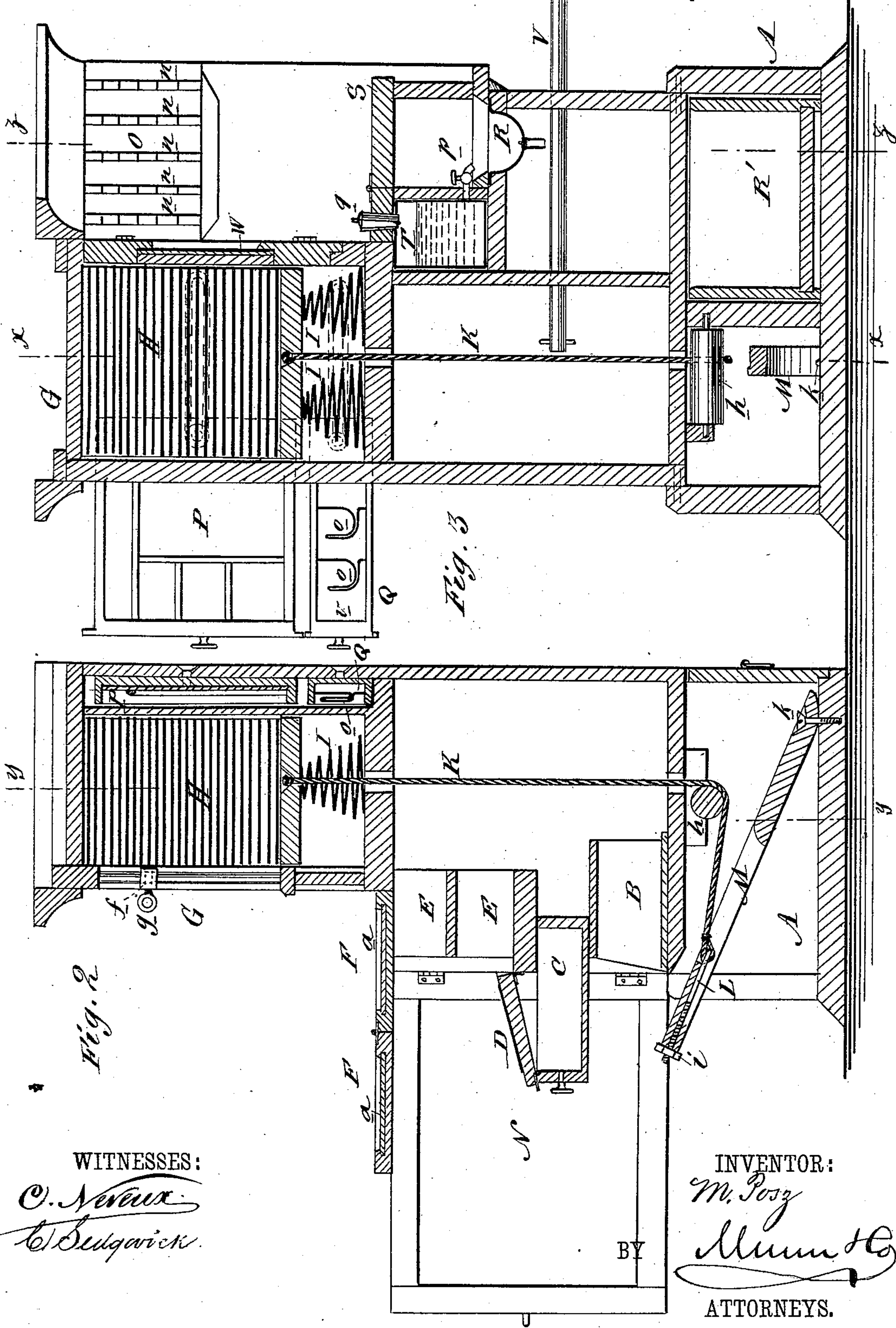


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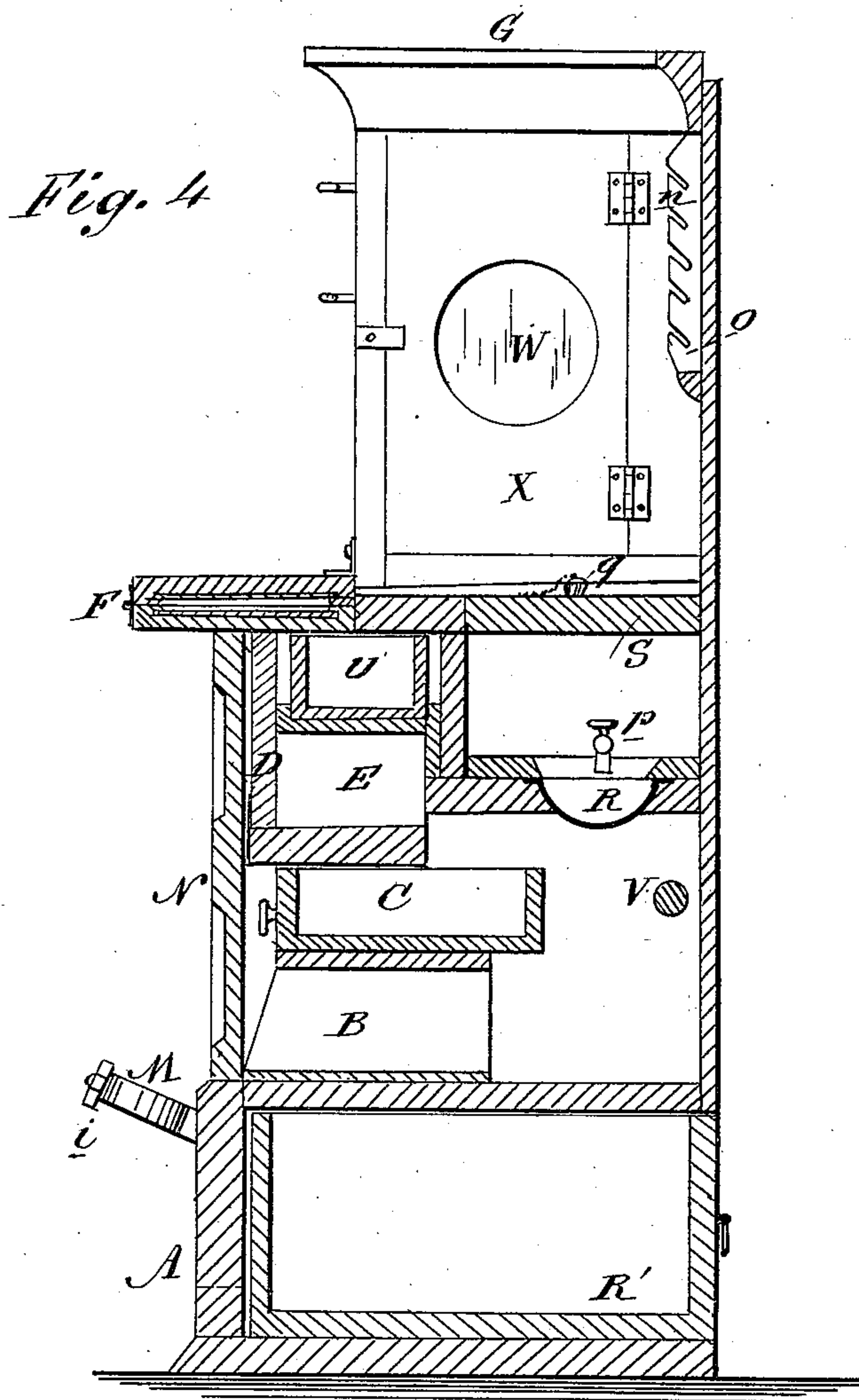
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MICHAEL POSZ, of Shelbyville, in the county of Shelby and State of Indiana, have invented a new and Improved Bill-File Case, of which the following is a specification.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the bill-file case. Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional elevation on line *xx*, Fig. 3. Fig. 3 is a vertical sectional elevation on line *yy*, Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is a vertical sectional elevation on line *zz*, Fig. 3.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The invention consists in the bill and letter file case provided with mechanism connecting with a treadle, as hereinafter described.

Immediately above the base A of the bill-file case are the pigeon-holes B, for holding books and papers, and above them, in regular order, the two drawers C, designed for the same purpose; the hinged writing shelf or desk D, which, when turned down for use, is supported by the drawers C, that are drawn out for the purpose; the pigeon-holes E, for holding papers behind the desk D; the folding index tables or shelves F, consisting of folding slates *a*, set within hinged frames, lettered and numbered, as shown at *b*; and in an apartment, G, forming the top of the case, a letter and bill file, H, consisting of movable shelves that are numbered or lettered on their front edges, as shown at *c*.

Fixed in the front of the apartment G, and on either side thereof, are the two vertical rods *d d*, on which move the sliding blocks *f f*, through which pass the thumb-screws *g g*. In the bottom of the apartment G, and immediately beneath the movable shelves comprising the letter and bill file H, are spiral springs *I*, whose purpose is to hold the said shelves and their contents pressed together upward.

To the bearer or lower shelf is attached a cord, K, which passes down through the case to its base A, wherein it passes over an anti-friction roller, *h*, to an adjusting screw-rod, L, which is fixed longitudinally in the free end of the lever M, and by means of this screw-rod L the said cord K may be slackened or drawn taut, as desired, on turning the nut *i* on the end of said screw-rod. This lever or treadle M is pivoted on the bottom of the case,

as shown at *k*, and extends in front through a vertical slot, *l*, made in the base A, as shown, within reach of the foot of the operator. By pressure upon the free end of this lever or treadle M the shelves of the letter and bill file H are pulled down, so that letters and bills, &c., may be laid upon and between them; and for facilitating the introduction or removal of letters, bills, &c., upon or from any particular shelf, the shelves above may be retained or held up by turning a thumb-screw, *g*, against the edge of that shelf which is next above the one which is to be used. In order to hold the shelves in this position, the lever M is pushed aside and engaged in the notch M, which is formed at the side of the slot *l*.

Should this bill-file be used in a railroad or express office, when the agent receives a way-bill from, say, Albany, New York, he assigns such way-bill to the shelf marked with the letter "A," and places the name "Albany, New York," on the index-table F. Should, however, that same agent receive a way-bill from, say, Auburn, New York, then he takes shelf marked "No. 1" and inserts it directly under the shelf marked with the letter "A," which shelf No. 1 is then called shelf "A 1," and so recorded on the index.

This rule governs the operations of the file with one exception, which is as follows: Should the instrument to be filed be a bill of lading, invoice, or letter, then the name of the sender and the place whence sent must be recorded on the index.

On the front of the bill-file case is a door, N, closing over the pigeon-holes B, drawer C, and shelf or desk D when the latter is closed.

Placed on the right of the bill-file H, and directly above the wash-basin, is the card-rack O, which consists of a number of upright strips, *n*, of wood, fastened to a board, and having small notches cut diagonally in them for the reception of cards, &c.

Entering into an opening made in the left side of the case, and sliding from left to right, is the bulletin-board P, which has a surface of slate or slate paper, as shown. This bulletin-board P is to be used for recording the arrival or departure of trains, dispatches, &c.

Immediately below the bulletin-board, and movable in the same manner from one side to

the other of the case of the bill-file, is the hat-rack Q, which consists of a recessed case, *v*, holding movable hooks *o*, which, when the case is drawn out, may be swung outward to hang a hat or coat upon. In the rear of the bill-file case and in its base A is a drawer, R', that may be used for any desired purpose.

The toilet arrangements consist of a wash-basin, R, fixed in a recess in the right of the case and below the card-rack O; of a hinged cover, S, that closes over the said basin and serves as a table; of a water-tank, T, set in rear of the basin, and having faucet *p*, for drawing the water from it, and plug *q*, for closing the opening through which water is introduced; of a drawer, U, for holding toilet articles; of

a towel-rack, V, that draws out from the side of the case, and of a looking-glass, W, that is inserted in the hinged door X, that closes the end of the bill-file H.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

The combination, with a bill and letter file case, of a series of shelves, rods *d*, slide-blocks *f*, screws *g*, spiral springs I, cord K, roller *h*, and treadle M, as and for the purpose specified.

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