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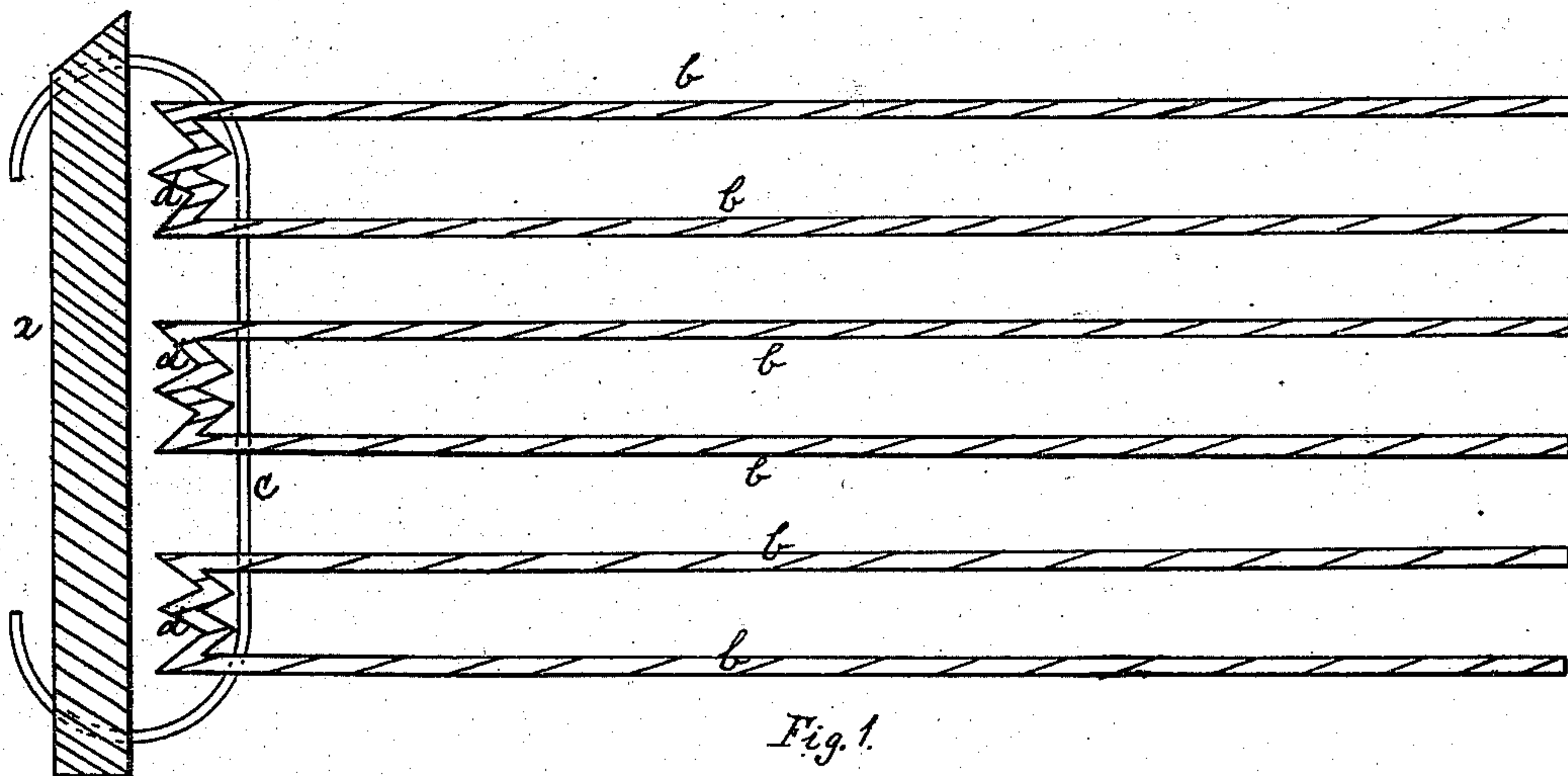


Fig. 1.

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IMPROVEMENT IN BILL-FILES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM H. FOYE, of Portland, in the county of Cumberland and State of Maine, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bill-Files; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it pertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

Figure 1 shows an end view in section of my invention.

Letters Patent of the United States having already been granted me for an improvement in bill and paper files, the object of this present invention is to produce an alphabetical arrangement of leaves to accompany the device secured under said Letters Patent, for the better and more convenient method of filing the papers in the holder.

My invention embraces a novel arrangement of the index-leaves and a device for holding them in the required position.

a shows a back piece; *b*, the leaves forming the index, and *c* a wire passing up through said leaves parallel with the back piece *a*, and having its ends bent and passed through said back piece, as shown in the drawing. The leaves composing the index are thus held securely in position. These index-leaves are thus constructed: I first take a sheet of paper and bend it so as to form a series of successive folds, each sheet, when thus folded, forming two of the index-leaves, as illustrated in the drawing. *d* shows the folds. A suitable number of these leaves are thus prepared, the

wire *c* passed through them and secured to the back piece *a*, as above described.

The object of having the successive folds at the inner end of the sheets forming the index-leaves is that the said leaves may be allowed to rise evenly and accommodate themselves to the number of papers placed between them, and always have a flat and smooth surface.

I do not claim a set of unfolded disconnected indexed sheets, for that has already been made the subject of Letters Patent; neither do I claim the folded sheet of itself.

It is evident that an elastic band or other suitable device may be appropriated or used in the place of the wire *c*. The back piece *a* may be conveniently secured within the frame of the paper-file. When the index-leaves are filled with papers the back piece is taken out of the holder, removed from the wires, the said wires bent around the back of the leaves, and the said leaves containing the papers are ready to be placed away for future reference.

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

The combination, in a bill and paper file, of the back piece *a*, provided with the wires *c*, upon which are held the folded index-sheets *b*, each set or pair of said sheets having the series of successive folds *d*, as and for the purposes herein set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own, I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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