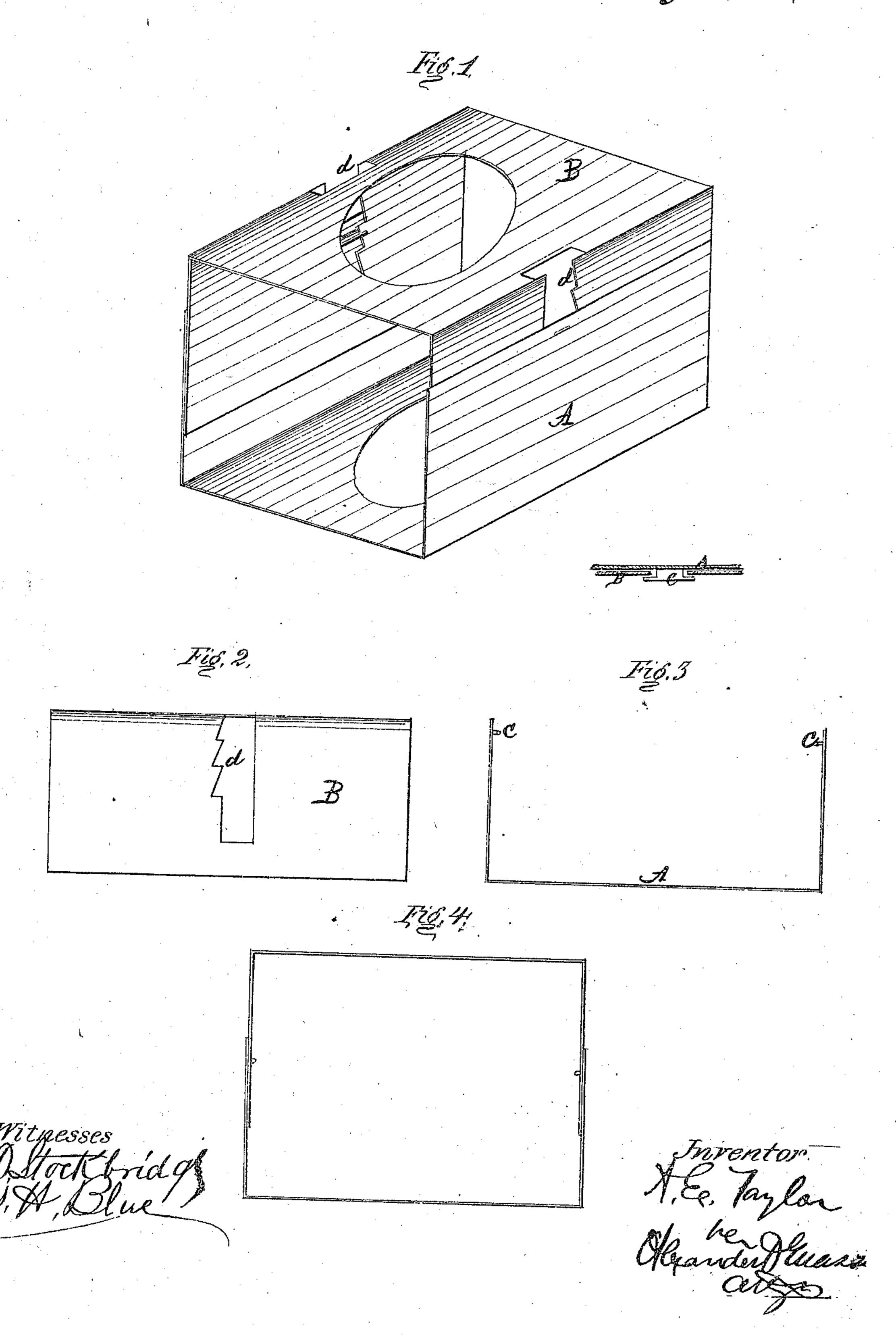
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TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, A. E. TAYLOR, of New Britain, in the county of Hartford, and in the State of Connecticut, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Letter-Files; and do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and the letters of reference marked thereon.

In the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, A and B represent metallic plates, bent so that their ends are at right angles with the body thereof, and so that the flanges or ends of one will fit between the flanges of the other, A, or the outer plate is provided with a horizontal catch or hook, c, and B is provided with slots, dd, in each side thereof, which have ratchet-teeth in one side of said slots, into which the hook c catches and holds the said plates A and B at any required distance apart.

When it may be desired to enlarge or expand the plates A and B, all that is necessary is to press downward and forward or backward, so as to loose the catch c from the ratchet-teeth, and then pull them as far apart as may be required.

The plates A and B adjusted together as above described make a very convenient and economical adjustable file for letters or papers, and when not full or needed for that purpose, it may be laid on a table or desk, and used as a pigeon-hole in which to store away letters and papers for the time being.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is-

The combination of the bent-metal plates A B, plate B being provided with a ratchet-slot, d, on each side, and plate A provided with a catch, c, for said slot and ratchet, all operating as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing, I have hereunto set my hand, this 7th day of January, 1868.

A. E. TAYLOR.

Witnesses:

CHAS. E. MITCHELL, MICH'L McMAHON.