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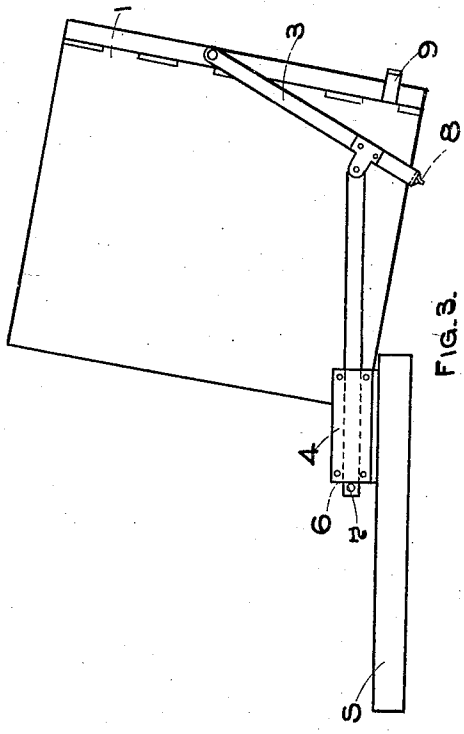


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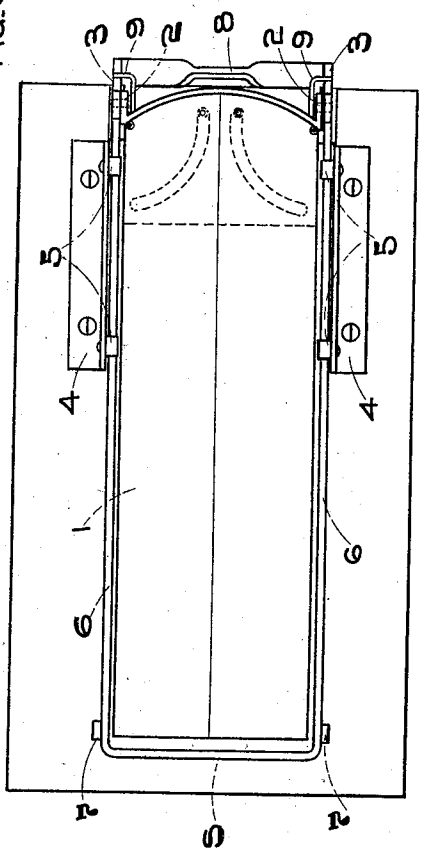


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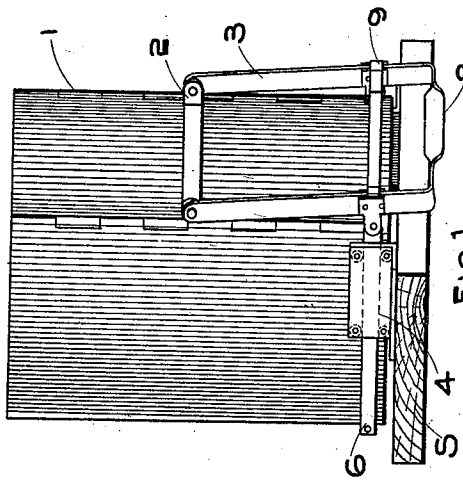


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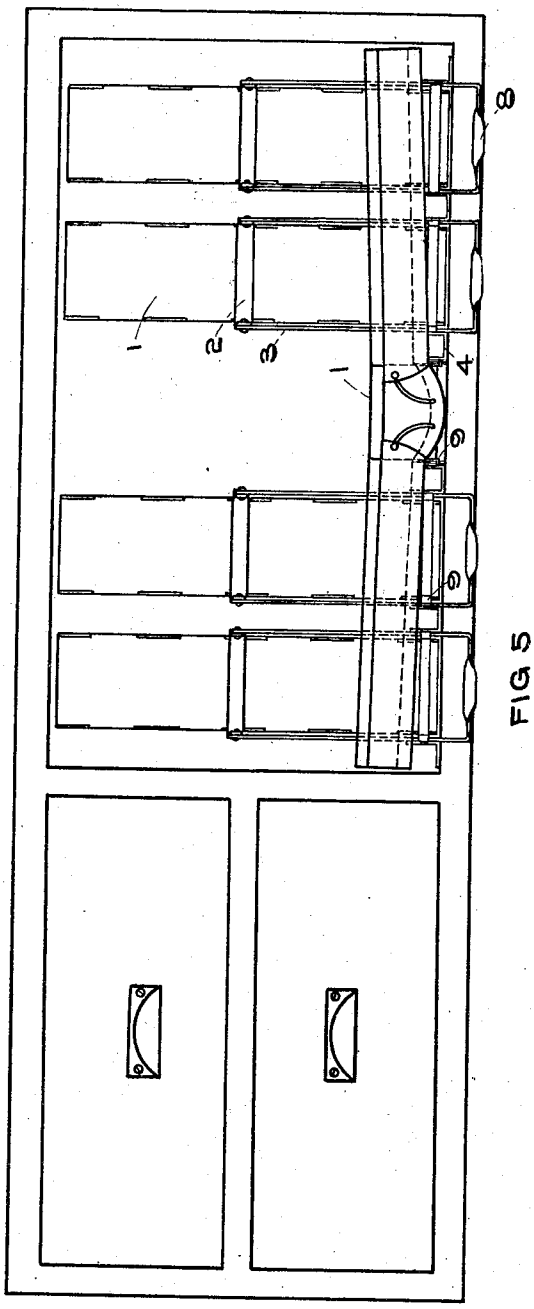


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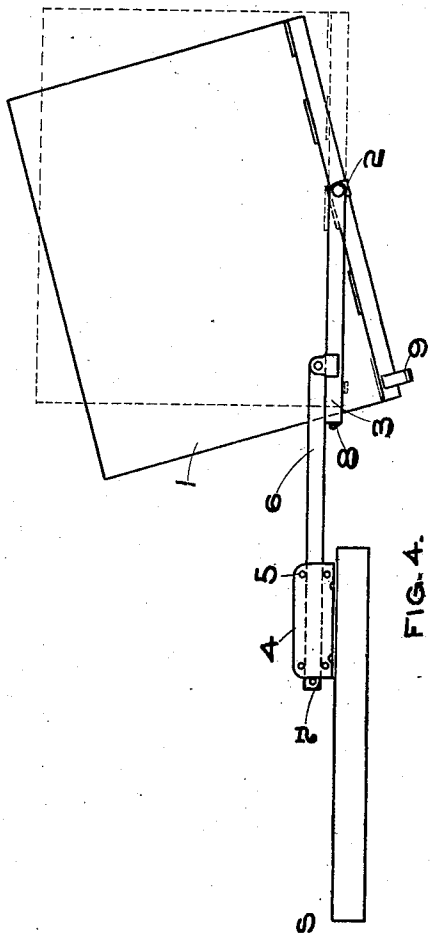


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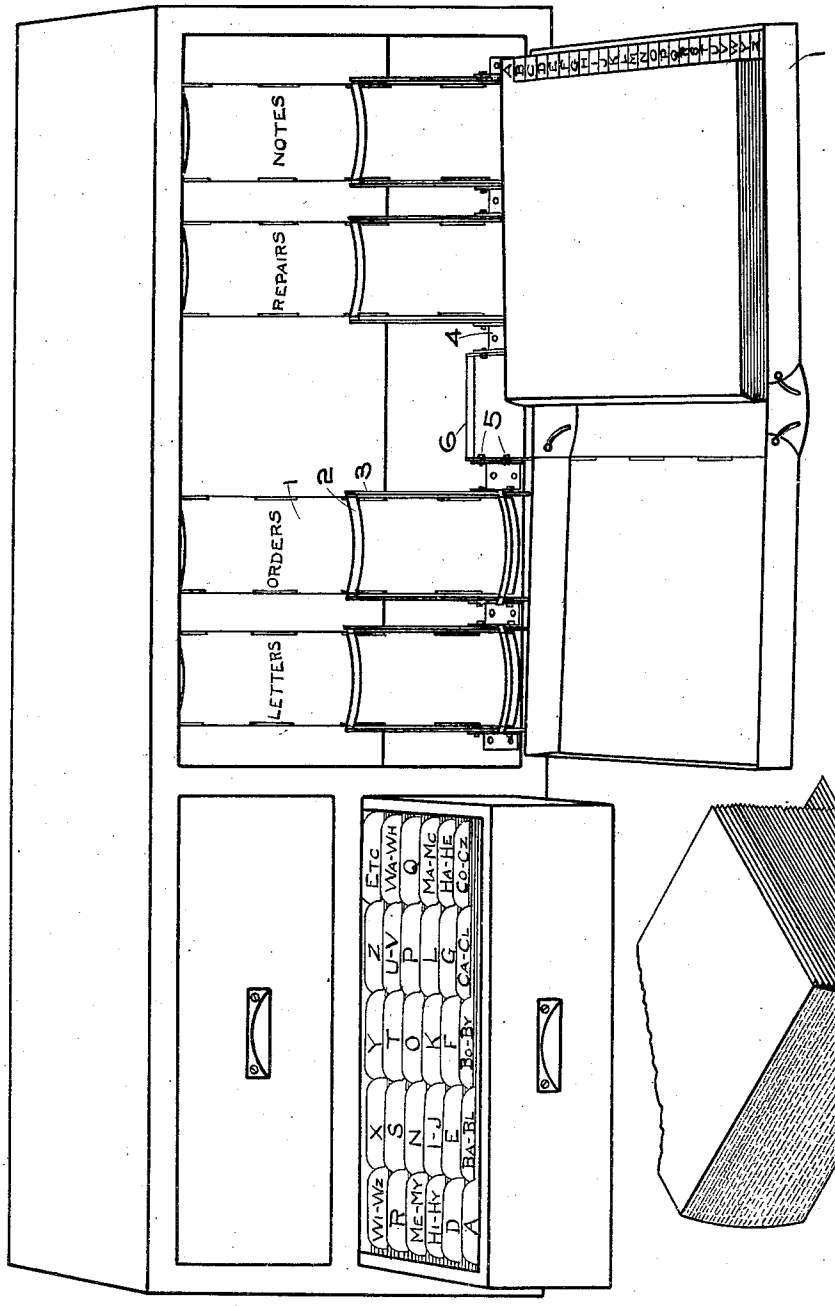


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, NELLIS HARRY FULTON, citizen of the United States, residing at Franklin, in the county of Venango and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Filing Devices, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawing.

My invention relates to an improved filing device for filing letters, documents, clippings, catalogues and like matter.

The construction and adaptation of my device is herein fully set forth, reference being had to the accompanying drawings which form a part hereof and in which:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved file. Fig. 2 is a plan view of same. Fig. 3 is a side elevation of my file, partly drawn out from the shelf or cabinet. Fig. 4 is a side elevation of same, as it is being placed in a position for opening. Fig. 5 shows a number of my files mounted in a cabinet,—one of the files being open in the reference position. Fig. 6 is a perspective view of a cabinet showing an arrangement of my files therein, one of the files being open, showing an index in the same, and in the open drawer is shown a card index wherein is listed the contents of the several files. Fig. 7 is a perspective view of the file index.

The construction of my improved filing device is substantially as follows:

I construct a case 1 preferably of sheet metal, of a rectangular shape, preferably conforming closely in shape to that of a book, the sides of which case are hinged at the outer edges or corners of the back, so that the case may be opened as shown in Figs. 5 and 6.

It will be readily seen that each side of the case embodies a portion of the top, bottom and front walls, that the parting line is at the center of said walls, and that the respective hinge lines are at the back corners, so that each side is hinged at its abutting corner of the back.

To the back of the case, at each side thereof, is attached a clip 2—2, to each of which clips is hinged one end of the stirrup 3. Said stirrup extends downward with its lower closed end positioned a short distance below the bottom of the case 1. Its lower end is formed into a handle 8.

To the shelf S upon which my file is mounted are secured two brackets 4, having upon their opposing faces a number of pins or studs 5. Between said brackets is mounted a fork 6, to slide horizontally, said fork being supported vertically by said studs, which are placed both above and below each arm. The open end of said fork is outward and the extremities of the arms thereof are hinged, one to each arm of the stirrup 3, approximate to the lower closed end of said stirrup. At the inner end of fork 6, upon the outside of each arm thereof, is placed a pin 7—7, adapted to contact with the inner end of bracket 4, as shown in Fig. 3, to stop said fork in the position there shown, that it may not be disengaged from said brackets.

Upon the back of the receptacle, at each side thereof, is attached a lug or stop 9, adapted to contact with the outer edge of the stirrup 3, for the purpose of preventing the top end of the file from swinging down too far when the file is tilted down to be opened.

From the construction above set forth, it will be readily understood that the filing case, thus mounted, will slide freely upon the shelf to which it is affixed.

When my file is to be opened for reference, it is drawn out first to the position shown in Fig. 3, the case is then tilted down as shown in Fig. 4, then to the position shown in dotted lines in Fig. 4, then it is opened in a bookwise manner, as shown in Fig. 5 or 6. In this position, the interior of the case is very accessible, and the contents thereof may be readily inspected, and the necessity of taking the file to some other shelf or table to inspect its contents is wholly obviated, as my device, when drawn out, and opened, constitutes a roomy and convenient means upon which to spread out and inspect its contents.

Upon the interior of my filing case, I place a specially constructed index, see Figs. 6 and 7, which consists of a number of leaves, indexed at the outer edge, and attached together at the back edge, so that there is a considerable space between the leaves, for the reception of letters or other matter, and this serves not only as a convenient means of locating its contained matter, but prevents

its contents from becoming scattered, when the file is being opened.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:—

A filing device consisting of a closed receptacle of a book-shaped construction and adapted to be opened in a book-wise manner, in combination with means for swingingly and slidingly mounting the same in a suitable support.

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

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