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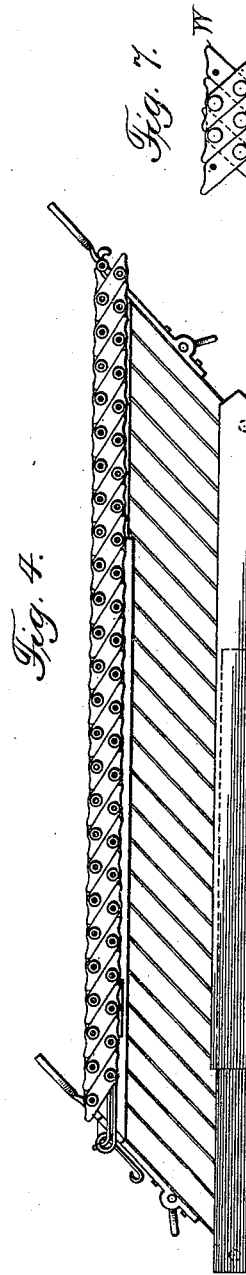
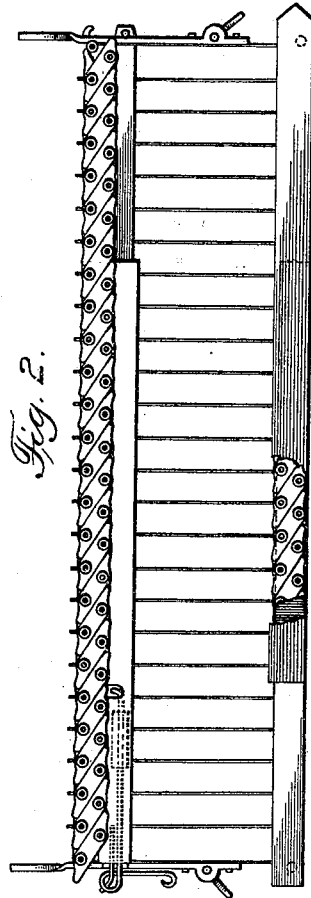
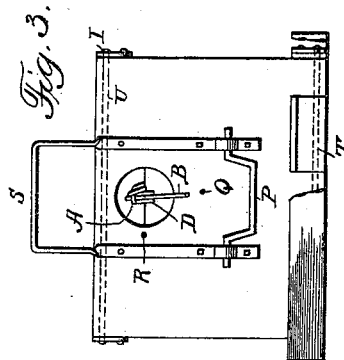
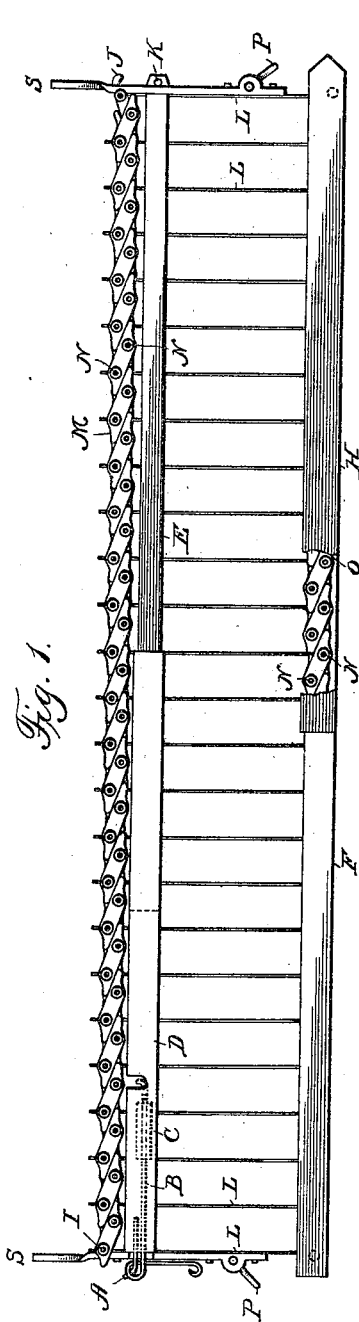
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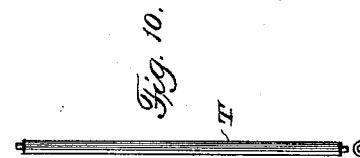
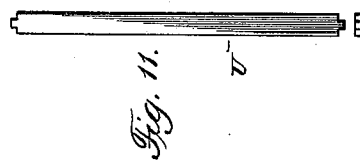
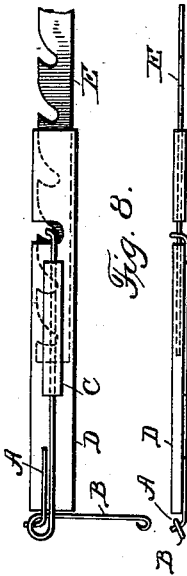
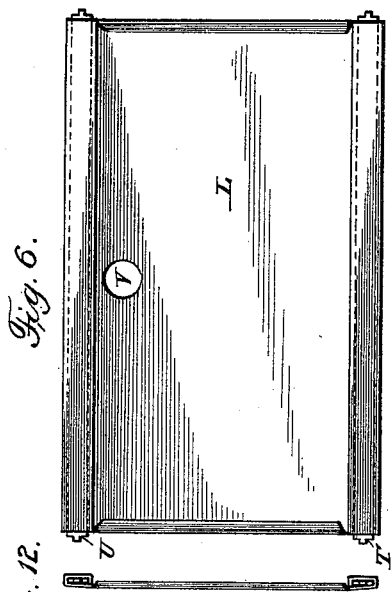
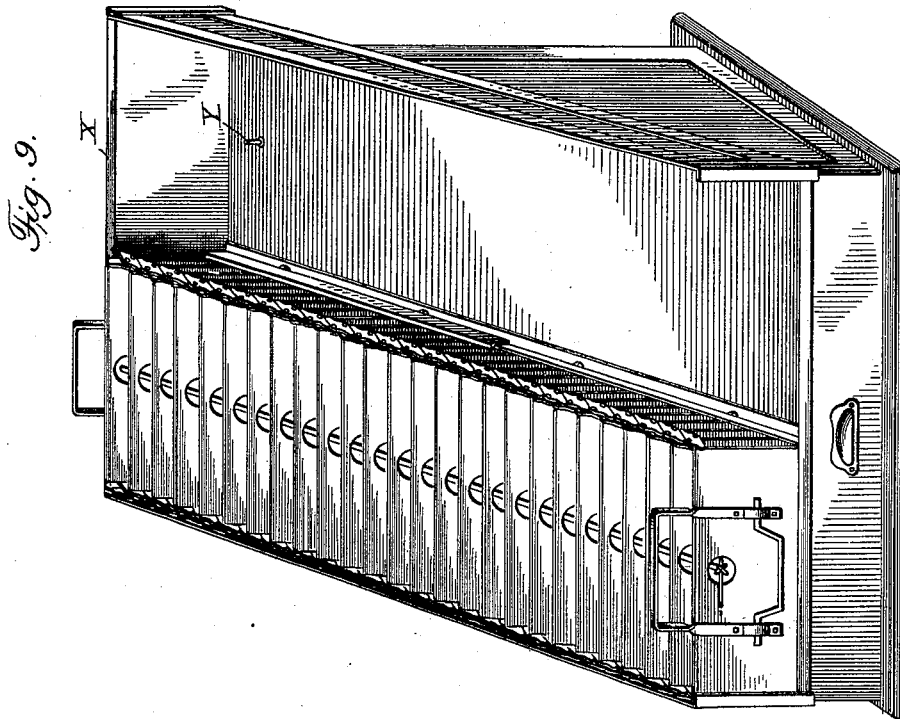
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## METALLIC TELESCOPING ACCOUNT-BOOK HOLDER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, BERRY A. BAXTER, a citizen of the United States of America, and a resident of Mansfield, Richland county, and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Metallic Telescoping Account-Book Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention pertains to new and useful improvements in a metallic holding device for holding account-books, the purpose and object of which are, first, to provide a suitable device for holding said account-books when in use, in conjunction with an inclining standard or support, the holding device being so constructed that when placed upon this inclining standard it automatically assumes a position corresponding with the standard upon which it rests, thereby making it possible to use account-books of uniform size and making it also possible to read printed matter upon the upper portion of said account-books, all of which is accomplished by means of the novel construction and adjustable latticed chain; second, by means of said adjustable latticed chain to admit of the holding device being removed from said standard and closed compactly and in a perpendicular position, thereby making it convenient to be placed in a safe, vault, or other suitable place of safety when not in use without the removal of the account-books, and, third, to provide said metallic holding device with a lock to hold it either in a perpendicular or an upright position, the purpose of which being to lock it in such position when not in use. Said device possesses the advantages of durability, simplicity, efficiency, and convenience. I attain these objects by the mechanism illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a side view showing the device open. Fig. 2 is a side view showing the device closed. Fig. 3 is a sectional end view showing the locking means. Fig. 4 is a side view showing the partition-plates tilted to an angle of forty-five degrees. Fig. 5 shows the construction of the rivets used to connect the adjustable latticed chain. Fig. 6 is an enlarged end view of one of the partition-plates. Fig. 7 is a section of the adjustable latticed chain. Fig. 8 is a detail side and top view of the locker. Fig. 9 is a perspective view show-

ing the holding device mounted on the standard. Fig. 10 is a plan view of the round bar T. Fig. 11 is a plan view of the flat bar U, and Fig. 12 is an edge view of the portion L, shown in Fig. 6.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, the letter A shows a locking-stop.

The letter B designates a locking-lever, it being journaled in a sleeve or bearing C upon the side of the tube D and held in position by the locking-stop. The entire end of said locking device is bent at right angles to the upper or handle end and is adapted to lock the holding device in a vertical or upright position when the locking-lever B is placed in a vertical position, as shown in side view in Fig. 8. Said inner end of said locking-lever B is then in the notch or recess of the adjustable notched bar E, (see Fig. 8,) a notch being cut in tube D to admit of the inner end of the locking-lever to unlock said holding device when the lever is placed in a position parallel with partition L, where it is held by its own tension against button R.

Letter D designates a flat tube with rounded edges, through which the adjustable notched bar E passes, and is secured or supported by a cross-bar passing through a circular hole in the end of said tube D. (Not shown in the drawings.) The adjustable notched bar E telescopes with said tube D, (see Fig. 8,) thereby providing a support for said tube D. The adjustable notched bar E is provided with a series of notches, the purpose of which is to lock said holding device at any point of its adjustment. Said adjustable notched bar E is securely fastened to the end partition-plate by a cross-bar K, passing through the circular hole in the end of said adjustable notched bar E, and is supported by being telescoped in tube D.

The letter F designates the inner half of the bottom of said holding device, having its side turned up and fitted to the outer half H of the said bottom, the purpose of which is to telescope said bottom to provide for the adjustment. Said inner half F is bent at one end, making the outer half rest against the end partition-plate, (see Fig. 3,) holding said device in a vertical position with the aid of the locking device heretofore referred to. The outer half H is provided with a circular

hole, (not shown in the drawings,) the purpose of which is to receive a pin Y on the standard, (shown in Fig. 9,) the effect of which is to permit the holding device to attain an angle of forty-five degrees by reason of its construction, as above referred to.

The letter U designates a flat bar which is turned on both ends to form bearings, (see Fig. 11,) said bearings passing through circular holes in the end links of a double adjustable latticed chain, more fully described hereinafter. Washers provided with square holes are placed on the turned ends of the said bar, the ends of which are then riveted to retain said washers in place and forming a shoulder for the side of the links to work against, at the same time permitting the links to work freely on the ends of said bars.

The letter J designates two hooks which are used in connection with the circular hole in the outer half H of the bottom above referred to to sustain said holding device in position on the standard, said hooks overlapping the end of the said standard at letter X.

The letter L designates the partition-plate, the construction of which is shown in Fig. 6 and the purpose of which is to provide a receptacle for said account-books. These plates are bent at their upper and lower edges around the flat bars U, and the turned bearings on the ends of the latter turn in the latticed chain.

The letter P refers to a handle which is used to open and close said holding device and is fastened to the end partition-plates, as shown in Fig. 3.

The letter S (shown in Fig. 3) designates the end view of the handle, which is riveted to the rear and forward end partition-plates, the purpose of which is to handle the holding device conveniently, and is so constructed as to project over the end of said account-books, thereby permitting a number of said holding devices to be placed on top of each other without interfering with said account-books.

The letter T on Fig. 3 designates a round bar turned on both ends to constitute bearings to connect with the adjustable latticed chain, said bars T being fastened to the outer ends of the bottom. The lower portion of the rear and forward end partition-plates is cut away to permit the passage of said bearings, and the ends of said partition-plates are fitted around said bars on each end, which, in connection with the said bearings, form a hinge. The circular holes V are for the purpose of allowing the passage of the tube D and the adjustable notched bar E. When said holding device is at an angle of forty-five degrees, said tube D and adjustable notched bar E rest against the upper portion of said circular holes, sustaining the holding device in said position.

Fig. 5 shows a rivet which is used alternately with said flat bars U, thus forming an adjustable latticed chain. The holes in said links are not placed in alinement (see Fig. 7) with each other on the links. The holes

through which the rivets and said turned ends of said flat bar U pass are placed at right angles with each other, the effect of which is to give to the links of said chain an upward and reciprocating motion without affecting the position of the partition-plates.

The letter W on Fig. 7 refers to an extension of the ends of said links, the purpose of which is to make the ends of said links overlap each other, thereby removing any possibility of undue friction in opening and closing said holding device.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In a metallic adjustable holding device, the combination of a series of partition-plates, bars with ends turned to form bearings and connected to both the top and bottom of said partition-plates, an adjustable latticed chain, the ends of the links of said chain constructed to overlap each other and pivotally connected together and having holes placed at an angle therein, certain of said holes connecting the chain with the turned ends of the bars.

2. In a metallic adjustable holding device, the combination with a series of partition-plates, of bars connected thereto, an adjustable latticed chain, bars connected to the bottom of the end partition-plates and securely fastened in place to form a hinge.

3. In a metallic adjustable holding device, the combination of a series of partition-plates, bars with ends turned to form bearings and fitted to said plates, an adjustable latticed chain connected with said turned ends, bars fitted on the bottom of the rear and forward plates and bearings for the said bars, a bottom composed of two pieces telescoping each other with the end of the inner bottom turned in and resting on the end plate, and the bottom adapted for attachment to a pivot on a standard.

4. In a metallic adjustable holding device, the combination of a series of partition-plates, bars with ends turned to form bearings and fitted to said plates, an adjustable latticed chain connected with said turned ends, bars fitted to the end plates, bearings for said bars, a bottom composed of two pieces telescoping with one another, upright hinges or rests riveted to the end partition-plates and supporting end hinges.

5. In a metallic adjustable holding device, the combination of a series of partition-plates, bars with ends turned to form bearings and fitted to said plates, an adjustable latticed chain connected with said bars, bars fitted on the end plates and bearings for the latter the bottom composed of two pieces to provide for its adjustment, upright hinges or rests, end hinges, and locking-buttons pressed in the lower end partition-plates.

6. In a metallic adjustable holding device, the combination of a series of adjustable partition-plates, bars with ends turned to form bearings fitted thereto, an adjustable latticed chain connecting said plates with round bars

having turned ends supported by bearings attached to the bottom, a flat tube with rounded edges, a notched bar with a series of notches cut on its edge.

5 7. In a metallic adjustable holding device, the combination of a series of adjustable partition-plates, means for adjusting the said plates, an adjustable latticed chain, a flat tube having a recess cut in its edge, a bar  
10 having a series of notches cut on its edge, said bar telescoping with said tube, a locking-lever journaled on the side of the flat tube with its end bent to fit in the notches cut in the bar when the locking-lever is in a vertical position.  
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8. In a metallic adjustable holding device, the combination of partition-plates, bars fitted to said plates, an adjustable latticed chain connected with said bars, a telescoping bottom, a flat tube, a notched bar, a locking device, hooks riveted on the end partition-plates and a metallic standard used in connection with the metallic adjustable holding device, substantially as described.  
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9. In a metallic adjustable holding device, 25 the combination of partition-plates, bars fitted to the ends of said plates, an adjustable latticed chain composed of a double row of links working in opposite directions and having holes placed in said links at an angle 30 with each other giving a reciprocating movement to the holding device which provides for the adjustment thereof, the ends of said links being rounded and overlapping each other.  
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10. The combination of a series of partition-plates having bearings formed at opposite edges thereof, an adjustable latticed chain, the ends of the links of said chain constructed to overlap each other and pivotally connected 40 together and having holes therein to receive the partition-bearings.

Signed by me at Mansfield, Ohio, this 1st day of August, 1899.

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