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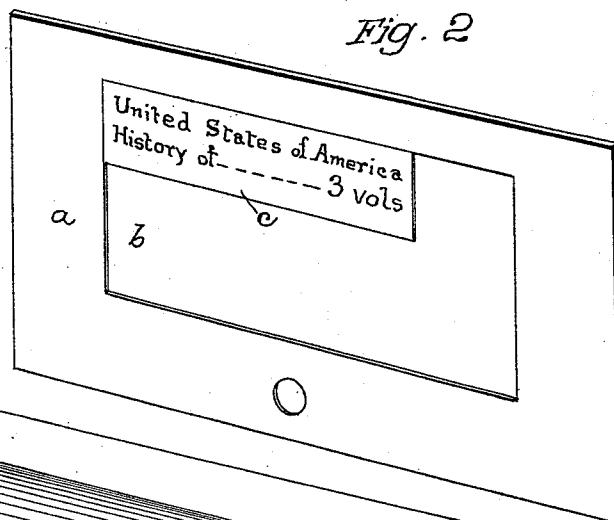
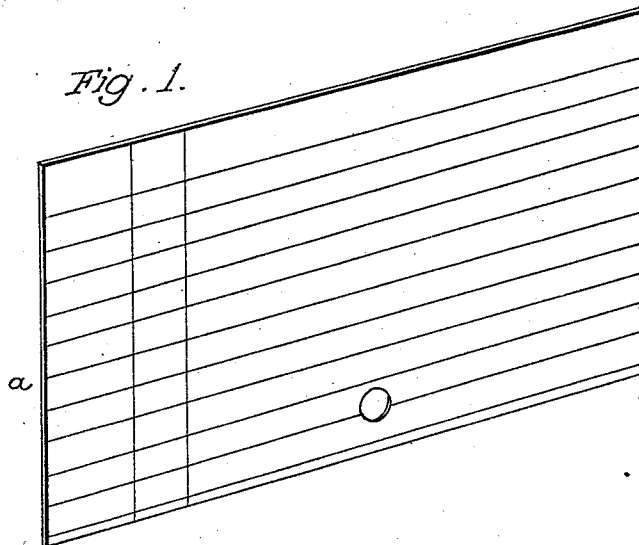
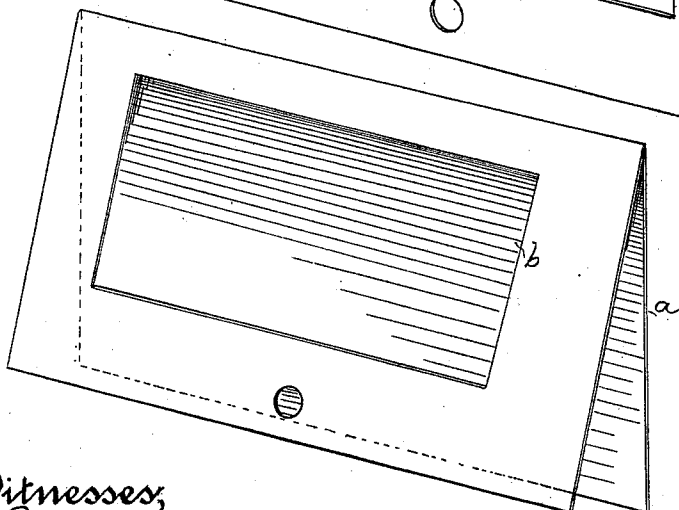


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CARD-CATALOGUE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALEXANDER J. RUDOLPH, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city and county of San Francisco, State of California, have invented an Improvement in Card-Catalogues; and I hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same.

My invention relates to improvements in what are termed "card catalogues."

It consists in certain details of construction which will be more fully explained by reference to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a view showing one face of a card. Fig. 2 is a view of the reverse side of the card showing the impression with printed matter pasted in one corner. Fig. 3, shows a blank from which the card is formed.

In the use of card catalogues, a standard size of cards are used made of bristol or heavy cardboard, ruled upon one side, and having a hole punched near the center of the lower edge. A series of cards is placed on their edges in the drawer, the side with the hole lying next the bottom of the drawer. A metal rod is passed through the front wall of the drawer and passes through all the corresponding holes in the cards, thus keeping the cards fastened in place, but movable for examination, the rod preventing any misplacement or removing of the cards from the drawer. On these cards are printed or written the subject matter, the authors, or title entry or cross reference, each of these entries on a single independent card, and all these cards are alphabetically arranged. Many of these entries could be secured from other sources already printed as in library bulletins and catalogues or in periodicals devoted to literature which publish regularly lists of titles of new publications. By utilizing this printed material, a great saving of time and legibility are secured, not to speak of greater accuracy in spelling. This printed material, however, cannot very well be pasted on the cards, as the additional thickness of the slip pasted on such cardboard, covers only a part of the space on the card, and if many cards have such printed entries pasted on, it makes them, when placed in the drawer on their edges,

bulky on the side where such entries are pasted or fastened, leaving corresponding spaces upon the other edges, so that in a very short time the corners of the cards will have a dog's-eared appearance, and they will have to be discarded and renewed. In addition to this, the cards are apt to become warped and twisted out of shape. The object of my invention is to overcome this difficulty which I do by forming an intaglio space on one side of the card of such depth as to correspond with the thickness of the printed slip *c* to be pasted upon the card. This leaves the surface of the slip of the same height with the surrounding edges of the intaglio space, and when a great number of cards are thus provided with printed slips the total thickness at the point, where the slips are pasted will be no greater than that of the outside edges. The cards will thus lie flat and smooth upon each other and will retain their shape and will not become worn or dog's-eared.

The intaglio space only appears upon one side, and the opposite side of the card is left perfectly smooth and flat so that it may be written upon in the usual way when written matter is to be used upon the card.

One method of accomplishing the desired result is by cutting out a portion of a card equal in size to the desired space and then folding the card and pasting it upon itself, one-half having the cut-away portion and being pasted upon the other half which is left intact, Fig. 3. The thickness of the half which has the cut away portion will be equal to that of the slip which is to be pasted in the space.

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

A card catalogue consisting of an independent and removable card adapted to stand on edge having one of its sides smooth and flat and ruled, and its opposite side recessed at points inside of its marginal lines sufficient by to receive a slip which is pasted therein whereby the surface of the slip will not project beyond the plane of the face of the card, said card being formed of a blank folded centrally having a portion of one of its members cut out and the two members folded upon themselves,

and pasted together, whereby the depth of the depression formed by said cut out portion is equal to the thickness of the body of the blank, and approximately equal to the
5 thickness of the slip, the whole card being formed as an integral whole, as herein described.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand.

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