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Fig. 1.

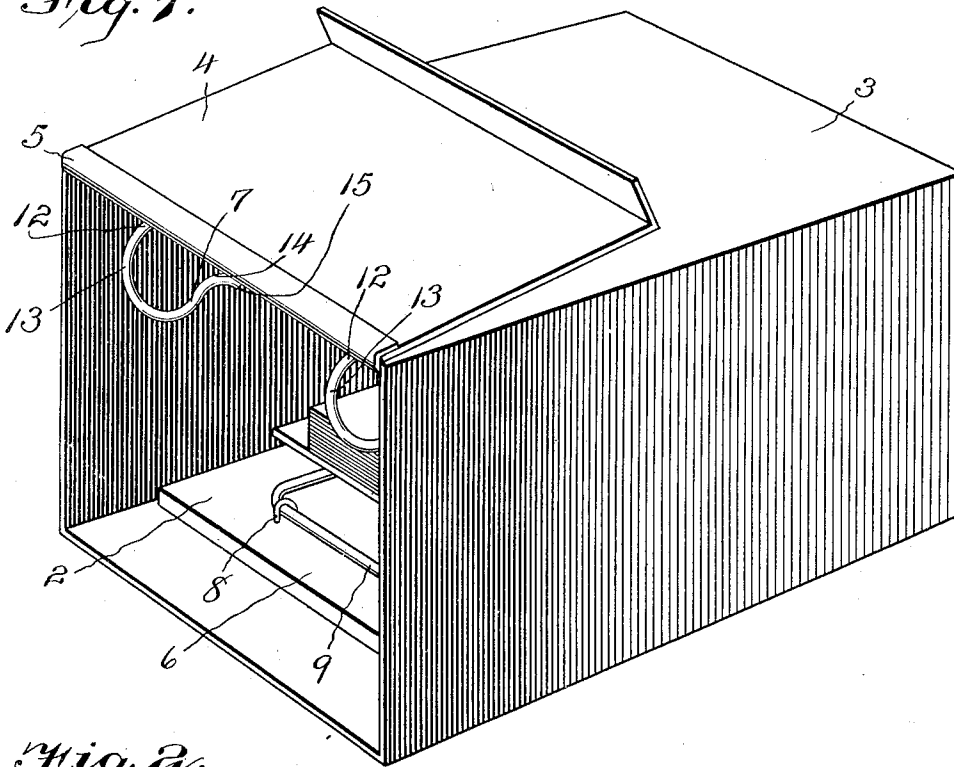
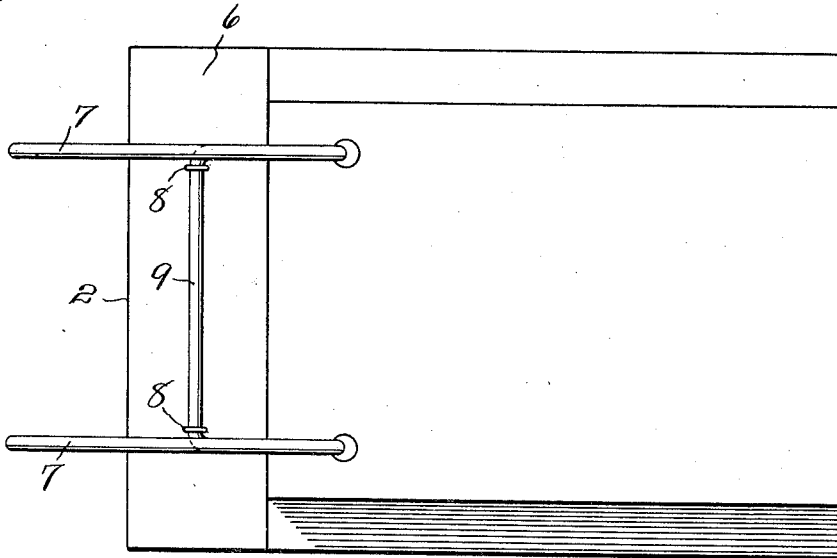


Fig. 2.



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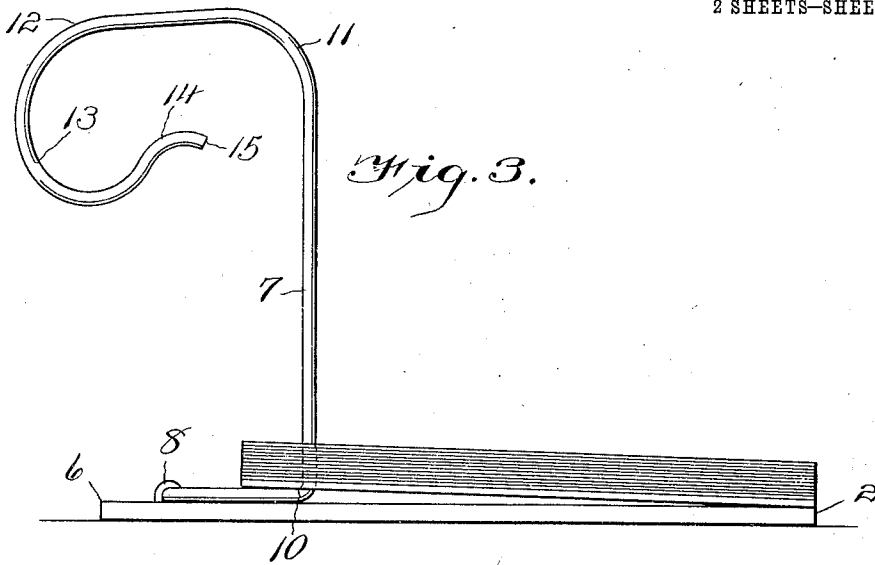


Fig. 3.

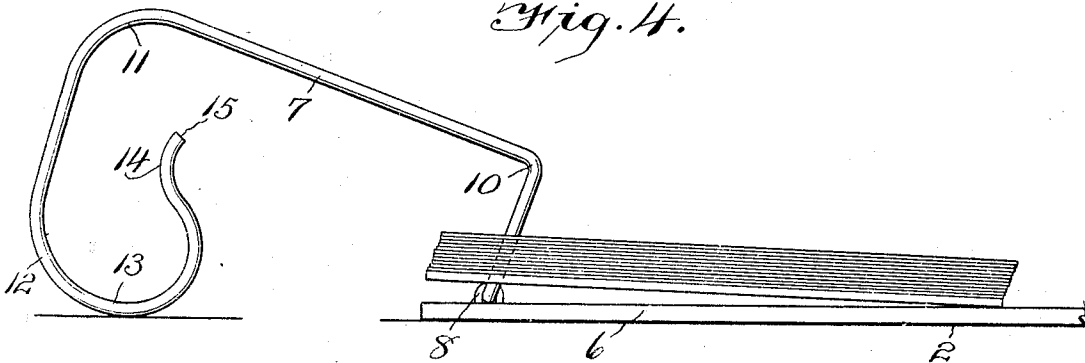


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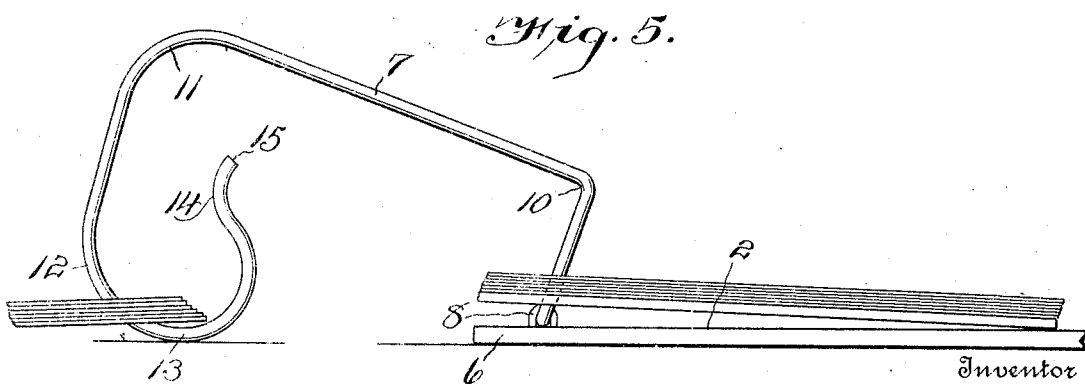


Fig. 5.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ROBERT E. LUTZ, a citizen of the United States, residing at Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Filing Devices; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to a filing device, but is more particularly adapted for the filing of physicians' prescriptions in drug stores in such manner that the said physicians' prescriptions will be preserved and maintained in an orderly, clean and sanitary condition.

The invention is also adapted to be used for the filing and preservation of any small papers, cards or the like, as will be at once apparent from the following specification taken in connection with the accompanying drawings.

With these objects in view the invention consists in the novel construction of the filing device and particularly in the shape and formation of the filing device and in the combination with the receptacle for receiving and housing the filing device and papers, cards or the like contained thereon.

Referring to the accompanying drawings: Figure 1 is a perspective view of the filing device housed within its casing. Fig. 2 is a top plan view of the filing device removed from the casing. Fig. 3 is a side elevation of the filing device illustrating its normal position within its casing and also illustrating a number of papers arranged thereon. Fig. 4 is a side elevation of the filing device showing the hinged arms swung down in position for ready examination or perusal of the papers, cards, etc., applied thereto, and Fig. 5 is a similar view illustrating the position the papers, cards and the like assume on the hinged arms when said papers, cards and the like are being perused or examined.

Like numerals of reference indicate the same parts throughout the several figures in which;

1 indicates the device which comprises the filing element 2 and its casing 3, its casing

being provided with a door 4 hinged at the top 5 of the casing, said door being of such a size as to properly close the entire front of the casing in order to exclude dust from the papers, cards or the like arranged on the filing element 2.

6 indicates a suitable board or base for the filing device and 7 indicates the hinged arms which receive the papers, cards and the like to be filed and preserved. The arms 7 are hinged to the board or base 6 preferably by staples 8 in such manner that the said arms 7 can be swung into positions illustrated in Figs. 3, 4 and 5.

The arms 7 are preferably constructed of a single piece of wire, the transverse portion 9 lying flat upon the board or base 6 and passing through the staples 8. The wire is then bent rearwardly and normally forms a base of support for the arms 7 when the said arms are in their normal position within the casing 3 and as also illustrated in Fig. 3. At the point 10 the arms 7 are bent upwardly and extend vertically to the bend or curve 11 at which point they extend forwardly and slightly downwardly as is clearly illustrated in Fig. 3. At 12 the arms are bent downwardly to form a regular curve 13, the curve being reversed at 14 and terminating at 15.

Having thus described the several parts of the invention its operation is as follows: The physicians' prescriptions, papers, cards or the like to be applied to the filing device are passed on the ends 15 of the arms 7 and are carried up and around the said arms until they reach the vertical portions thereof at which time they fall into a flat and substantially horizontal position as illustrated in Fig. 3. Any number of prescriptions, papers, cards or the like can be applied to the arms 7 in this manner until the entire vertical portions of said arms are filled as will be at once apparent from the accompanying drawings. The filing device being normally housed within the casing 3 the same is simply withdrawn in order to apply a paper, card or the like to the filing device and the same is again housed within the casing 3 to be kept in a clean, orderly and sanitary condition. When, however, it is desired to examine or peruse any or all of the papers, cards or the like contained on the arms 7 the filing device is withdrawn from the casing 3 and the arms 7 are thrown into position shown in Fig. 4, which posi-

tion does not disturb the papers, cards or the like on the arms 7 and raises the flat base portions of the arms 7 into a substantially vertical position as is clearly shown in Fig. 4. The prescriptions, papers, cards or the like contained on the arms 7 are then passed from the base 6 of the filing device up and around the arms 7 and drop into position illustrated in Fig. 5. The bending of the arms 7 as heretofore described securely and efficiently holds the papers, cards or the like in the positions illustrated in Fig. 5 until the perusal or examination of the papers or the like is completed. As soon as this has been accomplished the papers, cards or the like lying in the forward portion of the arms 7 are raised and carried back upon the base 6 of the filing device which is the position illustrated in Fig. 4, and when the examination has been completed the arms 7 are raised into their vertical or normal position as is illustrated in Fig. 3 in which position the filing device is ready to be again inserted within the casing 3.

Having thus fully described my invention it is at once apparent that the same is applicable for use as a filing device for any and all purposes where the papers, cards or the like are desired to be maintained in an orderly, clean and sanitary condition which at the same time will insure a ready removal, perusal or examination of any or all of the papers, cards and the like contained on the filing device, and which will at the same time provide for a ready application of

papers to the filing device. It will also be seen from the accompanying drawings that the shape and formation of the arms 7 absolutely preclude an accidental displacement of the papers contained on the said arms and that the casing 3 which houses the filing device insures a perfectly clean and sanitary condition of the papers, cards or the like as long as it is desired to retain the same.

Having thus fully described the invention what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States is:—

A device of the type described formed of lateral members or arms and a support therefor, said arms having upper free-end portions outstanding at right-angles therefrom and parallel to the longitudinal plane of said support, said outstanding free-end portions having reëntrant, recurved terminals, said arms having lower end right-angled portions, the outer terminals of which are connected by a transverse portion in continuation thereof, said connecting transverse portion being pivotally mounted upon said support at one end of the latter, said lower end right-angled portions resting horizontally upon said support.

In testimony whereof, I affix my signature, in presence of two witnesses.

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