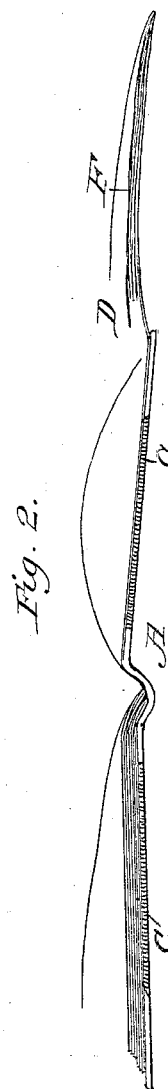
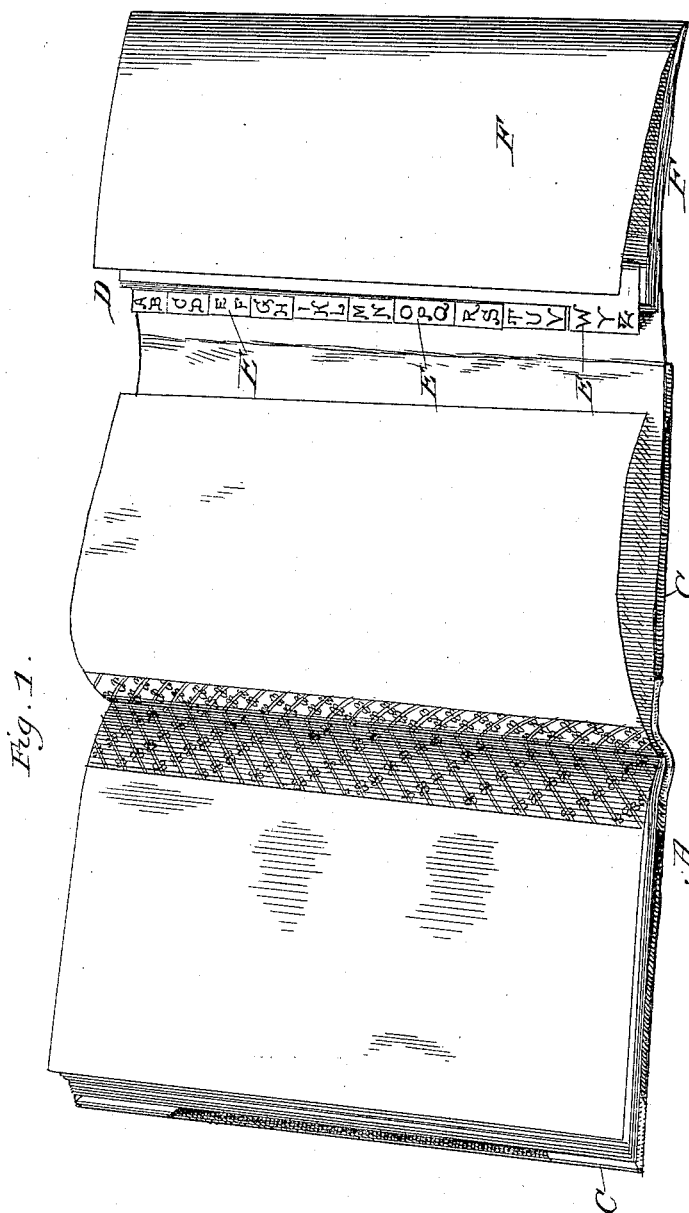


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES S. McDONALD, a citizen of the United States, residing in Chicago, county of Cook, and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Combined Book and Index, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to combined books and indices, in which the index is constructed independently of the book, but secured thereto and confined between the covers thereof when not in use, and has for its object to enable the leaves of the index to be turned over without interfering with or overlapping the leaves of the book, and also to enable the index to be brought into a convenient position for inspection, or for writing in the names or titles and page-numbers of the letters, accounts, or other entries desirable to be made in the book. To such end my invention consists in a book provided with an index flexibly connected or made in one piece with the book-cover, with its outer edge connected to the outer edge of the book-cover, whereby the index can be folded in the book or unfolded therefrom, and spread out for inspection or for entries.

In the drawings, Figure 1 shows the book open and the index unfolded therefrom. Fig. 2 is an edge view of the same.

The book A is provided with any ordinary or suitable cover, C, and can be adapted for keeping accounts, memoranda, or the like, or for letter-press copying or manifold writing. The index D for this book comprises a suitable number of leaves bound or secured in book form, and either provided along their edges with the lettered tabs E, or having their edges notched or in part cut away and lettered, as is usual in an index for a letter, copying, or account book. The outer edge of the index or of its cover F is secured to the outer edge of the book-cover, preferably by pasting, but may be in any other suitable manner. The cover F for the index constitutes an exten-

sion of one of the sides of the book-cover, and can be either made in one piece therewith, or be made separately therefrom and secured to the book-cover in any suitable way—as, for example, by extending one of its sides beyond the front edges of the index-leaves, and pasting such extended portion upon the inner face of one of the sides of the book-cover; but in either case it is necessary that there should be a flexible joint or union between the book-cover and the cover of the index-leaves, so that the index, after being closed, can be folded in the book upon the inner face of one of the sides of the cover, whereby, when the book is closed, the closed index shall lie between the cover and the leaves of the book. Where the book-cover is light and flexible, one of the sides of its cover can be extended to form a cover for the index; but where the book-cover is stiff or rigid, the index-cover can be made of some light flexible material and permanently secured to the cover. By means of such construction the leaves of the index can be turned over without interfering with or overlapping the leaves of the book, and, besides, the index can be readily unfolded from the book and spread out in a convenient position for use; or it can be folded in the book and the latter closed, so as to conceal the index; also, there will be only a slight increase in the thickness of the book, which will in all other respects present the appearance of an ordinary letter-copying, account, or other analogous book.

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

The combination of the book and index, the outer edge of the index being attached to the outer edge of the book, substantially as described.

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