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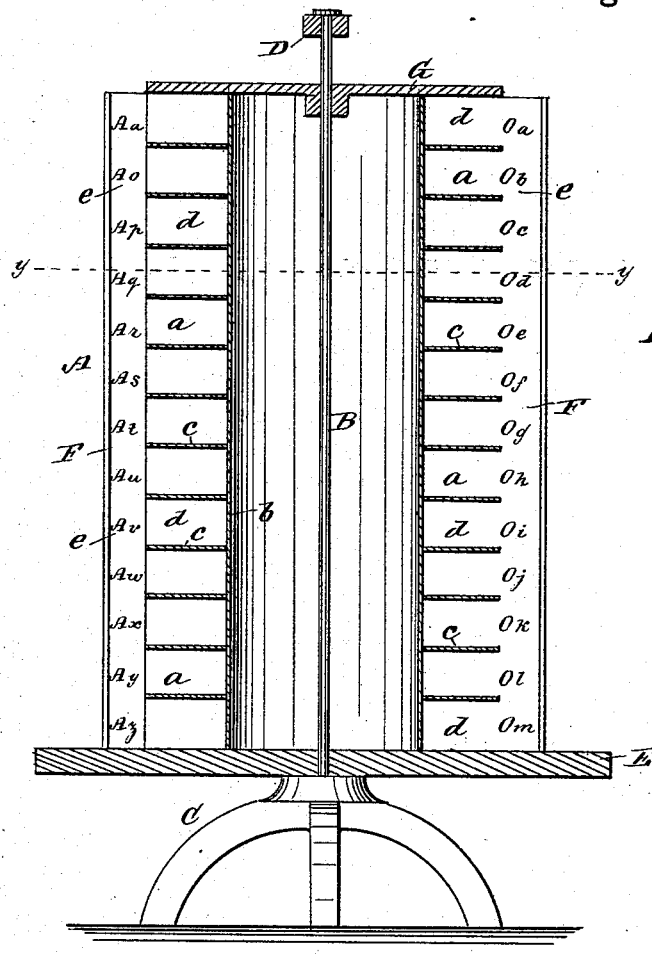


Fig. 1

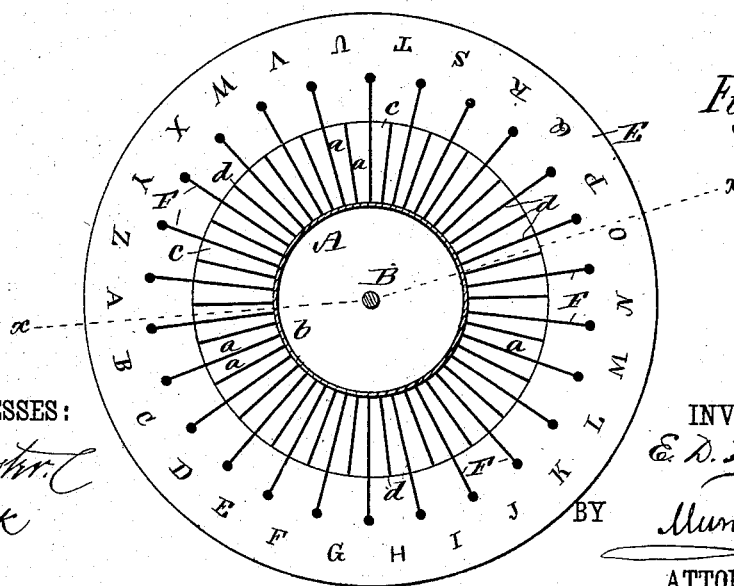


Fig. 2

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## FILE-STAND.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ERSKINE DWIGHT PARSONS, of Kansas City, in the county of Jackson and State of Missouri, have invented a new and Improved File-Stand, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The object of my invention is to provide a file-stand constructed to afford easy access to the pigeon-holes thereof and ready reference to the matter placed in the pigeon-holes.

Another object of my invention is such division of the pigeon-holes into series as will obviate confusion to the user and danger of making mistakes in filing matter away.

My invention consists of a revolving file having pigeon-holes formed in vertical series and provided with special indexes to indicate the series of pigeon-holes, and also the pigeon-holes themselves. I design to use, as indicated, two indexes, one vertically arranged alongside the pigeon-holes, the other horizontal; but either may be used without the other, if desired.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in both the figures.

Figure 1 is a sectional elevation of my new and improved file, taken on line *xx* of Fig. 2. Fig. 2 is a sectional plan view taken on line *yy* of Fig. 1.

A represents the body portion of the file-stand, constructed with pigeon-holes *aa*. This is pivoted by means of a central vertical rod, B, upon the base C, the lower end of the rod being fixed in the base and held at its upper end by a cross bar or brace, D. At the lower end of the body A is formed an annular base-board or flange, E, upon the upper surface of which are placed the indexes, to indicate the vertical rows or series of pigeon-holes. Radiating from the outer edges of the pigeon-holes are the plates F F, upon both surfaces of each of which are formed indexes corresponding with the series of pigeon-holes.

In constructing the body A, I employ a central vertical cylinder, *b*, by preference hollow, to reduce the weight, and upon the circumference of this cylinder are secured numerous annular shelves or horizontal flanges, *cc*. Between these shelves or flanges the pigeon-holes

*a* are formed by means of the vertical partitions *d*. The cylinder *d* rests upon the above-mentioned base-board E, so that this board forms the bottom of the lower set of pigeon-holes. At the upper end of the body A is placed the board or plate G, which forms the upper surface of the upper row of pigeon-holes. This top plate also serves to form the upper bearing for the vertical rod B and to center the body A thereon. The flanges F reach some distance in front of the pigeon-holes, as shown clearly in the drawings, and upon their surfaces are formed or attached the indexes *e*, the letters composing which are placed opposite their respective pigeon-holes, as shown clearly in Fig. 1; and these flanges are beaded at their outer edges to enable them to be conveniently grasped for revolving the file. While there may be a flange for each vertical set of pigeon-holes, I prefer to arrange them so that two sets of pigeon-holes will come between each pair of flanges, as shown clearly in Fig. 2. Opposite each pair of flanges F will be placed an index-letter upon the upper surface of the base board or flange E, so that these index-letters will indicate at a glance the vertical series of pigeon-holes, while the vertical indexes will indicate at a glance the pigeon-holes in each series.

The flanges F, besides furnishing index-surfaces, separate the vertical series of pigeon-holes, so that only one set will stand before the user at the same time, thus preventing confusion and avoiding to a great extent danger of mistake in filing away matter.

While my invention is adapted for individual use for filing away letters, documents, &c., it is more particularly designed for post-office use, to facilitate the distribution and delivery of general mail-matter. It may also be used with advantage by druggists and other merchants dealing in articles which may be classified by name or letter.

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

1. A revolving file-stand formed with pigeon-holes and provided with index-flanges F, reaching beyond and in front of the pigeon-holes, substantially as shown and described.

2. A revolving file-stand formed with pig-

eon-holes *a*, and provided with the vertical index-flanges *F*, reaching beyond said pigeon-holes, in combination with the bottom index board or surface, *E*, extending beyond said index-flanges, substantially as described.

3. The file-stand formed with series of pigeon-holes, and provided with plates or index-flanges extending beyond said pigeon-holes, each plate or flange dividing each pigeon-hole into compartments and having indexes upon both sides of its projecting portion, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

4. The file-stand formed with series of pigeon-holes, and provided with index plates or flanges extending beyond said pigeon-holes,

and with the bottom index board or surface extending beyond said plates or flanges, each plate or flange dividing each pigeon-hole into compartments and having indexes upon both sides of its projecting portion, and the projecting portion of the bottom board or surface having index-letters arranged thereon immediately of opposite index-letters of the plates or flanges, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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