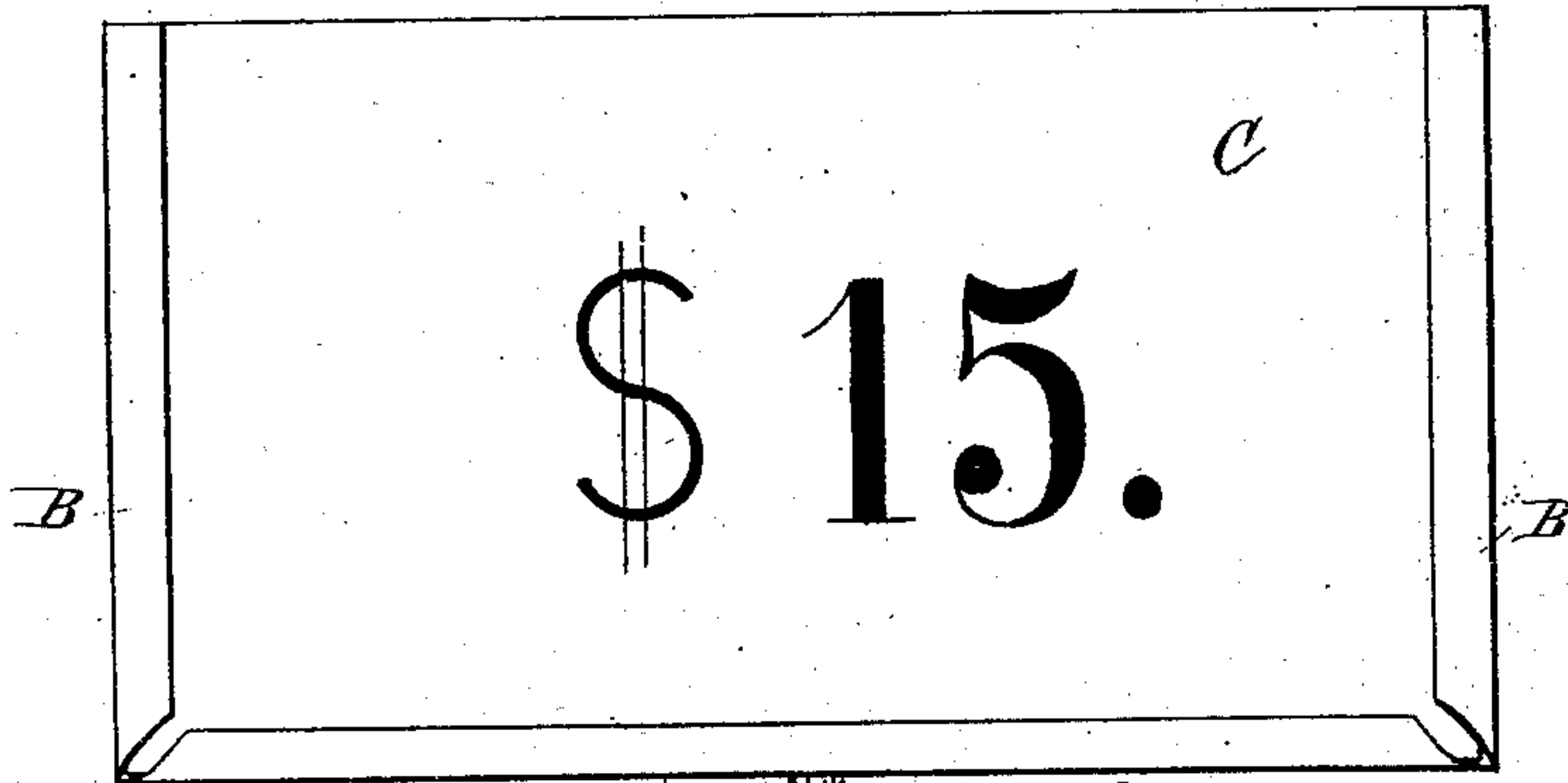


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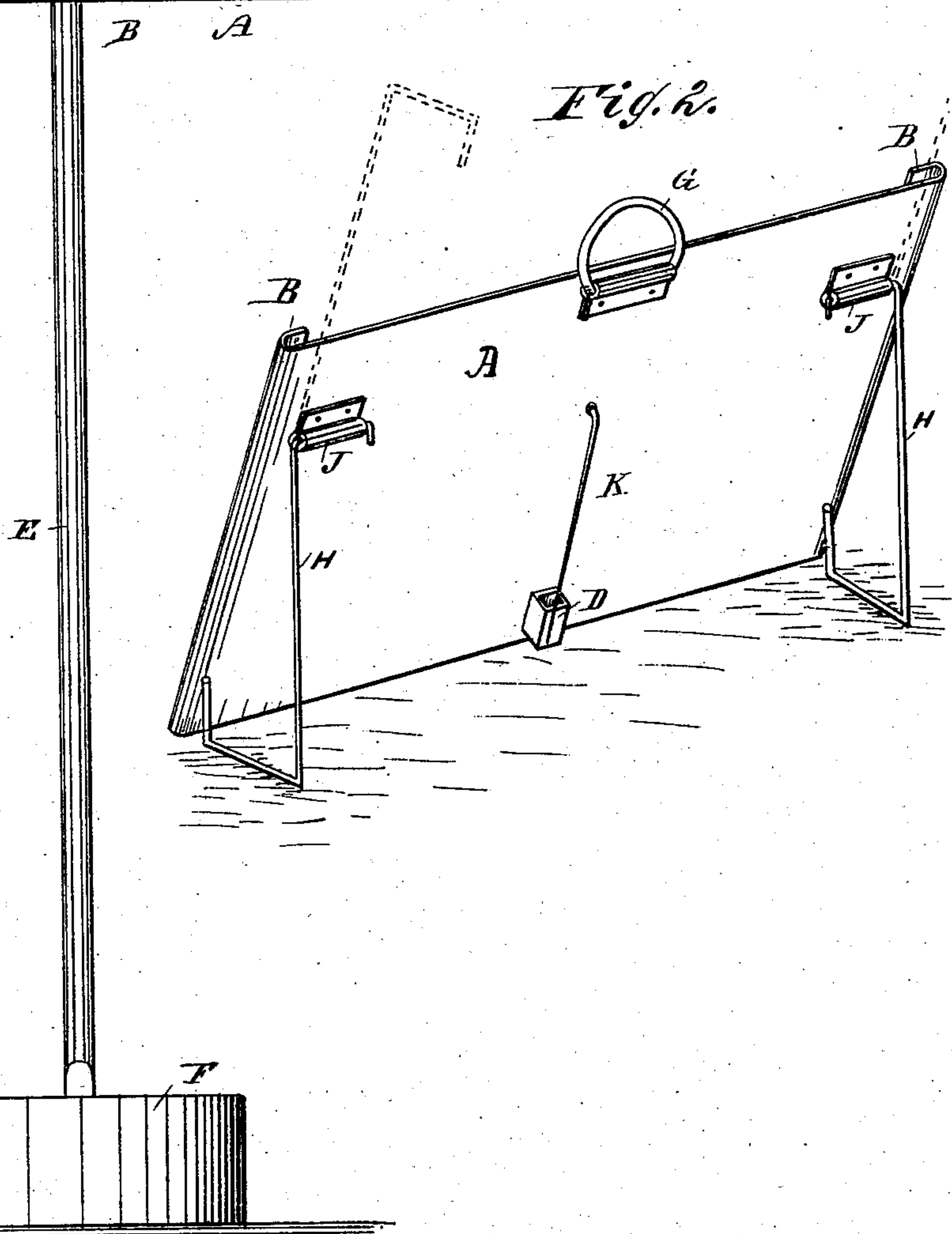
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*Fig. 1*



*Fig. 2.*

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## SHOW-CARD HOLDER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM C. ROOD, of Quincy, in the county of Adams and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Show-Card Holders, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The object of my invention is to provide a new and improved device for holding price or show cards.

The invention consists in a card-holding frame provided on its rear side with a loop or socket for receiving the upper end of a standard secured in a base, with hooks for holding the plate or frame in an inclined position, and for hanging the same, with a pin for securing the frame or plates on articles, and with a ring for hanging or suspending the frame.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in both the figures.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved show-card holder, showing it held on the top of a rod. Fig. 2 is a rear perspective view of the same, showing it detached from the rod.

A plate or frame, A, made of wood, metal, or any suitable material, is provided on the front side, along the lower edges and the ends, with grooved flanges B. The upper edge of this plate or frame is not provided with a grooved flange, so that a sign-board or show-card, C, can be passed into the grooved flange B, and can thus be held on the plate or frame A by these grooved flanges, as shown in Fig. 1. This plate or frame A is provided on its rear side and near the bottom edge with a loop or socket, D, either squared or cylindrical, for receiving the upper end of a rod or standard, E, of wood or metal. The lower end of this rod or standard E fits in an aperture in the top of a base or block, F, made of wood or metal and having any desired shape. A ring or loop, G, is hinged or otherwise held to swing or fold on the rear surface of the frame or plate A, near the upper edge of the same.

Two hooks, H, having their lower ends bent rectangularly, are held to swing in loops J on the rear surface of the plate or frame A, near

the ends of the same, or these hooks H can be hinged or pivoted to the rear of the plate A in any other suitable manner. A pin, K, is attached to the rear of the plate or frame A, at or near the middle of the same, and this pin projects downward.

The frame A is preferably made square or oblong, and can be made any desired suitable size. The card C can be made of card-board, sheet metal, thin wood strips, or other suitable material.

The frame-plate A can be held on the top of the rod E, as shown in Fig. 1, or it can rest on the objects and be held in an inclined position by the hooks H, as shown in Fig. 2. If desired, the hooks H H can be turned upward and the plate can be suspended by means of the hooks, as indicated in dotted lines in Fig. 2.

The plate or frame A can be suspended from a hook or nail by means of the loop or ring G.

The pin K can be passed into the articles to be marked by the card in the frame A, and the card can thus be held on this article by means of the pin.

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

1. The combination, with the card-holding frame or plate A, provided with grooved flanges B, of the loop or socket D, the standard E, and the base F, substantially as herein shown and described, for the purpose set forth.

2. The combination, with the card-holding plate or frame A, of the loop or socket D, and the pivoted bent hooks H H, substantially as herein shown and described, and for the purpose set forth.

3. The combination, with the card-holding frame A, of the loop or socket D, the pivoted hooks H, and the pin K, substantially as herein shown and described, and for the purpose set forth.

4. The combination, with the card-holding frame A, of the loop or socket D, the pivoted hooks H, the pin K, and the ring G, substantially as herein shown and described, and for the purpose set forth.

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