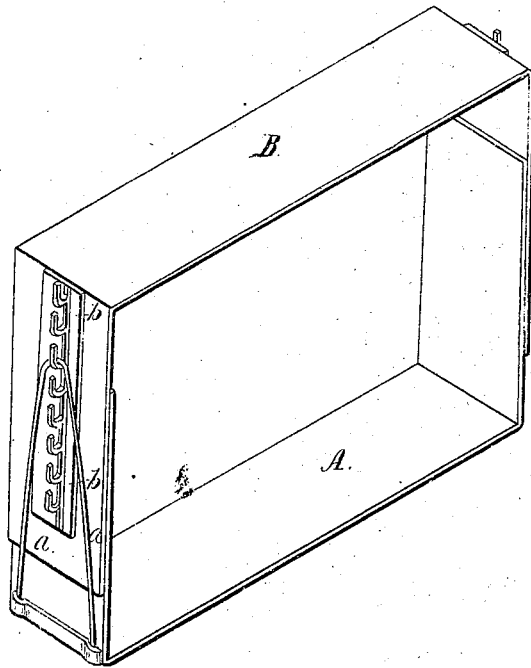


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LETTER AND PAPER FILE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, W. C. CHOATE, of Washington, in the county of Washington, in the District of Columbia, have invented a new and Improved File-Band; and I hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the construction and operation of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawing, making a part of this specification, in which the figure is a perspective view, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

The nature of my invention consists in a file-band for the purpose of filing letters or other papers in bundles.

To enable others skilled in the art to make and use my invention, I will proceed to describe its construction and operation.

I construct my file-band of brass, tin, or other metals, in two parts or sections of a square. The lower part or section, A, has an arched spring-wire hook or catch, *a*, on each

side. The upper part or section, B, has on each side a flanged piece of brass or tin, *b*, in which are notches, holes, or grooves, so formed as to receive the spring hook or catch *a*, thereby uniting the two parts or sections together, forming a square band, which incloses the letters or papers in a secure manner.

It is obvious that by changing the wire catch to different hooks or teeth of the rack the file is rendered adjustable, so as to contain a greater or smaller amount of papers, &c.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

An improved file-band formed in two parts or sections of a square, having hooks or catches, notches or holes, as herein described.

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