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Fig. 1.

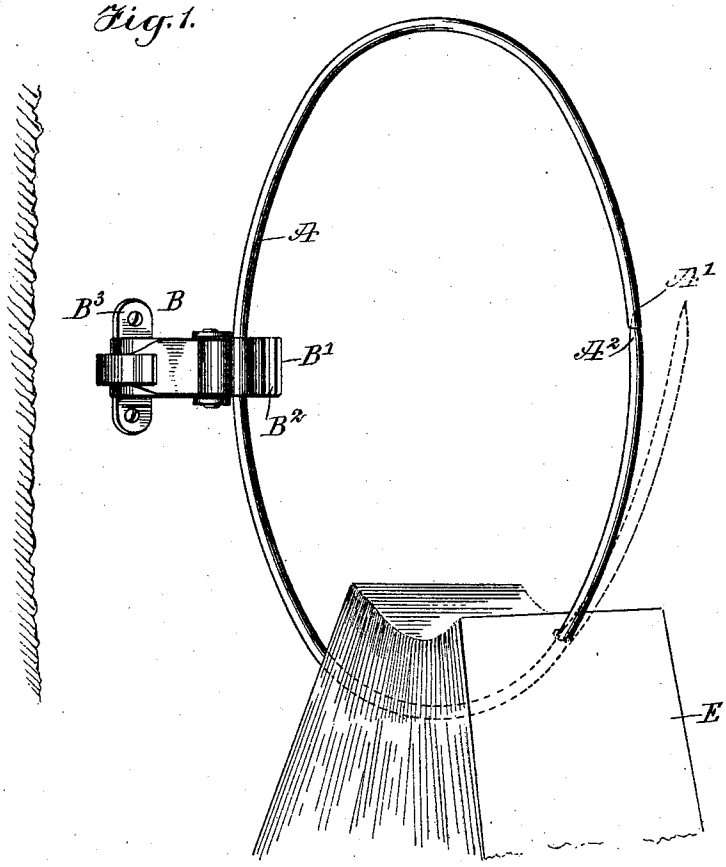
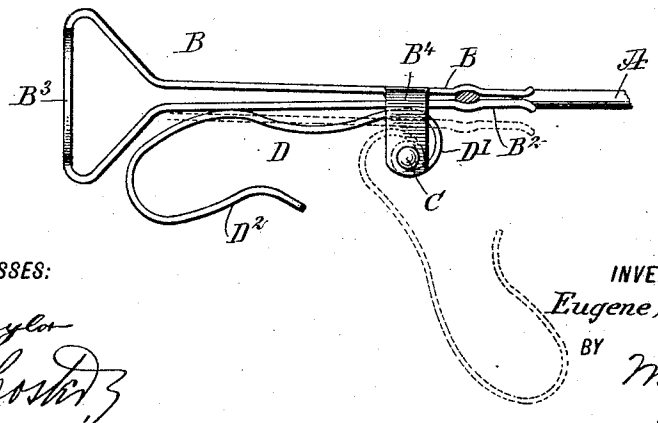


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EUGENE STEBBINGS, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Spencer, in the county of Clay and State of Iowa, have invented a new and Improved File for Papers, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The invention relates to that class of files for papers—such as bills and letters—having a loop for holding the papers; and the object of the invention is to provide a new and improved paper file which is simple and durable in construction and arranged to hold a large number of papers, to permit of conveniently placing the papers in position on the file-loop or removing any one of the papers from the file-loop without disturbing the others, and to allow ready detaching of the file-loop and its contents from its support or replacing the same whenever it is desired to do so.

The invention consists of novel features and parts and combinations of the same which will be more fully described hereinafter and pointed out in the claims.

A practical embodiment of the invention is represented in the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in both views.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improvement as applied; and Fig. 2 is an enlarged plan view of the improvement, the file-loop being shown in section.

The file-loop A, made of metal or other suitable material, is adapted to be clamped between the jaws B′, B² of a bracket B, having its base B³ arranged for attachment to a wall or other support, as will be readily understood by reference to Fig. 1. From the jaw B′ extend lugs B⁴, carrying a pivot C, on which is fulcrumed a cam-lever D, provided with a cam portion D′ adapted to engage the outer face of the jaw B² so as to swing the same into a closed position with a view to clamp the file-loop A securely in position between the jaws B′ and B².

As illustrated in the drawings, the file-loop A has the portion to be clamped preferably flattened at opposite sides so as to insure a proper gripping of the jaws B′ and B² on the flattened sides to firmly hold the file-loop A in position.

The jaws B′ and B² extend integrally from the base B³, as shown in Fig. 2, and the jaws are normally in an open position, owing to their own resiliency, and the jaws are swung into a closed position when moving the lever D into a rearmost position, as shown in the drawings. When the cam-lever D is in a closed position it rests against the rear portion of the jaw B², and when the lever D is swung into an open position, its cam portion D′ releases the jaw B²; then the handle end D² of the lever D abuts against the forward end of the jaw B² to limit the swinging motion of the cam-lever. It is understood that when the cam-lever D is swung into an open position, the jaws B′ and B² open by their own resiliency to release the file-loop A.

The file-loop A, as shown in the drawings, is preferably made oval and adapted to open, one end A′ being in the form of a socket adapted to receive the point A² formed on the other end of the file loop. When the point A² is disengaged from the socket A′, the resiliency of the file-loop will swing the ends apart so that bills, letters or other papers E can be readily passed over the pointed end A² onto the file-loop; and when the papers are in place, the point A² is re-engaged with the socket A′ to close the file-loop and thus prevent the papers E from becoming accidentally detached from the file.

Whenever it is desired to remove the file-loop A and its contents from the bracket B, it is only necessary for the operator to swing the cam-lever D into an open position and release the file-loop A from the jaws B′ and B². When it is desired to replace the file-loop in position on the bracket, it is only necessary to pass the file-loop between the jaws B′ and B² and then swing the cam-lever D back into a closed position, to cause the jaws B′ and B² to firmly grip the loop A at one side thereof.

The device is very simple and durable in construction, can be cheaply manufactured, and is not liable to easily get out of order.

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

A paper file comprising a bracket composed of a base provided with integral lugs projecting laterally therefrom and provided with openings whereby it may be attached to a support, arms projecting from the ends of the base, said arms being bent inwardly toward each other and extending from thence in parallel relation, each of said arms near the free end thereof being provided with a

groove, said grooves coacting to form a recess, and one of said arms having lugs projecting on each side of the other arm between the groove and the base, a lever pivoted in the lugs and provided with a rounded cam portion for engaging the arm adjacent thereto whereby to clamp the arms together, and a file ring within the grooves.

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

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