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Fig. 2.

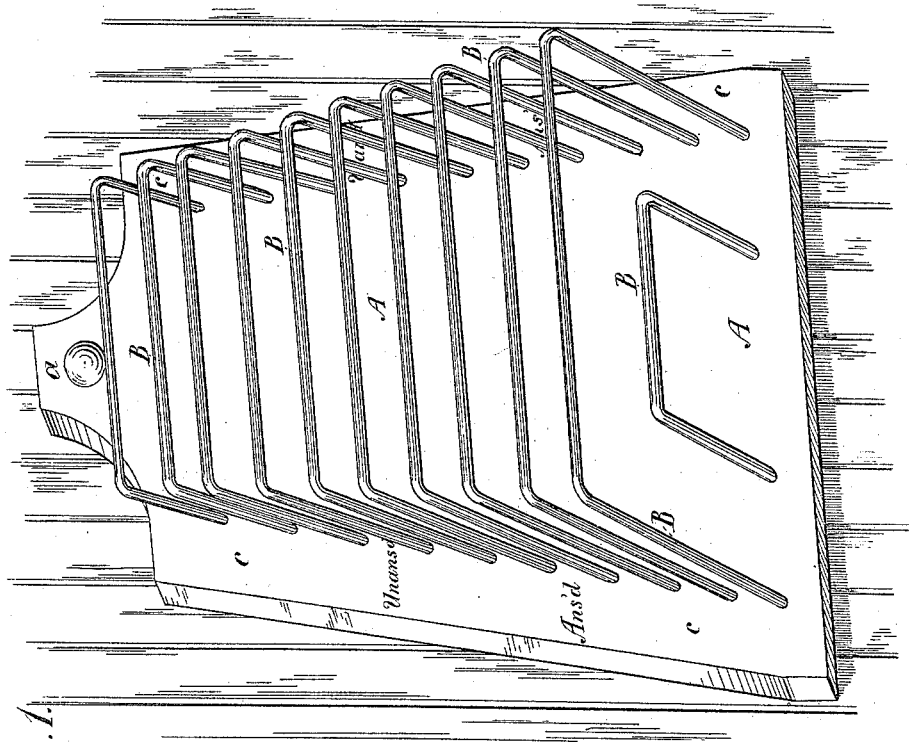
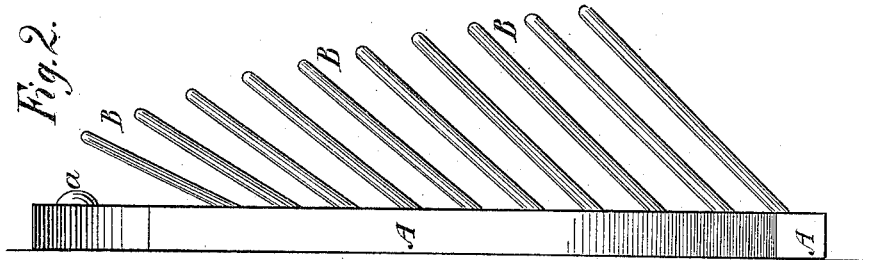


Fig. 1.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM B. BERRY, of Napa City, county of Napa, and State of California, have invented an Improvement in Paper and Letter Files; and I hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description thereof.

My invention relates to a new and useful file for papers, letters, cards, sheet-music, and other articles of similar nature, which usually lie around in disorder, and are for that reason liable to become lost or injured.

My invention consists in a series of peculiarly-arranged spaced spring brackets or frames attached to a board adapted to be suspended from the wall, and having suitable words or characters indicative of or referring to the contents of the brackets, as I shall hereinafter fully explain by reference to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my file, showing it suspended from the wall. Fig. 2 is a side view of same.

The object of my invention is to provide a simple, neat, and convenient file for holding papers, &c.

A is a board, the sides of which preferably taper toward the top. The upper end of the board is suitably beveled, rounded, curved, or otherwise ornamented, and is provided with a suitable device—such as a hole, *a*—whereby it may be suspended from a nail or hook in a wall or other upright surface.

B are the brackets or frames, made of spring-wire. These are bent, as shown, to form three sides of a quadrilateral figure with rounded corners, and having their ends secured properly to the frame in such position as to leave a space, *c*, on the face of the frame, near each edge, for suitable printing, such as is shown by the words "Answered," "Unanswered," &c. These or suitable words are to be placed opposite each bracket to designate the particular character of, or to refer to, the contents. These brackets or frames are each inclined at an acute angle with the board in order to properly hold a paper or letter, and each is separated from the other by about an equal distance, thus leaving a space for the insertion of the papers or letters. The brackets are made from wires, the length of which gradually increases from that of the top one to that of the bottom one, whereby each suc-

ceeding bracket or frame from the top down projects a greater distance from the board than its predecessor. This is for the purpose of furnishing places for different sizes of letters, papers, cards, &c. The springy character of the brackets increases their capacity, and causes them to bind on the papers, &c., inserted between them.

The papers inserted in the file may be kept separate, so that the number and date of each can be seen, and the whole bunch need not be gone over to find the desired one.

The arrangement of papers in the file can be made as neatly as desirable, and the device may be hung in the most convenient place.

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

1. A file or holder for papers, letters, cards, &c., consisting of a suitable board or frame adapted to be suspended in an upright position, and a series of spaced spring-wires forming brackets or frames secured to said board and bent upward at an angle therewith, substantially as herein described.

2. A file or holder for papers, letters, cards, &c., consisting of a board, A, adapted to be suspended in an upright position, and the spring-wires secured to the board a short distance from its edges and bent to form a series of upwardly-inclined brackets or frames, B, said brackets being separated from each other, and each projecting from the board a greater distance than the one above, substantially as and for the purpose herein described.

3. A file or holder for papers, letters, cards, &c., consisting of the board A, adapted to be suspended in an upright position, and having suitable words or characters printed upon its face near each side, said words or characters being indicative of or referring to the contents placed in line with them, and the series of inclined spaced spring brackets or frames B, secured to the board between the printed words or characters, substantially as and for the purpose herein described.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this the 10th day of April, 1884.

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