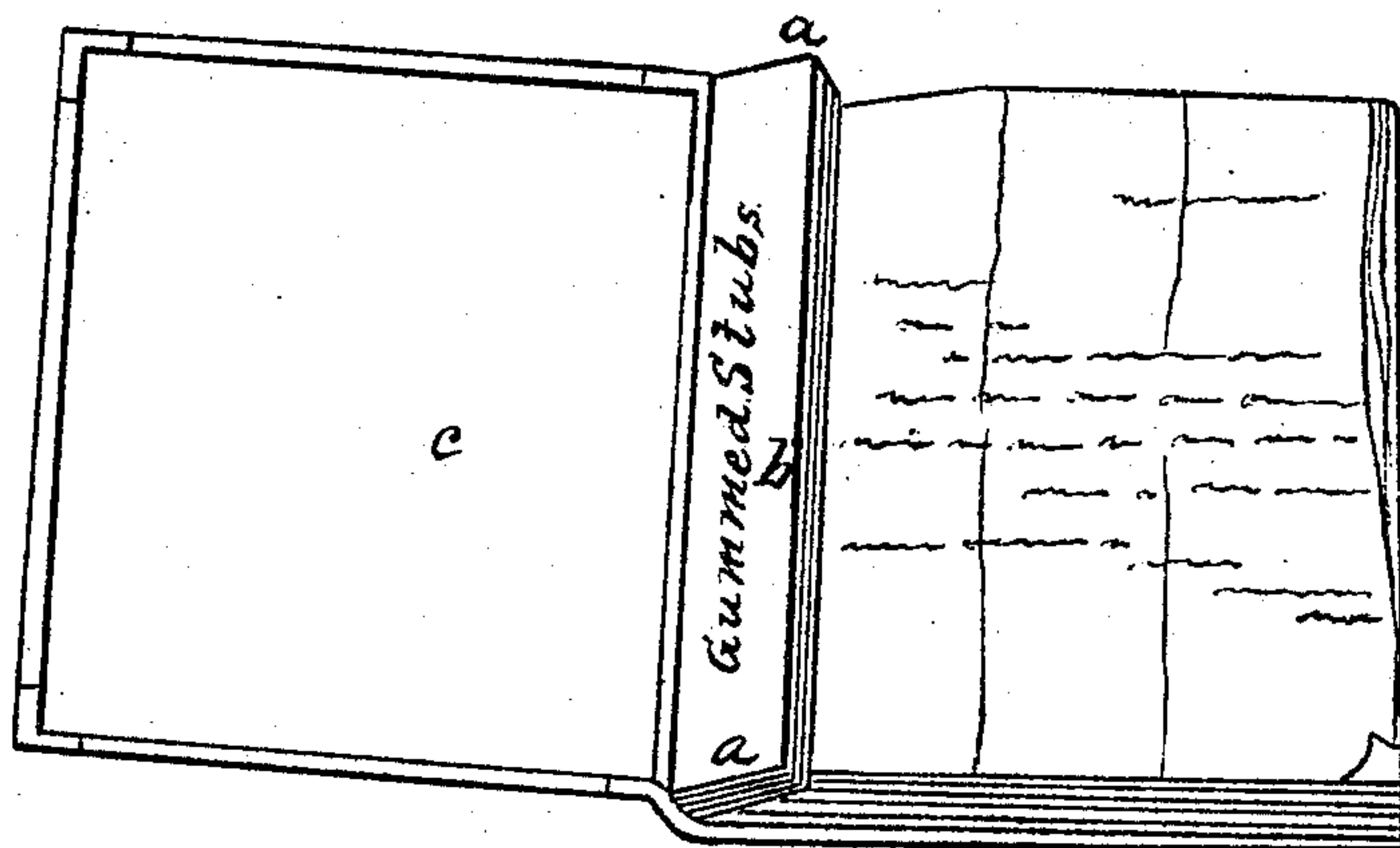


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*Temporary Binder*  
*Nº 9,770. Patented Jun. 7, 1853.*



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## PAPER-FILE.

Specification of Letters Patent No. 9,776, dated June 7, 1853.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, HAMILTON L. SMITH,  
of Cleveland, in the county of Cuyahoga  
and State of Ohio, have invented a new and  
5 useful Article of Manufacture—to wit, a  
Paper-File—of which the following is a full,  
clear, and exact description, reference being  
had to the accompanying drawing, which  
forms part of this specification and repre-  
10 sents a view in perspective of my paper-file  
partially filled with letters.

My letter file consists of a series of nar-  
row leaves (*a a*) which may be numbered  
and are bound together in the form of a  
15 book. The outer margins (*b*) of the narrow  
leaves are coated on one side with a gluti-  
nous or adhesive preparation, common glue,  
or a solution of gum arabic for example, in  
such manner, that by simply moistening the  
20 glue and applying the margins of letters  
thereto they are secured permanently to the  
leaves in the order in which they have been  
respectively applied. As the boards or sides  
(*c*) of the book are of sufficient size to cover  
25 ordinary letters when unfolded, the latter

when filed are protected from injury, and  
can be conveniently referred to as the pages  
of a book.

In order that any particular letter may  
be found with greater ease, I have bound up 30  
a blank index with the prepared leaves, in  
which the name of the writer of the letter  
should be entered with the number of the  
leaf to which his letter is attached.

The file thus constructed may be bound in 35  
any style and of any convenient size to suit  
the character of the papers it is designed to  
preserve; it is also applicable to the filing  
of receipts, bills, papers, and memoranda of  
all descriptions. 40

I claim—

The paper file herein described with pre-  
pared adhesive leaves or margins, as a new  
article of manufacture.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto 45  
subscribed my name.

HAMILTON L. SMITH.

Witnesses:

JOHN BARR,

THOS. MCKINSTRY.