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Fig. 1.

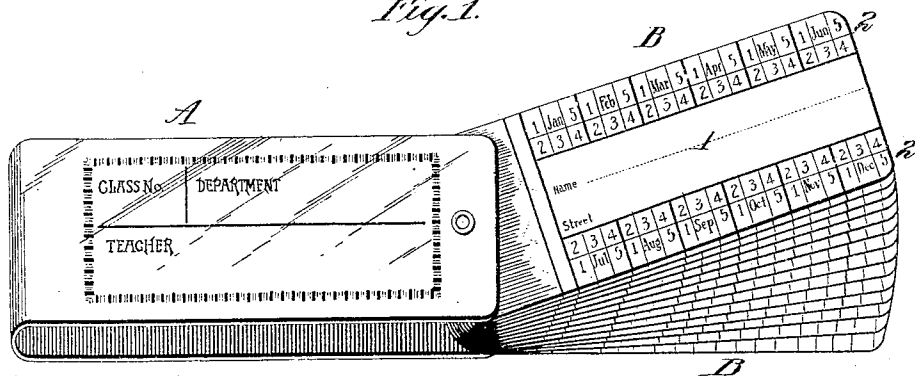


Fig. 2.

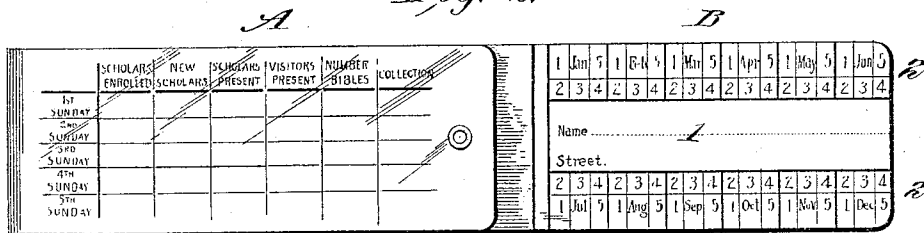
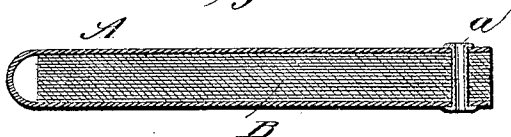


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JULIUS SIDNEY PRICE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Atlanta, in the county of Fulton and State of Georgia, have made certain new and useful Improvements in Class-Registers, of which the following is a specification.

My invention is particularly adapted to serve as a permanent class record or memorandum for Sunday-schools or other classes or societies of a similar nature. The book is composed of two parts—namely, cards or leaves having a certain degree of rigidity and a cover or protector for the same, which is constructed in U form and to which the leaves are pivoted in such manner that they may be folded within it. I have sought to combine maximum compactness with perfect security and protection for the leaves and the matter which may be inscribed thereon, as well as ready access to and manipulation of the cards.

The details of construction, arrangement, and combination of parts are as hereinafter described, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved class-register, the leaves being shown turned out of the protecting case or cover. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the opposite side of the register, the leaves being shown extended. Fig. 3 is a central longitudinal section of the register.

In the several figures, A indicates the U-shaped cover, and B the leaves, which are pivoted to the same. As shown, the pivot *a* is located near the open end of the U-shaped cover, and the leaves are made of such length and width that when folded within the cover they are flush therewith at the outer end and on both sides. The cover is made of flexible material—such as silicate cardboard, celluloid, aluminium, or other light material—and preferably such as permits pencil-marks to be erased therefrom.

As shown in Fig. 1, one side of the cover A is inscribed with the words "Class No.," "Department," and "Teacher," these different designations being arranged in spaces which are separated from each other by lines. The opposite side of the cover (see Fig. 2) is ruled in lines at right angles to each other, and the several transverse divisions are indicated by the following heads: "Scholars Enrolled," "New Scholars," "Scholars Present," "Visitors Present," "Number Bibles," "Collection," while the longitudinal spaces have the

following heads: "1st Sunday," "2d Sunday," "3d Sunday," "4th Sunday," "5th Sunday."

The form shown in Fig. 1 when filled out shows at a glance to what class, department, or teacher the register belongs without reference to inside. The opposite side of cover (shown in Fig. 2) is for receiving the record of the entire class as a whole each Sunday of any month and is so arranged as to be suitable for any month in any year, and being on the outer cover the total class-record can be had at a glance, so that the general information of all classes can be readily compiled. All the leaves B are inscribed on both sides in the same manner. Thus there are three longitudinal divisions 1, 2, and 2. The central division or space 1 is intended for the name of the pupil and the street or locality where he resides, and the words "Name" and "Street" are arranged accordingly. Each of the longitudinal spaces 2 is divided by transverse lines, so as to form twelve divisions corresponding to the twelve months of the year. In the center of each division is printed the name of a month, these being arranged *seriatim* or in the natural order—as, "Jan.," "Feb.," "Mar.," &c. One of the divisions 2 contains the abbreviations indicating the last six months of the year, and the second division 2 has the abbreviations indicating the last six months of the year. In each of the month-divisions, in which the name of a month is indicated, are also placed the numerals "1 2 3 4 5," which have reference to the Sundays that occur or may be in any single month.

It will be seen that a record of the scholars as a whole class is kept on the back of the cover, which is illustrated in Fig. 2, and that on each side of each of the leaves B in the space 1 is written the name of one of the scholars or pupils, together with his address. Thus on said cards or leaves is kept the individual record of each scholar, the record of an absent scholar being designated or noted, for instance, by crossing the numeral representing the Sunday in the month that such scholar is absent. Any other information concerning each individual scholar of the class for any Sunday may be shown in a similar way by signs or initials marked on the numerals representing the Sunday on which information is desired to be made or recorded—as, for instance, "A," (for absent,) "B," (brought Bible,) "C," (a collection,) "E," (entered class,) &c. Therefore the cards or leaves are de-

signed for the names and addresses and for recording the individual record of each scholar, while the cover holding the cards is arranged to receive the combined or collective report 5 of the class as a whole for each Sunday of the month, the records of the individuals on the leaves within case being for the information of the teacher, and the consolidated record of the class on back of cover is primarily for the 10 secretary of the school for the compilation of his general record of all classes. Thus a means is provided for a complete record of the individual scholar and also for the whole class collectively. Thus this central division 1 has 15 special reference to the portion of the record of register which is inscribed on the cover, in that the record on cover is compiled from the individual record on cards within the case or cover. It will be seen that I have thus provided 20 means for a record for scholars attending a class or school by Sundays, the same being adapted for use year after year, also that a complete year's attendance may be obtained by the blanks, since the record is grouped into 25 months and Sundays, all appearing around the pupil's name.

The use of numbers "1" to "5" around or in conjunction with the names of the months instead of the actual dates of the Sundays of each month will be seen to be of special 30 advantage, so that my register has in this respect a marked superiority over others of its class. The leaves being also made of material which permits pencil-marks to be erased 35 therefrom, the record may be used over and over again, while the adaptation of the leaves to be folded within the thin light cover A insures protection of the record and the leaves as well. I thus combine the highest utility, 40 permanency, and compactness. In fact, the special grouping arrangement of the matter, taken in connection with the material of which the register will be made, enables the latter to be produced in such reduced size that it 45 may be conveniently carried in the vest-pocket or in a lady's purse.

The numbering of the Sundays of each month from "1" up instead of inserting the actual dates of the Sundays is of special 50 importance in respect to reduction of size or utilization of space, besides making the record a permanent or continuous one adapted for any year. This permanent feature makes the renewal cards each year unnecessary, as 55 well as the writing of all the names on the roll because of the change of dates in the Sundays of each year in a yearly system. Again, since pencil-marks may be readily erased the 60 dropped may be removed from the register

without the necessity of extracting or removing the cards upon which their names appear. Again, owing to the limited time for making Sunday reports it is highly important to 65 have all information accessible and in compact form, and therefore the information as to the class is placed on the exterior for reference without requiring the register to be opened or the cards to be manipulated for this purpose. Hence the secretary of the school 70 may make up the general report of the whole school from the various class-registers much more quickly than under the previous systems.

A special feature of my invention is the 75 production of the cover from a single strip of flexible material, which may be cut out in oblong rectangular form and the strip then folded over or upon itself until the ends approximate and the sides of the cover lie 80 practically parallel to the leaves which are to be pivoted between it.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters 85 Patent, is—

1. The improved class-register comprising the oblong U-shape cover formed of celluloid or other erasable material and bearing names indicating class, department, and teacher, also a series of Sundays, and headings of spaces 90 for scholars, and a record of their attendance in class, and a series of leaves formed of semi-rigid material having a space for reception of the name and address of a particular pupil, and twelve spaces which are suitably divided 95 and indicated by the names of the twelve months of the year, also numerals from "1" to "5," grouped around the name of each month and indicating the Sundays that may occur in such month, substantially as described. 100

2. The improved class-register comprising a U-shape cover having spaces with headings for indicating class-number, department, and teacher, also spaces with headings indicating a series of Sundays, and headings for spaces 105 for scholars enrolled, new scholars, scholars present, &c., and a series of thin but semi-rigid leaves which are pivoted between the ends of the cover and each provided with a space for the name of a pupil, and twelve 110 spaces distinguished by the names of the months of a year, the numerals "1" to "5" representing the Sundays being grouped around the several names of the months in the said spaces, substantially as described.

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