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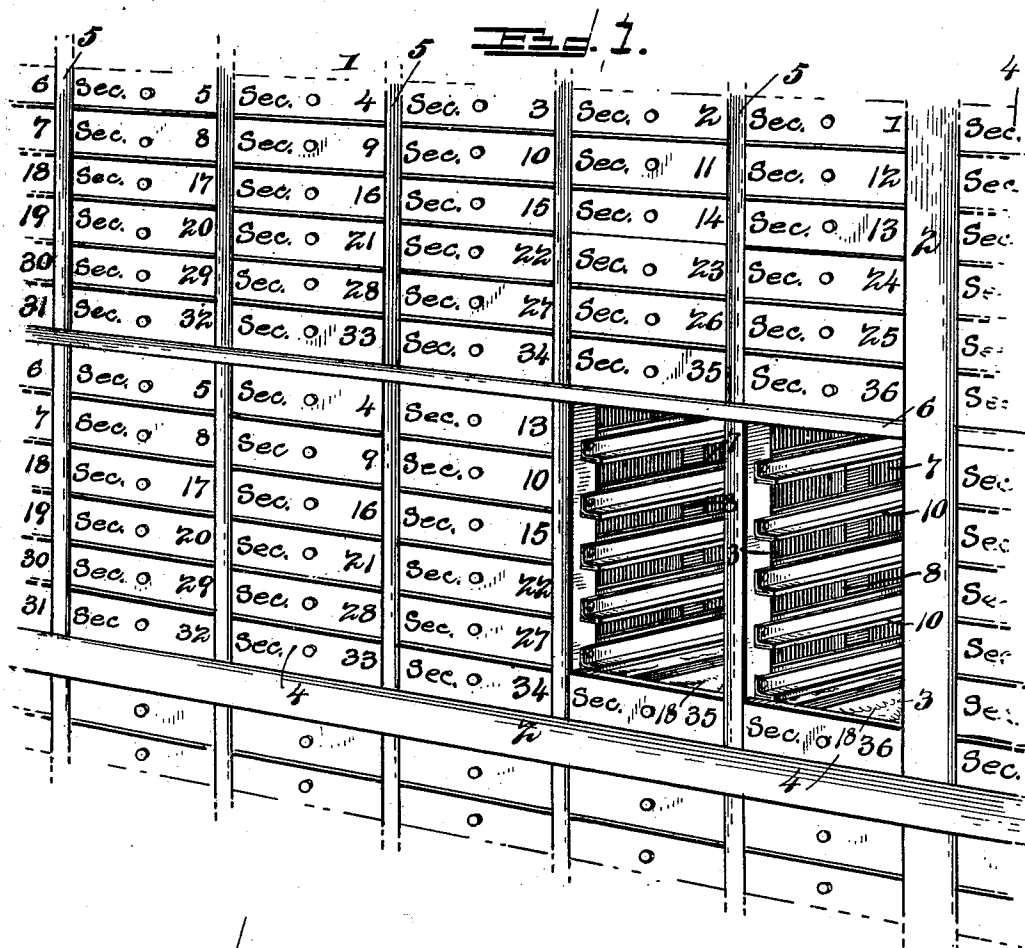
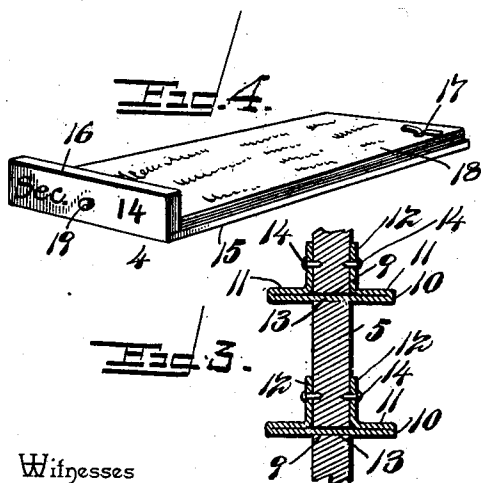
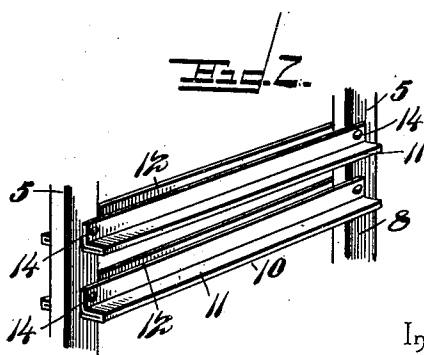
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TABLET-FILE CASE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES E. MCCLINTOCK, a citizen of the United States, residing at Poplar Bluff, in the county of Butler and State of Missouri, have invented a new and useful Tablet-File Case, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to tablet-file cases especially designed for use in connection with abstracts of deeds affecting real property, the object being to improve the construction of the file drawers or receptacles and of the frame in which they are supported, the series of file-drawers being arranged in such manner that boundary-lines may be indicated on or by such series to correspond in general outline and relative location with the outlines of the county, city, and other similar divisions of land to which the abstracts in the drawers included within the boundary-line formed by or on them relate.

The invention will be fully described hereinafter and then particularly pointed out in the claims.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a section of a file-case, some of the receptacles being omitted. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of one of the guides and supports for the file receptacles or drawers. Fig. 3 is a section through a portion of one of the vertical strips, showing the manner of connecting the guides thereto. Fig. 4 is a perspective view of one of the file receptacles or drawers.

Similar reference-numerals indicate corresponding parts in the several figures.

In reducing my invention to practice I have found it expedient to employ a plurality of receptacles or files, such as drawers or their equivalents, divided by suitable boundaries, such as distinguishable lines to form general or main groups, divisions, or ranges representing general divisions or ranges or tracts of land, and subdividing these general divisions to form minor groups of receptacles representing the minor divisions of land—such as townships, &c.—the relative positions of the divisions and subdivisions of the file-case corresponding with the respective parcels, tracts, or grants of land represented, and each receptacle or file representing a still smaller

portion of one of the subdivisions and corresponding with individual holdings, &c.

In the drawings the case represented is made up of a series of sections, (indicated by the numeral 1,) the joints between which are covered by strips 2. Each section is designed to contain a series of file-receptacles, such as drawers 4, and is made up of a front frame consisting of vertical and horizontal strips (indicated by 5 and 6, respectively) jointed together in any suitable manner to form compartments 3 of the desired size. The back of each section is preferably solid, as indicated by 7, and to this solid back is secured a series of vertical strips 8, which are respectively opposite the vertical strips 5 of the front frame. Each of these vertical strips 5 and 8 is provided with a series of horizontal saw cuts or kerfs 9 at equal distances apart and preferably extending about half-way through the strips. These cuts or kerfs are to receive the ends of guides 10 on which the file-drawers 4 are mounted. These guides are made of strips of sheet metal, preferably tin, and are formed by bending the strip longitudinally upon itself from opposite sides and then bending a portion of each of the folds back again at a right angle to form supporting-ways 11 of a double thickness of metal, the vertical flanges 12 of a single thickness of metal, and the horizontal intermediate connecting part 13 also of a single thickness of metal. The part 13 fits at its opposite ends in horizontal alining cuts 9 in the vertical strips 5 and 8, and the vertical flanges 12 are secured by nails 14 or similar fastening devices to the opposite faces of the said vertical strips. These metal guides serve to brace and stiffen the frame, and there is practically no loss of space occasioned by their use.

The file-drawer 4 consists of a heavy strip of cardboard or some similar stiff and light material and the vertical front wall 16 preferably of wood. The cardboard bottom 15 of the drawer is supported on the ways 11, while the front wall 16, which is secured to the front end of the cardboard bottom, closes the front open space between the adjacent pairs of guides and is of such thickness that its outer faces will be flush with the vertical strips 5 when its inner face is in engagement with

the front ends of the guides 10. At the rear right-hand corner of each drawer is provided a tablet-securing device or fastener 17, which may be an ordinary paper-fastener, as shown, or any approved form of clip adapted to engage and secure the lower or rear right-hand corners of the tablet-leaves 18 to the card-board. These tablet-leaves are of different printed forms adapted for use in making short abstracts of various kinds of deeds affecting property, and when the abstract is made it is secured in the file-drawer where it properly belongs and a person can easily and quickly turn over the several leaves in the drawer and find out the condition of the title of the property to which the deed relates. Each of the drawer-fronts 16 is provided with a handle 19 to facilitate removing it from the case. By using the different printed forms of blanks for the abstracts much time is also saved in the making of the deeds, and as soon as the abstract of the deed is made it is put in its proper file-drawer and secured in place by the clamp 17, and as the last abstract will be placed on top it is obvious that the abstracts will be in chronological order.

Various other advantages of the described file-case will be obvious, and it is to be understood that changes in the form, proportion, and minor details of construction may be resorted to without departing from the spirit or sacrificing any of the advantages of this invention.

What I claim is—

1. A frame for file-cases, consisting of an open-front frame made of a series of vertical and horizontal strips jointed together, a solid

back, a series of vertical strips secured to said solid back opposite the vertical strips of the front frame, said front and rear vertical strips having a series of horizontal cuts formed therein, and a series of metal guides supported at their opposite ends in said cuts, and having vertical portions embracing the sides of the strips and secured thereto, substantially as described.

2. The combination with spaced vertical strips each having a transverse cut, of a guide formed from a strip of metal bent to form a supporting-way of a double thickness of metal, a vertical flange of a single thickness of metal adapted to be secured to the said vertical strips, and a horizontal portion of a single thickness of metal to fit at its opposite ends into the cuts in the vertical strips, substantially as described.

3. The combination with a series of front and rear vertical strips each having a series of horizontal cuts in its face, the said cuts facing each other, of a series of guides formed from the strips of metal, to form a supporting-way of two thicknesses of metal at opposite sides, and two vertical flanges adapted to be secured to the opposite sides of the vertical strips, and an intermediate connecting part adapted to fit at its opposite ends into the cuts in said strips, substantially as described.

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

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