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 LOOSE LEAF HOLDER.  
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*Fig. 1.*

*Fig. 3.*

*J*

*K*

*L*

*J*

**HOTEL BLANK.**  
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All money, jewelry, &c. must be left in the office. Proprietor will not &c  
 GUESTS WITHOUT BAGGAGE WILL PAY IN ADVANCE.

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*Fig. 2.*

*A*

*B*

*C*

*E*

*F*

*J*

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN WILLY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Loose-Leaf Holders, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to loose leaf holders and particularly such as are intended to hold the loose leaves of hotel registers.

It is illustrated in the accompanying drawings wherein—

Figure 1 is a plan view with parts shown in different positions in dotted lines, Fig. 2 is a cross section on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1, Fig. 3 is a cross section on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1.

Like parts are indicated by the same letter in all the figures.

A is the table on which the leaf is to rest and it has preferably on its upper side a smooth finished surface and on its lower side a yielding cushion B. This may be of green baize or other material.

C is a holder flap hinged at D, D to the edge of the table and adapted to fold over onto the same, as indicated in dotted lines. In the sample of my invention illustrated in the drawing, this holder flap is provided with the sockets E E adapted to receive the pegs F F on the table.

G is a loose leaf perforated at H H to be received onto the pegs. It is provided with the various ruling lines and letters and figures such as may be required for the purpose for which it is to be used. In this case it is arranged as part of a hotel register.

J is a holder flap hinged at K K to the upper edge of the table A and provided with the letters L L which coöperate with the letters on the loose leaf to in this case form the equivalent of a page of an ordinary hotel register.

It will be readily understood that I have illustrated a very simple form of my device and that various modifications thereof can be made without departing from the spirit of my invention. For example, the holder flaps which are shown as covering two complete edges, that is the upper edge might of course be the shorter or longer and could be very easily carried part way around the right hand edge and the bottom edge of the table. The main point is to have substantially all of the two edges covered by the flaps and to have the edge of

the table upon which the arm of the writer lies free from the raised flap. Of course a very thin metallic flap could be used over which the arm of the writer could lie but this would be a less satisfactory form of my invention than the one herein shown. There is in ordinary practice a distinction between the two flaps. One is associated with securing devices, while the other forms simply a cover or clamp for the otherwise free and unsecured edge of the loose leaf. These securing devices are shown as coacting pegs and sockets. Of course any other securing device could be employed, the important feature being that the loose leaf is, along one edge and preferably the left hand edge, secured not only against rising from the table but so as to prevent it from sliding upon the table. The other flap has for its principal function to prevent the sheet from rising from the table.

In ordinary hotel practice there would be at least two such loose leaf holders. One equipped with the loose leaf would be laid on the desk and the other equipped also with the loose leaf would be placed in convenient position for the clerk. As soon as the leaf on the desk is filled with the names of guests it is removed and the other placed there. The holder then goes to the proper clerk who takes out the loose leaf, notes the information contained on it, files it, puts a new loose leaf in the holder, and returns it to the clerk.

While I have thought of my invention as especially useful for hotel registers, it is obvious that any form substantially equivalent to that shown may be highly useful for many other purposes.

I have provided indicating letters on the upper flap coöperating with the indicating letters and figures on the loose leaf in the case of a hotel register so that when the parts are in position and all the letters are read they give the necessary information touching the use of the loose leaf. In this manner the loose leaf holders can be carried in stock and made in quantities, it being only necessary to add to each specimen the particular upper holding flap necessary to identify it for a special use or hotel. At the same time the loose leaves are left incomplete touching the particulars set out on such flap so that the loose leaves for any given purpose such as hotel registers can be made in vast quantities and sold for use in

connection with the holders. Any leaf thus being in effect a blank leaf and a mutilated or unfinished leaf can be used with any holder. I have alluded to this as a use for  
5 hotel registers but obviously the same principle can be employed for other purposes and so where I use the word "register" I mean to indicate broadly any loose leaf which may be designed for or is capable of  
10 having some of the printed matter placed not on the leaf but on the flap so that together they produce the desired result.

I claim:

15 1. The combination with a table of a plurality of pegs in the surface thereof along the left hand edge, a folding flap attached to said edge and having recesses therein adapted to engage said pegs and a folding flap along the top of the table.

20 2. The combination with a table of a plurality of pegs in the surface thereof along one edge, a hinged flap attached to said edge, having recesses therein adapted

to engage said pegs, said flap adapted to rest upon and be substantially parallel with the table, and a hinged flap attached to the top of the table. 25

3. The combination with a table of means for removably attaching a leaf thereto, said means comprising a plurality of leaf-engag- 30 ing flaps hinged to said table, and adapted to rest upon it and engage the leaf and a plurality of pegs in such table adapted to engage the perforations in the leaf and in one of said flaps, said flaps located at the 35 top and one side of said table.

4. A flat table having a plurality of leaf holding devices along the left hand edge, and a plurality of hinged flaps upon the left hand and upper edges of the table 40 adapted to fold over and lie upon the table and the leaf holding device.

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