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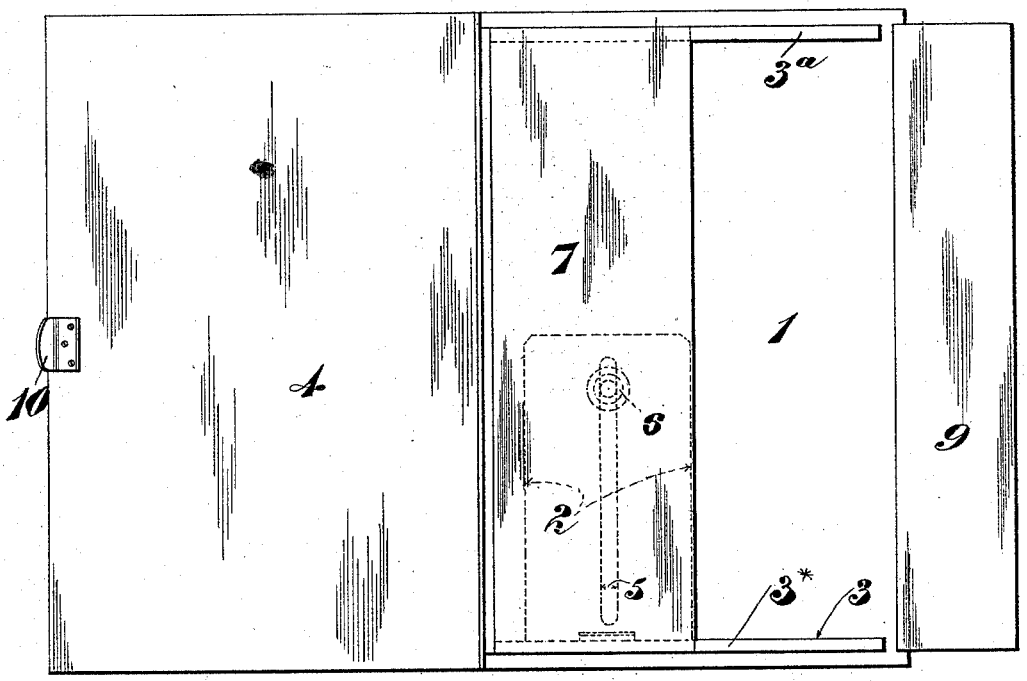

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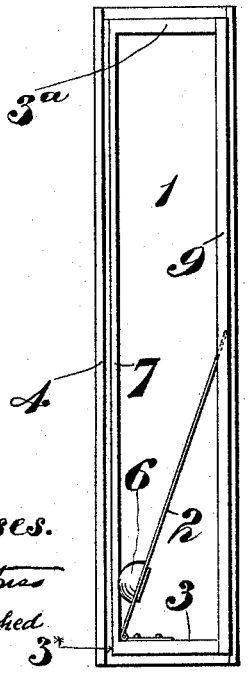

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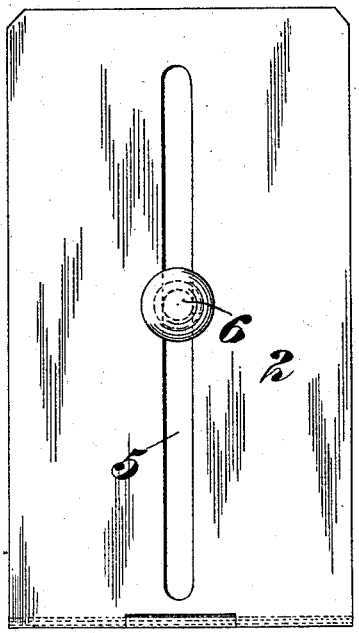

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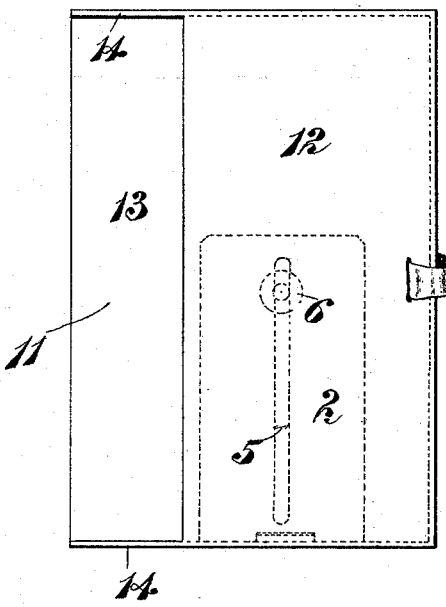

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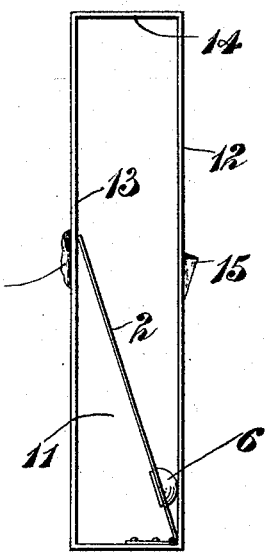

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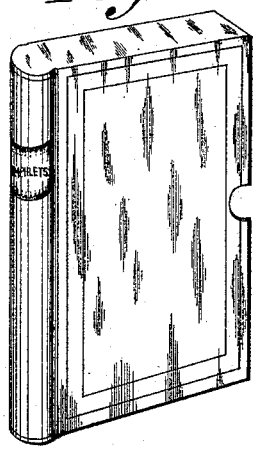

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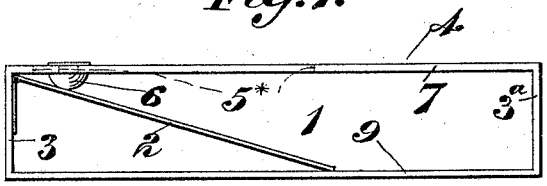
Fig. 7.



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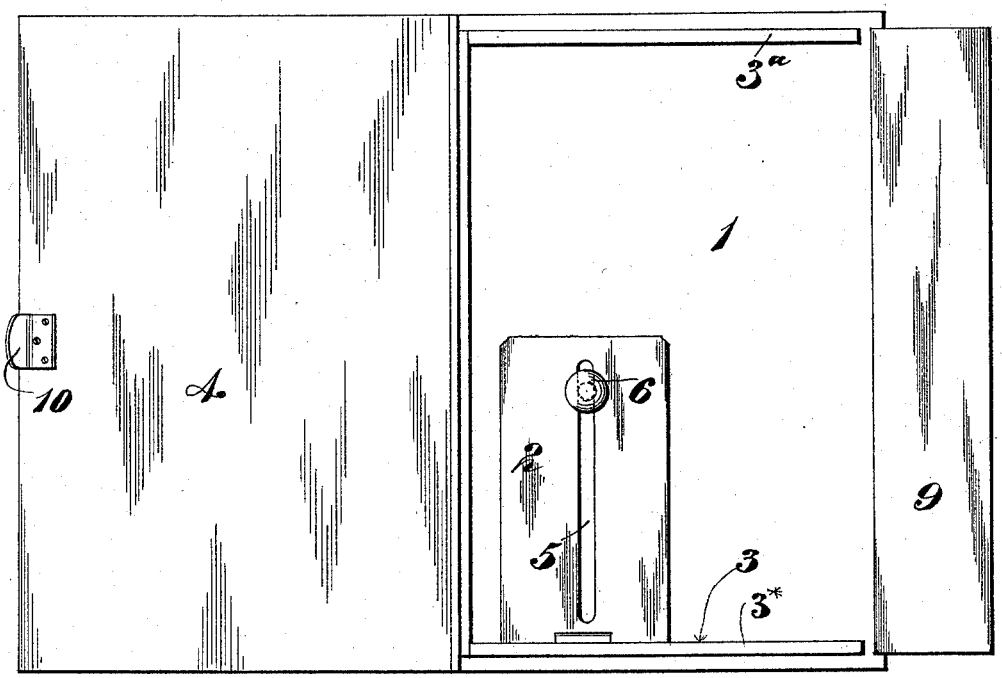

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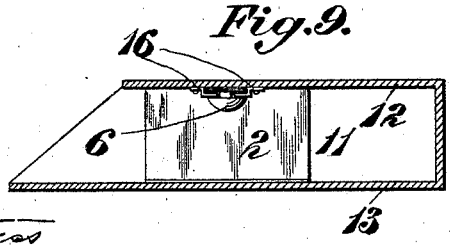

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ISAAC CHALKLEY GOULD, a subject of the Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, residing at 52 Old Bailey, in the city of London, England, have invented Improvements in Cases or Holders for Letters and other Loose Sheets of Paper or other Material, of which the following is a specification.

This invention has reference to improvements in cases or holders (hereinafter referred to as holders) for letters and other loose sheets of paper or other material (hereinafter referred to as loose papers), the object being to provide means whereby loose papers within the holder, will, when the latter is placed upright, become automatically held in place and prevented from becoming disarranged. For this purpose I provide the holder with a hinged or pivoted plate or flap (hereinafter called a flap), so arranged that its free end will bear against papers within the holder, when the latter stands on edge like a book, a sliding piece, that may resemble a button or stud and is hereinafter called a sliding button, being applied to the flap, or to a fixed part-cover, in such a way as to act by gravity when the holder is placed upright, and turn the flap about its hinge or pivot, thereby causing its free end to press against the papers in the holder and so retain them in place.

In the accompanying drawings, Figures 1 and 2 are elevations at right angles to each other, showing a holder constructed according to this invention, the said holder being shown in its open position. Fig. 3 is a face view to a larger scale of the hinged flap with sliding button. Figs. 4 and 5 are similar views to Figs. 1 and 2 of the inner case of a modified form of a holder with my improvements applied thereto; and Fig. 6 is a perspective view of the outer case into which the said inner case is adapted to slide. Figs. 7 and 8 are similar views to Figs. 1 and 2 respectively, illustrating two modified arrangements. Fig. 9 is a cross section of an inner case similar to that shown in Fig. 4, illustrating a further modified arrangement.

The holder 1 shown in Figs. 1, 2, and 3 resembles externally a book and is provided with a hinged cover and side. Within it is a metal plate or flap 2 hinged at or near that edge 3* of the lower side 3 of the holder which is next the hinged cover or lid 4 when closed. The flap is formed lengthwise with a slot 5 to receive the neck of a stud-like piece 6 herein called the sliding button, made of sufficiently heavy material, such as bone, ivory or metal, which is free to slide in such slot.

To enable the sliding button to be fitted in the slot, I form the slot of a uniform width throughout and so bend or spring the two parts of the plate in which it is formed, that the sliding button can be readily sprung into place in the slot, after which the plate is caused to assume its normal flat state.

Between the hinged cover or lid 4 of the holder and the flap 2, a piece 7, of wood or other material is secured, it may be by glueing or otherwise fixing it to the edges of the top and bottom sides 3, 3^a of the holder in such a manner that it forms a part cover with its inner surface contiguous to the hinged or pivoted end of the flap 2. The side 9 of the holder is hinged to enable the papers, which are arranged between the flap and the back or bottom of holder, to be easily removed and replaced. It may conveniently be held in its closed position by a clip 10 attached to the lid 4, or by a lock, or by a rim projecting from the lid 4.

By the construction described, it will be readily understood that upon the holder being placed in an upright position, the sliding button 6 will fall by gravity and wedge itself between the inner surface of the part cover 7 and the flap 2, the free end of which will thus be caused to bear against the papers within the holder and firmly retain them in place.

In the arrangement shown in Figs. 4, 5 and 6, the holder comprises an inner case or receptacle for loose papers shown in Figs. 4 and 5, and an outer case shown in Fig. 6, that may have the external shape of a book and in which the inner case can slide. The said inner case is formed with an opening 11 at one side, its top side 12 being somewhat narrower than its bottom side 13, and the ends 14, 14 being beveled to enable papers within the case to be readily got at. The slotted flap 2 with sliding button 6 is hinged within this inner case in the same manner as in the above described arrangement, the button acting against the side 12.

15 is a loop of flexible material by means of which the inner case can be readily withdrawn from the outer one.

Holders according to this invention can be variously modified. Thus the sliding button 6 instead of being arranged to slide in a slot in the flap 2, may, as shown in Fig. 7, be arranged to slide in a slot 5* in the part cover 7, the said flap, in this case, being plain; or the part cover 7 may be dispensed with, as shown in Fig. 8, the sliding button 6 carried by the flap then wedging itself, when the holder is placed upright, between the flap 2 and the cover or lid 4 of the holder; or the sliding button might be adapted to slide in guides 16 formed with or attached to the part cover, as shown in Fig. 9.

As will be obvious, holders according to this invention may be provided with more than one flap and the flaps, or one of them, may be hinged to the part cover 7, or side 12 as the case may be, instead of to the end 3 as in the above described arrangements. Each flap may if desired, be provided with more than one sliding button.

What I claim is—

1. In a holder for letters and other loose sheets, a hinged or pivoted flap adapted to bear against the letters or other loose sheets, and a sliding piece adapted to act by gravity against said flap, substantially as herein described for the purpose specified.

2. In a holder for letters and other loose sheets, the combination of a normally fixed part, a hinged flap adapted to bear against the loose sheets, and a sliding piece adapted when the holder is turned on end, to act by gravity against said fixed part and flap and hold the latter in its operative position substantially as herein described.

3. In a holder for loose papers, the combination of a part cover, a hinged flap, and a sliding piece arranged to work in a slot in one of said parts and act by gravity against the other substantially as herein described.

4. A holder for letters and other loose papers comprising a holder proper having a hinged cover and side, a fixed part cover, a slotted hinged flap arranged to bear upon loose papers within said holder, and a sliding button carried by said flap and arranged to act by gravity against said part cover substantially as herein described for the purpose specified.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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