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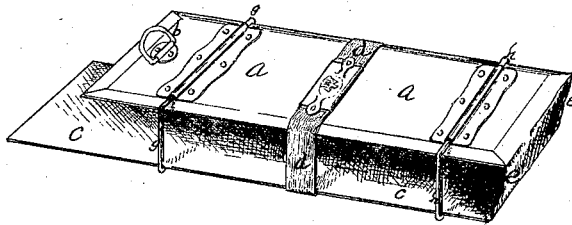


Fig. 1

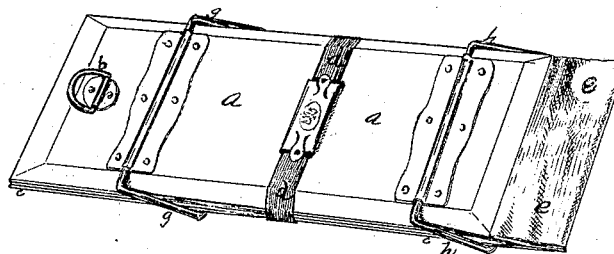


Fig. 2.

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## IMPROVEMENT IN PAPER-FILES.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same

### *To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM W. RUSSELL, of Malden, in the county of Middlesex and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and improved "Bill and Letter-Holder," of which the following, when taken in connection with the accompanying drawing, is a full and exact specification.

My invention relates to two parallel pieces, between which the papers are placed, connected by arms, as described, and held apart, when desired, by means of an elastic strap and a stiffener, as hereinafter described.

The object of my invention is to hold the top and bottom pieces of the bill-holder at a proper distance from each other, when desired, as in inserting papers, &c.

In the accompanying drawing—

Figure 1 is a view of a bill-holder, open and ready for the insertion of papers.

Figure 2 is a view of the same when closed.

*a* is the top, and

*c* the bottom piece of the bill-holder.

*b* is a handle to aid in raising the top *a*.

*d* is an elastic band, which tends to press the pieces *a c* together.

*e* is a stiffener, usually made of stiff cloth, connecting the pieces *a c*.

*g h* are arms, serving to hold the pieces at a distance apart and parallel with each other, as in fig. 1.

In practical operation, when I wish to open my bill-holder, I grasp the handle *b* with one hand and

the bottom piece *c* with the other, and pull the top piece *a* upward and rearward.

When the top piece *a* arrives beyond the greatest point of extension the rubber band *d* and stiffener *e* hold the two pieces apart, as in fig. 1.

It is then ready for the reception of papers.

The stiffener *e* is also convenient in holding the papers in place and keeping them from falling out.

I am aware that there is a device for holding bills in which the two pieces are connected by spring arms instead of two loose ones, as in my invention, and without using the stiffener *e*.

I do not claim anything covered by such inventions.

Thus, it will be readily seen that my bill-holder holds the papers tightly, can be opened easily to show the titles of the papers enclosed, and will remain open for any length of time.

Having thus described my invention,

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

The combination and arrangement of the stiffener *e*, connecting the pieces *a c* with the elastic band *d*, and two arms, *g h*, the whole being constructed and combined as and for the purposes hereinbefore set forth.

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