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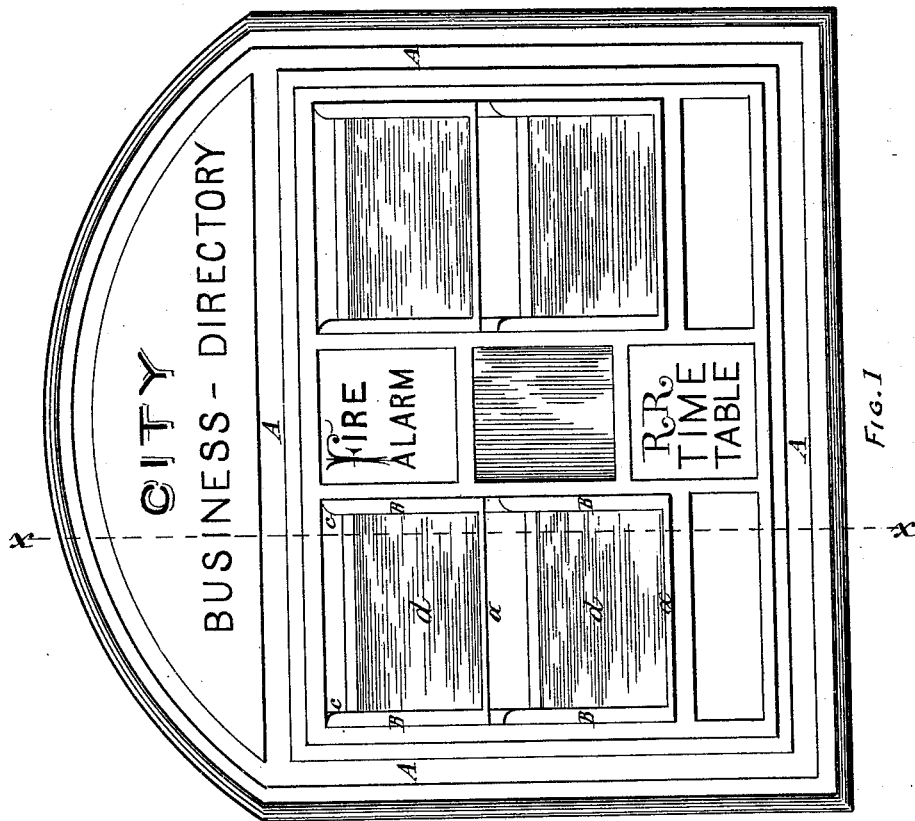


Fig. 1

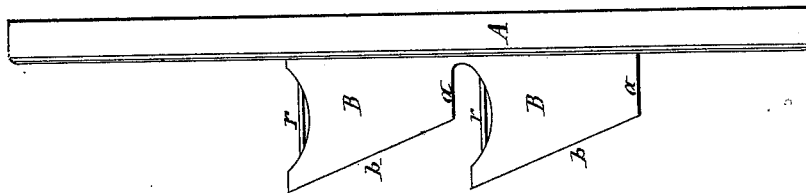


Fig. 2

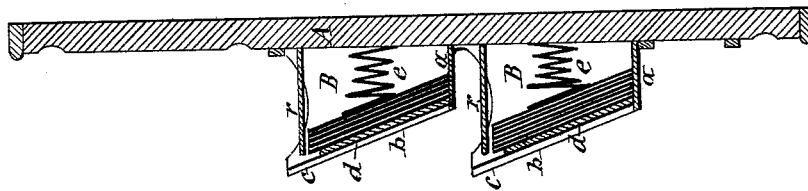


Fig. 3

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IMPROVEMENT IN ADVERTISING DEVICES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FREDERICK J. BAILEY, of the city of Syracuse, in the county of Onondaga, in the State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Advertising Devices, of which the following, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to devices designed for the display and distribution of business-cards; and it consists in a novel construction of an advertising device, having a series of pockets or receptacles for cards, which pockets are arranged compactly and convenient of access, and are thoroughly braced and capable of containing a supply of cards maintained properly and conspicuously, and protected from dust and from becoming defaced, all constructed, combined, and arranged as hereinafter fully described.

The invention is, clearly illustrated in the accompanying drawings, wherein—

Figure 1 is a front view of my improved advertising device; Fig. 2, a side view of same, and Fig. 3 a vertical section on line *x x* in Fig. 1.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

A represents a frame or tablet of any suitable material, and any desirable or requisite form and dimensions, and having connected therewith a railroad time-table, fire-alarm table, telegraph rate-table, mirror, or such other devices as tend to attract the attention of the public. To the front of this tablet are secured strips, arranged edgewise, vertically, and parallel, and cut out at their front edges, so as to form a series of brackets, B B, arranged one below the other, and connected with each other, which brackets constitute the end pieces of a series of pockets having an outward-leaning front. Horizontal strips *a*, extended from one of the vertical strips to the other, and secured to same and to the tablet A, brace the brackets B B, and form the bottoms of the respective pockets.

To the inner side of the oblique edge of the bracket B is secured a flange, *c*, against which rests a removable glass plate, *d*, constituting

the front of the card-receptacle. In the interior of the said receptacle is a spring, *e*, attached to the tablet A, and exerting its resiliency toward the front plate *d*.

The top of the card-receptacle is closed by a cover, *r*, extending from the rear to within a proper distance from the front plate *d* to allow of the withdrawal of one card at a time through the aperture at the top.

The cards are introduced in the receptacle either from the front by drawing the front plate *b* up through the aperture at the front of the cover *r* and pressing the cards in against the spring *e*, and then bringing the glass front plate down in front of the cards, or through the top by removing the cover *r*.

The receptacle being closed on all sides protects the cards from becoming soiled or defaced, and the spring *e*, compensating for the variations in the bulk of the cards, maintains the same properly and compactly arranged in the receptacle.

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

1. The within-described advertising-frame, consisting of the tablet A, having attached to its front parallel vertical strips, the front edges of which are made with excisions to form of the respective strips a series of brackets, B B, arranged one beneath the other, and connected with each other, transverse strips *a a*, arranged to form the bottoms of card-receptacles, flanges *c* on the edge of the brackets, the removable glass front *d*, and spring *e*, all constructed and combined substantially as described and shown, for the purpose set forth.

2. The combination, with the tablet A, of two or more series of brackets, B B, each series formed of a continuous strip of material, and having oblique front edges *b*, provided with flange *c*, the transverse strips *a a*, removable glass *d*, spring *e*, and cover *r*, all constructed, arranged, and combined substantially in the manner described and shown, for the purpose set forth.

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