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FIG. 2.

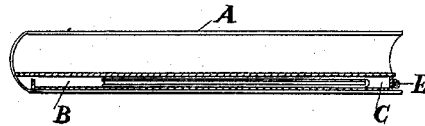
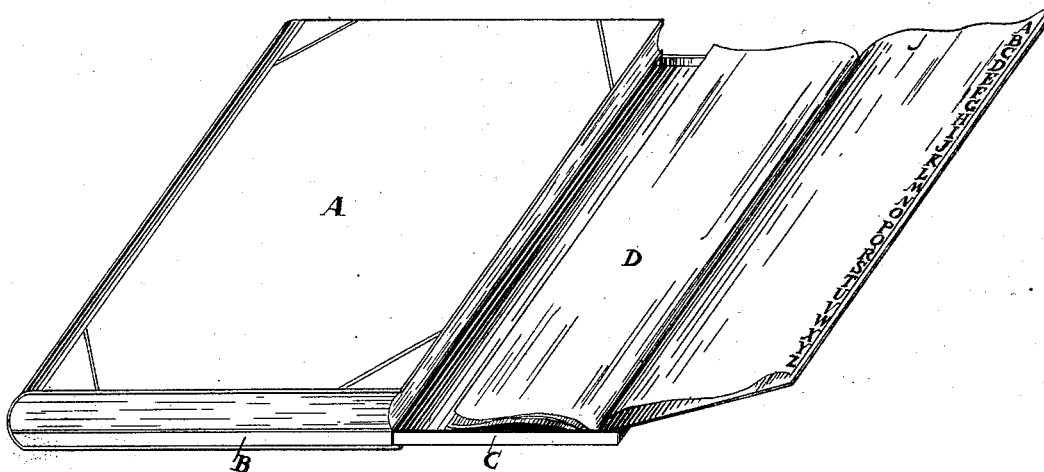


FIG. 1.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE A. PRATT, a citizen of the United States of America, and a resident of Brownsville, Yuba county, State of California, have invented new and useful Improvements in Book Indexes and Casings, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, referring to the accompanying drawings.

10 The object of my invention is to construct a ledger or other book requiring an index with a suitable casing having a drawer wherein the separate index-book is placed; or I may do without a drawer and place the index-book
15 directly in the casing. I construct my casing in such a manner that the index-book can be examined without opening the book.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the ledger-book, showing the book closed with the drawer
20 out and the index-book open. Fig. 2 is a vertical section of the same when closed.

To the inside of the cover of the ledger or other book A, I suitably secure a suitable casing B. This casing has an open end, through
25 which the drawer C operates within the casing and wherein it may be secured by means of a suitable knob and catch or lock E. Within this drawer I place the separate index-book D; but I do not confine myself to
30 the use of a drawer wherein my index-book is placed, as I may do without a drawer and place the index-book directly into the casing B, in which condition the lower cover of the index-book may be constructed wider than
35 the upper cover and the index-book for the purpose of holding by this wider section of the cover the index-book to the sides of the casing B.

In operating my device I lay the ledger-book on the table with the casing B nearest
40 the table, and by taking hold of the knob-catch E, I am able to pull the drawer C sufficiently out to enable me to open and examine the index-book D without taking the same from the drawer or opening the ledger-book. 45

In case I desire to examine the index-books of several of my improved ledger-books which are piled on top of each other, then I pull the drawer of each book out and examine the index-book without disturbing the large books. 50

I am aware that a photograph-album has been provided with a receptacle in one of its covers, and such matter is not of my invention.

Having thus fully described my invention, 55 what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The book A, having casing B and a drawer C, substantially as and for the purpose set forth. 60

2. The book A, having casing B, drawer C, and an index-book D, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

3. A book having a casing in its cover closed on both sides and open at the front edge of
55 said cover, the casing being adapted to receive the index without moving the book or its cover, substantially as described.

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