two or more series of sheets devoted, respectively, to different classes of articles, such as groceries, dry goods, hardware, &c.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of our device in its most simple form provided with a grocery-list. Fig. 2 is a vertical section through the same on the line 2 2. Fig. 3 is an elevation of the device provided with two independent series
35 of sheets.

Referring to Figs. 1 and 2, A represents a series of narrow sheets of paper, card-board, or similar material, all mounted at one end on a pivot or stud B, which is in turn attached to a supporting sheet or plate C, which
40 may be made of any suitable form and used as an advertising medium or as a support for a match-safe C', as desired. The sheets in the series are made of different lengths, each longer than the next, so that their ends are exposed. On the body of each sheet we place the names of an entire class or group of articles—such, for example, as a list of soaps,
45 baking-powders, cheeses, or crackers—and on

the exposed end of each sheet we place the generic name or word including the entire group of articles. These generic or key words—such as "Baking-powders," "Cheese," "Coffee," "Fish," &c.—enable the user to instantly select the sheet bearing the detailed list of articles in the group, so that this sheet may be turned out to one side in an abnormal position, where it is retained by friction, thus serving as a reminder of the article to be purchased.

As an illustration of the manner of grouping the names, the sheet bearing the key-word "Brooms" will contain, also, the words "Brush," "Carpet," and "Wisp." The sheet bearing the key-word "Crackers" will bear the names "Boston," "Cream," "Milk," "Fruit," "Oyster," &c.

The manner in which the sheets are supported and in which the individual sheets are turned out of their normal positions is plainly shown in Fig. 1.

Where the number of sheets is very large and in order to avoid the necessity of making the rear sheets of extreme length, we commonly mount two series of sheets upon one pivot, as shown in Fig. 2. Assuming that there are forty sheets, the first twenty will be of successively-increasing length and the remaining twenty duplicates of the groups, (except the printed matter)—that is to say, the first and twenty-first sheets will be of equal length and the sheets beyond the twenty-first of successively-increasing length.

In Fig. 3 there are two series of sheets A and A', mounted on pivots B, fastened to a supporting sheet or plate C in precisely the same manner as in the first device. In this case one series of sheets may be devoted to groceries and the other to dry goods.

Having thus described our invention, what we claim is—

1. In an indicator, a supporting board or back, a series of overlying sheets or tablets of different and successively-increasing lengths from front to rear, and a pivot connecting the series at one end to the back-support, each sheet having on its face the names of articles or commodities and each sheet adapted to be

turned out and exposed independently of and without disturbing or moving the other sheets of the series.

2. In combination with a back or support,
5 a series of superimposed sheets or tablets of different and successively-increasing lengths from front to rear, connected to the back by a frictional pivot passing through the series at one end, each sheet having on its exposed
10 end a generic or key word and on its covered surface the names of the species and each

sheet being adapted to be turned out and exposed independently of and without disturbing the other sheets of the series.

In testimony whereof we hereunto set our hands, this 21st day of April, 1891, in the presence of two attesting witnesses.

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