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Fig. 3.

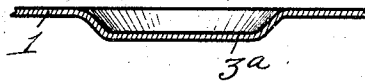


Fig. 2

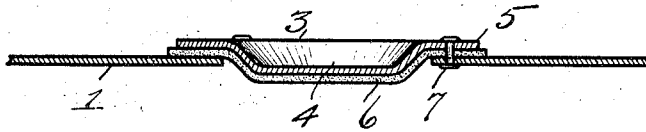
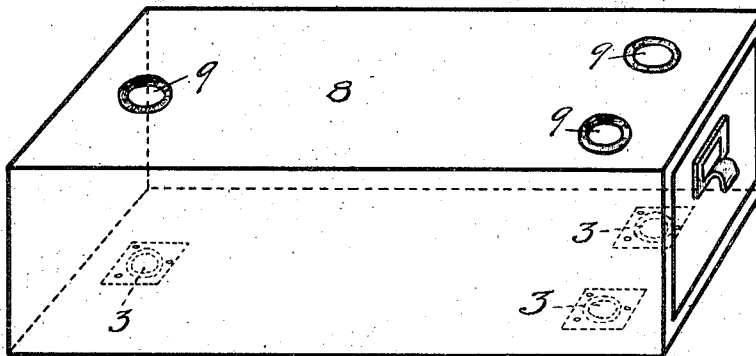


Fig. 1



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ADOLF H. SCHAFFERT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Youngstown, in the county of Mahoning and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Metal Filing Units, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to the subject of office furniture, and more particularly to filing system devices.

To this end the invention has in view a simple and novel improvement, in filing cases or filing units, which provides means whereby the said case or unit can be freely handled upon a desk or table without marring or scratching the latter, while at the same time facilitating the handling the case or unit in setting the same down upon a desk, table, or other article of furniture and in lifting it from one position to another.

Accordingly, the invention resides in a simple and practical rest which is specially applicable to metal filing units so as to provide the latter, in whatever form they may be, with rest feet or projections of such a character as to firmly and evenly support the unit upon the surface on which it is placed, while at the same time shielding the latter from injury by cutting or scratching. Also, it is the intention that the improved shielded rests shall possess the above mentioned functions wherever the filing unit may be placed or housed.

With these and other objects in view, which will readily appear to those familiar with the art, the same consists in the novel construction, combination, and arrangement of parts hereinafter pointed out, illustrated, and claimed.

In the embodiment shown in the drawings,—Figure 1 is a perspective view of a card filing unit equipped with the improvement contemplated by the present invention. Fig. 2 is a detail sectional view through one of the rest attachments in the form in which it is preferably applied to a filing unit. Fig. 3 is a detail sectional view similar to Fig. 2, but illustrating a modification that

may be resorted to in constructing the unit with rests.

Like references designate corresponding parts in the several figures of the drawings.

As indicated, the invention is applicable to filing cases or filing units of any kind or form, but is preferably employed in connection with metal filing units so as to prevent the latter from scratching or cutting surfaces upon which they may be placed. Hence, for illustrative purposes there is shown in Fig. 1 of the drawings a one-drawer filing unit or case U such as ordinarily employed for filing index cards, and to equip the same with the present invention, the bottom wall 1 of the said unit is provided at several suitably arranged points with clearance holes 2, each of which holes has associated therewith a foot piece or plate 3. This foot piece or plate 3 is preferably a metal stamping having a pressed-out rest projection 4 adapted to be placed so as to project through the clearance hole 2 therefor, and said foot piece or plate is further provided with a peripheral securing flange 5 overlying the upper surface of the bottom wall 1.

Another feature of the invention resides in externally covering the foot piece or plate 3 with a shield covering 6 of billiard cloth or other fibrous or non-scratching material that will not scratch any surface engaged thereby. This protective shield covering 6, without regard to the material of which it is made, is preferably held in place as shown in Fig. 2 of the drawings, that is to say, by having its edge portions clamped between the flange 5 of the foot piece and the upper side of the bottom wall of the unit. The several elements referred to may be secured together in any suitable way, as for instance by the rivets 7 shown in Fig. 2.

The modification of Fig. 3 suggests the expedient of providing the bottom wall 1 with rests consisting of pressed-out rest projections or feet 3^a to which a shielding covering may be applied by adhesive means or otherwise.

To provide for the stacking of units, em-

bodying the invention, the top wall 8 of each unit may have pressed into the same depressed stacking seats 9 of the same form and arrangement as the rest projections of
5 a superposed unit.

I claim:

A filing unit having a clearance hole in its bottom wall, a foot piece having a rest projection protruding through said hole and
10 a securing flange secured to the bottom wall

upon the inside thereof, and a shield covering fitting the foot piece externally and clamped between the same and said bottom wall.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my 15 signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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