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Fig. 1.

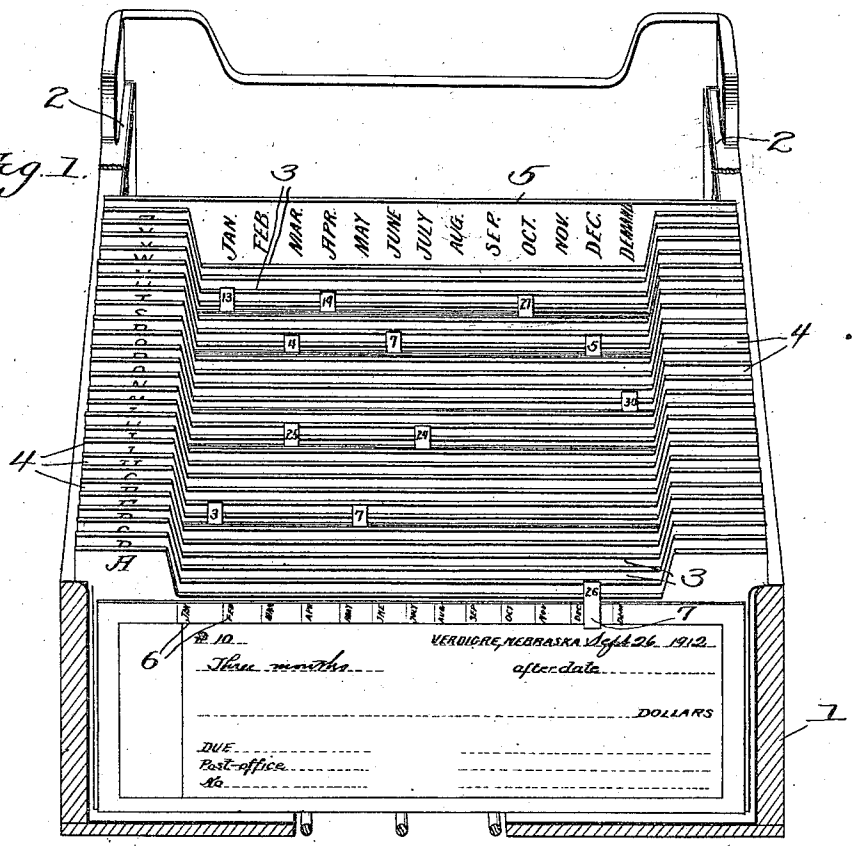


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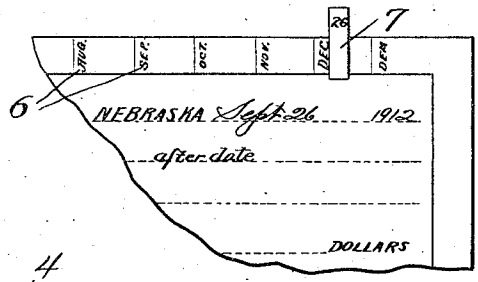
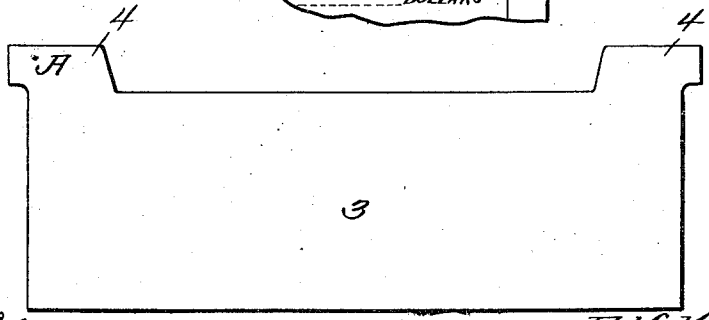


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ANTON V. KOUBA, a citizen of the United States, residing at Verdigre, in the county of Knox and State of Nebraska, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Bankers' Note-Cases, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a note holding case designed especially for the use of bankers and intended to serve as a filing case for notes, and to show the date and month upon which any particular note may fall due, without interfering with the alphabetical filing of the notes in the filing cases. In other words the various notes can be filed in alphabetical order without regard to their dates, either of making or becoming due, or without regard to the length of time they have to run and at the same time the inspection of the case will show all notes which may be due upon any particular day or during any particular month, and without handling any of the notes.

In the accompanying drawings: Figure 1 is a perspective view looking down upon one of the cases. Fig. 2 is a view of one of the follower blocks. Fig. 3 is a face view of a note with a tab applied thereto.

In constructing the device I employ a suitable tray 1 but I do not wish to be restricted to a tray of any particular make, or length, as the device could be adapted for use with trays of various shapes and sizes. Preferably my tray is provided with longitudinally extending interior shoulders 2 running adjacent to and parallel to the top of the tray and follower blocks 3 have upwardly and outwardly extending ears 4 adapted to rest upon said shoulders and said ears are also adapted to have placed thereon various letters of the alphabet, the said follower blocks or spacing blocks as they may be termed being arranged in the case in alphabetical order. These ears while not necessarily integral with the blocks are preferably formed by cutting away the upper portions of the blocks from lines adjacent the ends of the blocks, and slightly reducing the lengths of the blocks, throughout their lower portions, so that said lower portions will fit readily between the shoulders 2 while the ears project above the shoulders but it is essential that the upper edge of the body portion of the blocks 3 be below the top line of the ears. Arranged at the rear of the casing is a suitable plate 5 which has a height equal to that of the ears, or which at least extends a sufficient distance above the body portions of the blocks 3, and upon said plate are placed in regular order the names of the months, or some designation standing for the various months. This plate may be separate from the casing or if desired it may constitute the rear end of the casing.

The notes are of a sufficient length to extend across the casing, and they have placed upon their upper margin the names of the months as indicated at 6 or signs or characters representing the names of the months, and the names, signs or symbols imprinted upon the notes are arranged in the same order and are spaced exactly the same as the characters upon the plate 5. The notes being of a length equal to that of the plate 5 it necessarily follows that when the notes are filed in the case any character upon the notes representing a certain month will be in exact alinement with the corresponding character upon the plate 5.

It is of course understood that the designations of the months placed upon the notes and also upon the plate 5 are so arranged that they are not overlapped by any of the ears 4, the characters upon the plate occupying that portion of the plate which corresponds to the part assumed to have been removed from the follower blocks in forming the ears 4. As the plate 5 is of a greater height than the notes it will be obvious that when the notes are arranged in alphabetical order between the follower blocks the names of the months upon the plate will be clearly visible between the ears 4. Upon each note is placed a tab 7 which tab is secured over the designation of the month during which the note falls due and the upper portion of the tab carries a numeral or numerals designating the day of the month. This tab must necessarily aline with the name of the month in which the note falls due and which is carried by the plate 5. It will thus be obvious that the tabs of all of the notes which are due during any particular month will be in regular alinement with the name of that month upon the plate 5 and the tabs will show the day of the month when the notes are due, and at the same time all notes will be arranged alphabetically in the case. For

example assuming that a note has been given on September 26 for three months and that the said note has been made by John Doe. The note will be placed immediately back of the follower block having the letter D upon its ears, and will carry a tab with the numeral 26, and said tab will be secured over the abbreviation or sign carried by the note and standing for the month of December and when said note has been placed in the case the tab will aline with the proper character upon the plate 5 and will show that the note is due December 26, thus without disturbing the note and without interfering with its filing in alphabetical order. I have also shown the letters "Dem." at one end of the plate and note thus indicating when a tab is placed over said designation upon the note that it is payable on demand. It is of course obvious that the use of this particular feature is optional and also that other information can be given in the same way by employing suitable signs and characters upon the notes and plate.

What I claim is:—

1. A device of the kind described comprising a casing adapted to receive notes arranged in alphabetical order, means arranged at the rear of said notes having the names of the months designated thereupon, and tabs adapted to be secured upon said notes, said tabs indicating the day of the month in which a note falls due, and alining with the designations first mentioned.

2. A device of the kind described comprising a casing adapted to receive notes in alphabetical order, means for spacing said notes apart, said means having characters of the alphabet thereupon, and a plate projecting above said notes and having characters thereupon indicative of the various months of the year and tabs adapted to be secured to and project above the notes and adapted to aline with the characters upon the plate representing the months in which said notes fall due.

3. A device of the kind described comprising a casing adapted to receive notes, means for holding said notes in alphabetical order, tabs carried by said notes and extending above the notes and indicating the day of the month in which the note falls due and means arranged to the rear of the note carrying imprinted matter designating the months of the year, said tabs alining with the designations at the back of the notes.

4. A device of the kind described comprising a casing, follower plates adapted to fit in said casing, said follower plates having their upper center portions cut away leaving ears, said follower plates having the characters of the alphabet thereupon and adapted to space notes in alphabetical order, notes adapted to fit in said casing and having along their upper margins characters designating the various months of the year, tabs adapted to be secured to said margins and projecting above the notes, the projecting portions of said tabs having the days of the months indicated thereupon, and a back plate having the months designated thereupon in alinement with the designations on the margins of the notes and with the tabs thereon.

5. A system of filing notes comprising a note having the names of the months printed upon its upper marginal portion, a tab adapted to be secured to said note and to project above the note, said tab being arranged upon or adjacent the designation of the month in which the note falls due and having upon its upwardly extending portion a designation of the day of the month, a casing adapted to receive said note in its alphabetical order, and means arranged in said casing to the rear of said note, said means displaying designations of the months of the year in line with those printed upon the margins of the notes.

6. In a filing system for notes, a casing, notes adapted to be arranged in said casing, means for holding said notes in alphabetical order, each of said notes having upon its upper marginal portion the names of the months, a plate arranged to the rear of the said notes, said plate having the names of the months placed thereupon, the names upon the plate alining with the names of the months upon the notes and means adapted to be secured to the marginal portions of said notes and carrying numerals adapted to indicate the day of the month upon which the note falls due.

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