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## REGISTERING CLOTH BOARD.

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(No Model.)

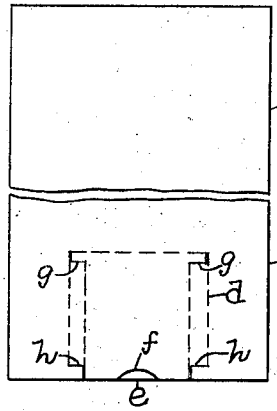



FIG. 1.

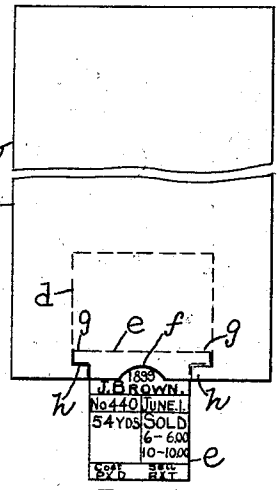



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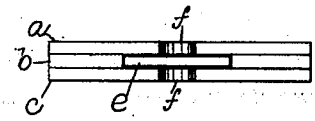



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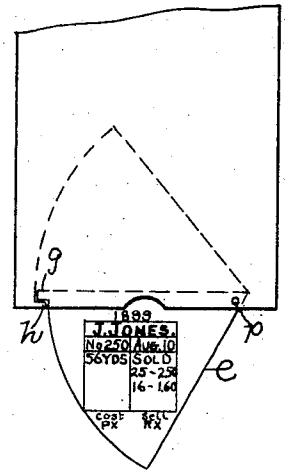



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## REGISTERING CLOTH-BOARD.

SPECIFICATION forming part of Letters Patent No. 694,001, dated February 25, 1902.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN W. CURRIER, a citizen of the United States, residing in North Troy, in the county of Orleans and State of Vermont, have invented an Improvement in Registering Cloth-Boards, of which the following description, in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a specification, like letters on the drawings representing like parts.

This invention relates to a cloth-board, and has for its object to provide the same with a card or tablet which is normally concealed from view, but which is adapted to be drawn out from the board to render it accessible for inspection and for marking thereon the number of yards sold from the piece of goods wound upon the board.

The card or tablet may be made of card or paper board, wood, or metal, which has pasted thereon a paper sheet of substantially the size of the metal card, and the said paper sheet may have printed or otherwise marked thereon the name of the seller, the number of yards in the original piece of cloth wound on the board, and a space for recording the sales from the piece of cloth. The card or tablet is secured to the cloth-board so that it normally does not project beyond the edge of the board, so as to interfere with the clamps of the cloth-winding machine, which clamps grasp the ends of the board while the latter is turned to wind the cloth thereon. The card or tablet is free to the drawn out from the board and is secured to the board in a suitable manner to prevent its being wholly detached therefrom. The card or tablet remains in its drawn-out or exposed position until positively moved into its normal position, and when in its exposed position the sale or sales may be recorded thereon, and, if desired, the receipts from such sales. In this way a check upon the clerk is obtained, for by an inspection of the registering card or tablet it may be seen at a glance how much has been sold off of the piece of cloth on the board, and if a doubt exists from an inspection of the cloth remaining on the board the sales can be verified in a short time by unwinding and measuring the piece of cloth remaining on the board. So, also, the record of sales on the card or tablet acts a check on the sales slip or check sent into the main office by the clerk. These and other features of this invention will be pointed out in the claim at the end of this specification.

Figure 1 is a plan view of a cloth-board embodying this invention with the registering card or tablet in its normal position. Fig. 2 is a like view with the registering card or tablet drawn out; Fig. 3, an end view of the cloth-board shown in Fig. 1, and Fig. 4 a plan view of a modification to be referred to.

The cloth-board shown in Figs. 1, 2, and 3 is composed of three layers *a*, *b*, and *c* of board glued or otherwise fastened together, the center board *b* having cut in it a suitable recess *d* (indicated by dotted lines, Figs. 1 and 2) for the reception of a registering card or tablet *e*. The card or tablet *e* may be made of wood, metal, cardboard, or like rigid material, and when made of metal or wood it has pasted to its upper surface a piece of paper, which forms a recording-surface for the card or tablet, upon which is printed or written the number of yards in the piece of cloth, and a space is left for the reception of the sales. The recording-surface may and preferably will also have printed or written on it the name of the seller, the identifying-number of the goods, the date on which the goods were bought, and the cost and selling prices. As an example, the card shown in Fig. 2 reads as follows: "1899, J. Brown, No. 440, June 1, 54 yards," indicating the length of the original piece of cloth on the board, "6-10," indicating the number of yards sold off of said piece, and "$6.00, $10.00," receipts from sales. The card or tablet *e* is normally inserted in the recess *d*, and its outer edge is substantially flush with the edge of the cloth-board, as shown in Fig. 1, so that the card does not interfere with the winding of the cloth thereon, but may be used the same as if the card or tablet were omitted. The cloth-board is provided with a finger notch or recess *f*, which enables the operator to readily grasp the card or tablet when it is desired to draw the same out from the board. The card or tablet *e* is free to be drawn out from the board a sufficient distance to display what is on it, but is restrained from being wholly withdrawn, which may be effected, as shown in Fig. 1, by providing the rear end of the card or tablet

with lugs or ears $g$, which engage projections or stops $h$ on the board.

In Fig. 5 I have shown the card or tablet as pivoted at $p$ to the cloth-board so as to move in the arc of a circle when drawn out or inserted into the board.

It will thus be seen that the cloth-board is provided with a recording or registering card or tablet which is normally concealed within the recessed cloth-board with its edge substantially flush with the edge of the board, and which is free to be drawn out from the board and to remain in this position until positively moved, and that the said card or tablet is provided with the number indicating the length of the original piece of cloth and with a space for the reception of the sales, and that the said card or tablet may and preferably will have on it the name of the seller, the date of purchase by him, a number identifying the piece of cloth, and the cost and selling prices. The card or tablet while effectively acting as a check on the clerk also facilitates the taking of stock by the firm or house, as the length of piece unsold is made known by an inspection of the card or tablet. I prefer that the recording-surface of the card should be separate from the card; but when the card or tablet is composed of paper or like board its upper surface may then be used as the recording-surface.

I claim—

As an improved article of manufacture, a cloth-board having a recess extending inwardly from one end, a card or tablet adapted to move in and out of said recess and provided at its inner end with a lug or projection and a stop at the outer end of the recess in the path of the said lug or projection to limit the outward movement of the tablet; substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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