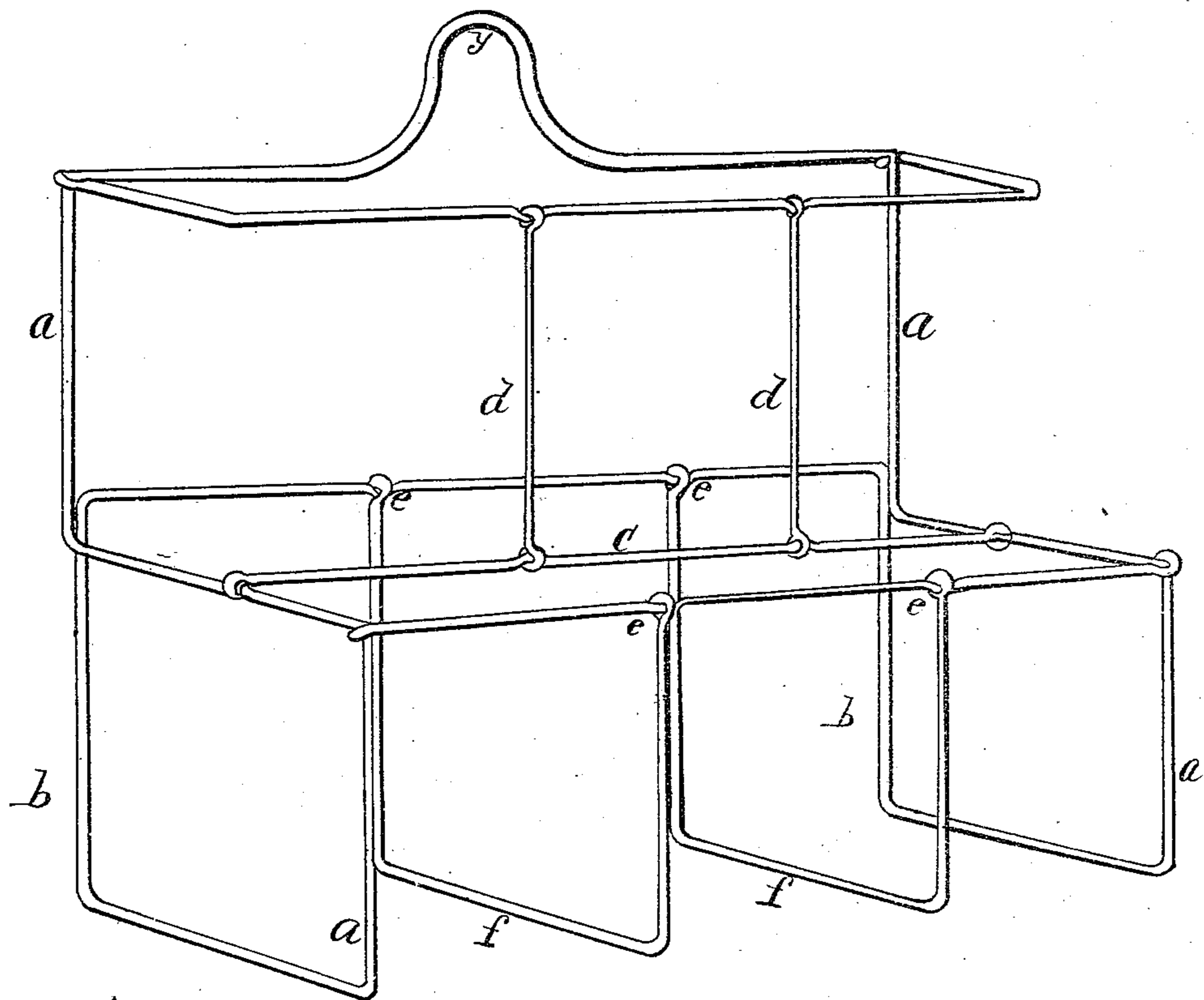


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IMPROVEMENT IN CARD-HOLDERS.

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, WILLIAM R. OATLEY, of Rochester, in the county of Monroe, and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Bill-Head Holder, Card-Rack, and Stationery-Case; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, making part of this specification, in which the figure is a perspective view of my invention, showing the bill-head rack or holder having two compartments or divisions.

The nature of this invention consists in providing a very cheap and durable article of manufacture, consisting of a skeleton bill-head holder, and for other similar articles.

To enable others to make my invention, I will describe its construction.

I use tinned or galvanized wire, of suitable strength for the size of the holders or cases to be made, and cut it into proper lengths to form the different sections of the frame.

The wire *a* may extend from one lower front corner up and around as indicated, forming the hanger-loop *y*, and down to the opposite front corner.

The wire *b* may extend from the same corners, across and up, so as to form the lower back wire.

The upper front wire is locked to *a*, as seen, and may be connected with the division-wire *c* by one or more vertical braces, *d*.

There should be two central holding-wires, *f*, to sustain the contents of the case.

Where the cross-wires join the others, there should be a short bend, *e*, made, to prevent the cross-wires from moving out of place, without being soldered.

It is obvious that the holders may be made with any desired number of compartments or divisions, and of any size or form; and also, that the wires may be cut and joined in a great variety of ways.

It will be seen that there can no dust or dirt lodge in this holder, to soil the papers deposited in it, which is quite objectionable in the ordinary article. Besides, this can be sold for a mere fraction of the cost of the others.

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

As a new article of manufacture, a stationery-case or rack, constructed of wire, substantially as described.

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