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## DEVICE FOR ADVERTISING.

*The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.*

### TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, ASAHEL DAVIS, of Lowell, in the county of Middlesex, and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and improved Method for the Exchange of Local Business Intelligence; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings, and to the letters marked thereon.

The nature of my invention consists in making a case of drawers to be placed in places of general resort, the drawers to be hired out to different individuals. In the front of each drawer there is a place to insert a card, on which is written the want or wants of the proprietor of the drawer. There is also a slit in the front of the drawer, through which any one may drop in a written reply. The case may be made with pigeon-holes, with doors to lock, instead of drawers, if found more convenient.

To enable others to make and use my invention, I will now proceed to describe its construction.

I make a case with any desirable number of drawers or pigeon-holes, each drawer being separated from the others, with a lock, and a key numbered to correspond with its lock.

By reference to the annexed drawings it will be seen that A A A represent the front, side, and top of the case or frame for the drawers; the drawers being numbered 1, 2, 3, and 4. I make the front of the drawers with an iron frame or moulding, E. In this moulding or frame there is a plate of glass, B. Behind this glass there is placed the wire *e*, shown by the dotted red lines, the ends of which are inserted in the sides of the drawer. Inside of the glass, between that and the wire *e*, when the drawer is opened, is placed the card of the proprietor of the drawer, on which are written his wants, as shown in the drawings. The glass is of less height than the opening in the iron frame, extending only up to the line C, leaving the aperture or slit D, through which cards or replies in writing may be dropped into the drawer.

### *Claim.*

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

Making a case of drawers or pigeon-holes, with a place in the front of each drawer for a card showing the wants of the proprietor, with a drawer or pigeon-hole receptacle back for the reception of replies, when constructed substantially as described.

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