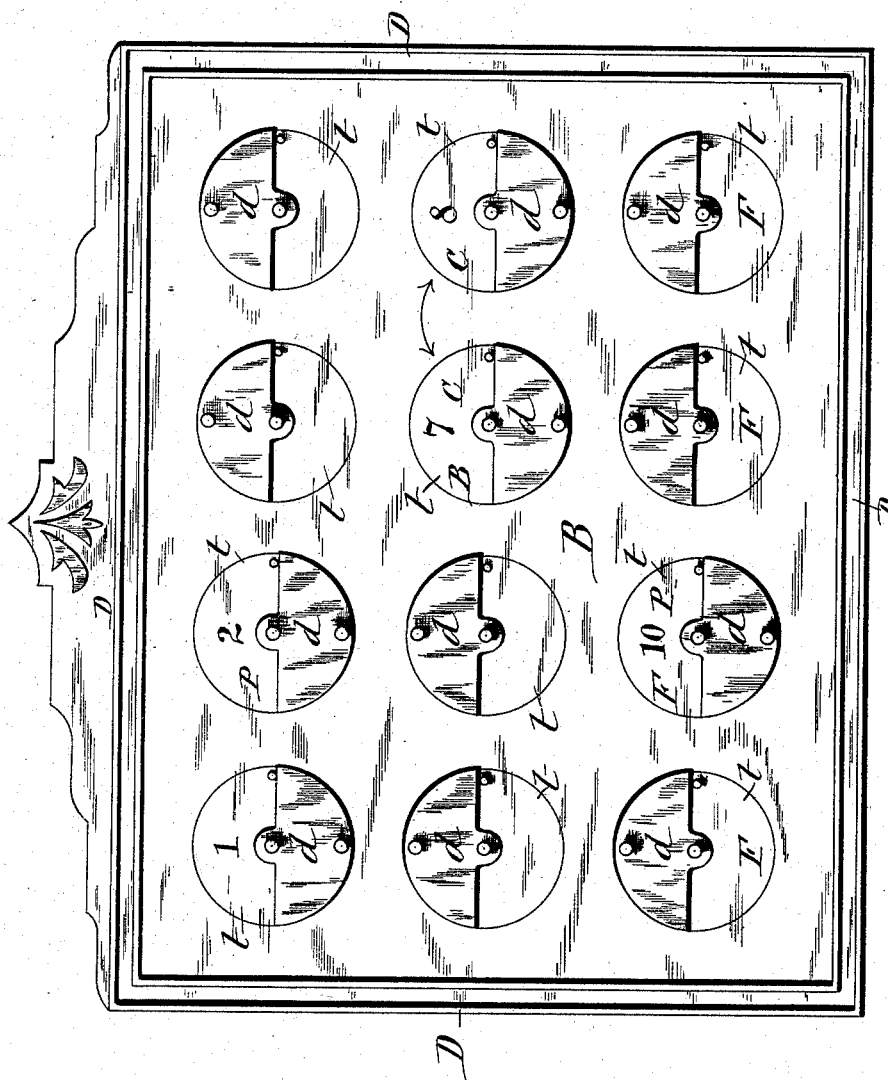


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## ROOM-CHART FOR HOTELS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ADIN H. LEACH, of Marathon, in the county of Cortland, in the State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Room-Charts for Hotels, &c., of which the following, taken in connection with the accompanying drawing, is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to room charts for hotels and other buildings of a like character having a large number of rooms; and the principal object is to provide a cheap and simple device, whereby the clerk or other person in charge of the office may quickly and readily ascertain which of the rooms are vacant; the location of the same, and also the price and capacity of accommodation and convenience of said rooms.

With this object in view the invention consists essentially in the novel construction of the room-chart herein described and pointed out in the claim.

In the accompanying drawing—the figure represents a front view of my improved room chart.

Referring to the drawing: The letter B indicates the body of the chart, which may be made of any suitable material and set into a frame or ornamented by a molding, D, as may be preferred. The surface of the body B is provided with a number of indicating tablets *tt* representing the various guest and other rooms of the house. Said tablets may be of any desired shape, but are preferably circular, as shown in the drawing, and they may be either printed or otherwise marked in the surface of said body, or they may be formed separately and attached in any suitable manner. Each of said tablets is numbered corresponding to the number of the room it represents, and in order to enable a person to readily and quickly ascertain if the room is occupied or vacant I provide the tablet with a suitable movable indicator, *d*, preferably in the form of a semi-circular disk, which is placed concentric over the tablet and pivoted thereon, so as to allow it to cover the number or other representation marked on the tablet indicating occupancy of the room.

The clerk or other person in charge of the office of the hotel or other building turns the indicator-disk *d* down over the indicating matter as soon as the room is engaged by a guest, thus indicating that that particular room is occupied. Hence when the said disk is turned down, as just described, it indicates that the room is occupied or engaged, and when it is turned up so as to cover the number of the room, it clearly indicates that the room is to be let.

In addition to indicating the vacancy or occupancy of the rooms, I further apply to the tablets certain other matter indicating the location of the various rooms, their prices, and capacity of accommodation and convenience. This indicating matter consists simply of letter marks on the tablets, or in proximity thereto, as, for instance, the letters "F," "F" would indicate that the rooms are located in the front part of the house; the letters "C," "C" that two or more rooms are communicating rooms; the letter "B" that the room is connected with a bath-room, and the letter "P" that a parlor is connected with the room.

The great utility and convenience of a room-chart constructed in accordance with my invention will be readily appreciated by those who have charge of offices in large hotels.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim is—

A room chart or indicator, consisting of a suitable case or cabinet, having a series of non-revoluble disks secured thereto and having any specified indicia on the respective faces thereof, semi-circular disks centrally pivoted thereon, handles on the same to actuate them, and stops on each fixed disk to permit but the semi-rotation of the semi-circular disks, to disclose or conceal a portion of the indicia, substantially as specified.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name this 28th day of September, 1892.

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