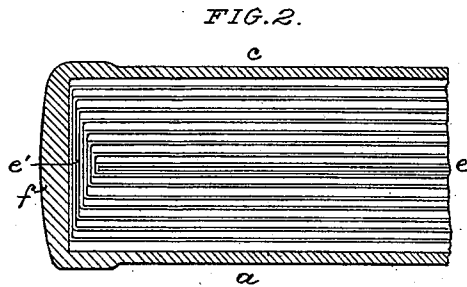
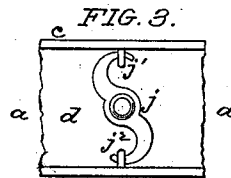
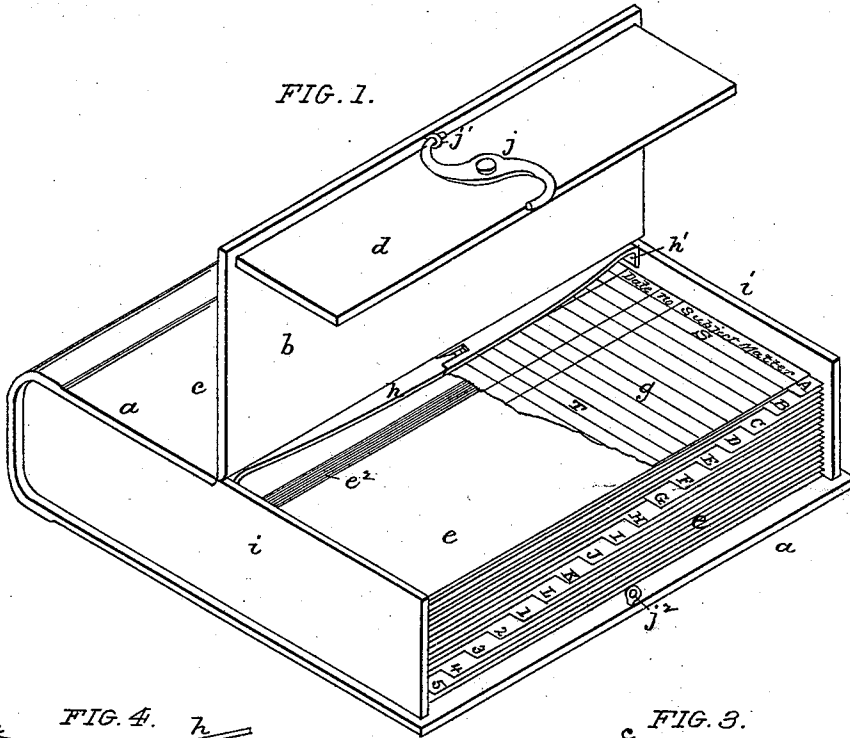


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALBERT J. KLETZKER, of St. Louis, in the State of Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Letter-Filing Boxes; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

In this invention the filing-box has a hinged cover, as usual. At the back (inside) of the box are permanently attached the alphabetical or numerical division-sheets, between which are placed the sheets of paper, &c., which are desired to be filed away. These division-sheets are folded twice, so as to form each sheet with a square back, with a distinct space left between each sheet, as hereinafter more fully set forth, so as to be readily and permanently attached to the inside of the back of the box. These division-sheets are striped with glue or mucilage for attaching permanently smaller matter, such as postal-cards, &c.

A spring or clip fastened to the top and bottom sides of the box is provided, which bears on top of the matter filed, so as to retain the same in its proper place, and at the same time allow for the ready removal of the same, when required, by holding up the clip with one hand when the half lid or cover is open.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved letter-filing box. Fig. 2 is a cross-section. Fig. 3 is a detail view of the locking-hook. Fig. 4 is a detail view of the spring or clip.

In the drawings, *a* represents the main body of the filing-box, and *b* the hinged cover, formed of one-half of the top *c* and the front portion, *d*, of the box.

e are the alphabetical or numerical division-sheets, between which the letters, &c., are filed. These sheets are formed double, as shown, and creased or folded, as shown in Fig. 2, so as to form a flat portion or back, *e'*, for permanent attachment to the back *f* of the box, and so as to leave a separate and distinct space between each sheet for the reception of the letters or other filing matter.

g is an alphabetical index or reference-sheet placed over the division-sheets, on which the subject-matter, date, &c., of the letters or papers contained in the file may be entered for ready reference.

h is a spring-clip, which presses the papers in the file down flat. It has side extensions, *h'*, which are secured to the inside of the box. The clip or spring consists of two portions united at the center, where they meet, by a sliding joint, as clearly shown in Fig. 1, which permits of the movement of one part upon the other when the clip is raised in inserting or removing file matter.

j is an S-shaped hook pivoted to the cover, as shown, either outside or inside of the part *d*, and engaging eyes or studs *j'* *j''* on the cover and bottom of the box, respectively, as clearly shown in detail, Fig. 3.

The division-sheets *e* are striped on their face and back, as shown, with gum or mucilage, at *e'*, for the permanent attachment of small matter, such as postal-cards, &c., so that they will be uniform, it being necessary for them to lie evenly, so as not to disturb other file matter.

I claim as my invention—

1. A letter-filing box provided with alphabetical or numerical division-sheets folded twice, so as to form a square back, permanently pasted together, with distinct spaces left between each sheet, substantially as described, and for the purpose set forth.

2. The combination, with a letter-filing box provided with index-leaves or division-sheets, of an automatic bent spring-clip, *h*, formed of two parts united together at the center by a sliding joint, and secured to the sides of the box, as shown, said spring being arranged to bear permanently on the leaves and file matter and hold the same securely in place when the file-box is placed in any position, as described, and for the purpose set forth.

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