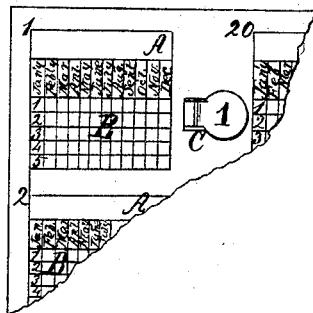


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IMPROVEMENT IN REGISTERS FOR LIBRARIES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM T. RAY, of Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and Improved Mode of Registering Sunday-School and other Libraries; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawing and checks.

The nature of my invention consists in a new and improved library-register, manufactured in book or its equivalent form, of wood, paper, gum, metal, or other substances, with a table of record, B, and blank space A above, for the name of each person obtaining a book, in connection with a slot or opening, C, opposite each name, to insert a check-number of the book taken from the library, as shown and described on the drawing.

To enable others to use my invention, I will proceed to describe its operation: First, register the name of the scholar or person in the blank space A, over the table of record, B; second, number the library-books to correspond with the number-checks; third, place the number-checks in the books bearing their corre-

sponding numbers, allowing the number ends of the checks to project; fourth, when a book is loaned remove the number-check and place it beneath the table B, through the slot or opening C, allowing the end of the number-check bearing the number to project; fifth, if a book is not returned within a given time after being loaned, make a stroke from right to left in the table of record, B, to indicate the date of loan; sixth, when a book is returned cancel the record by a similar stroke from left to right in the table of record, B, to indicate the date of return.

This mode of registering libraries will enable one librarian to perform the work of two or three persons, and keep a correct account of all books loaned and returned.

Having described the construction and operation of my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A library-register constructed, arranged, and operated in the manner herein described.

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