

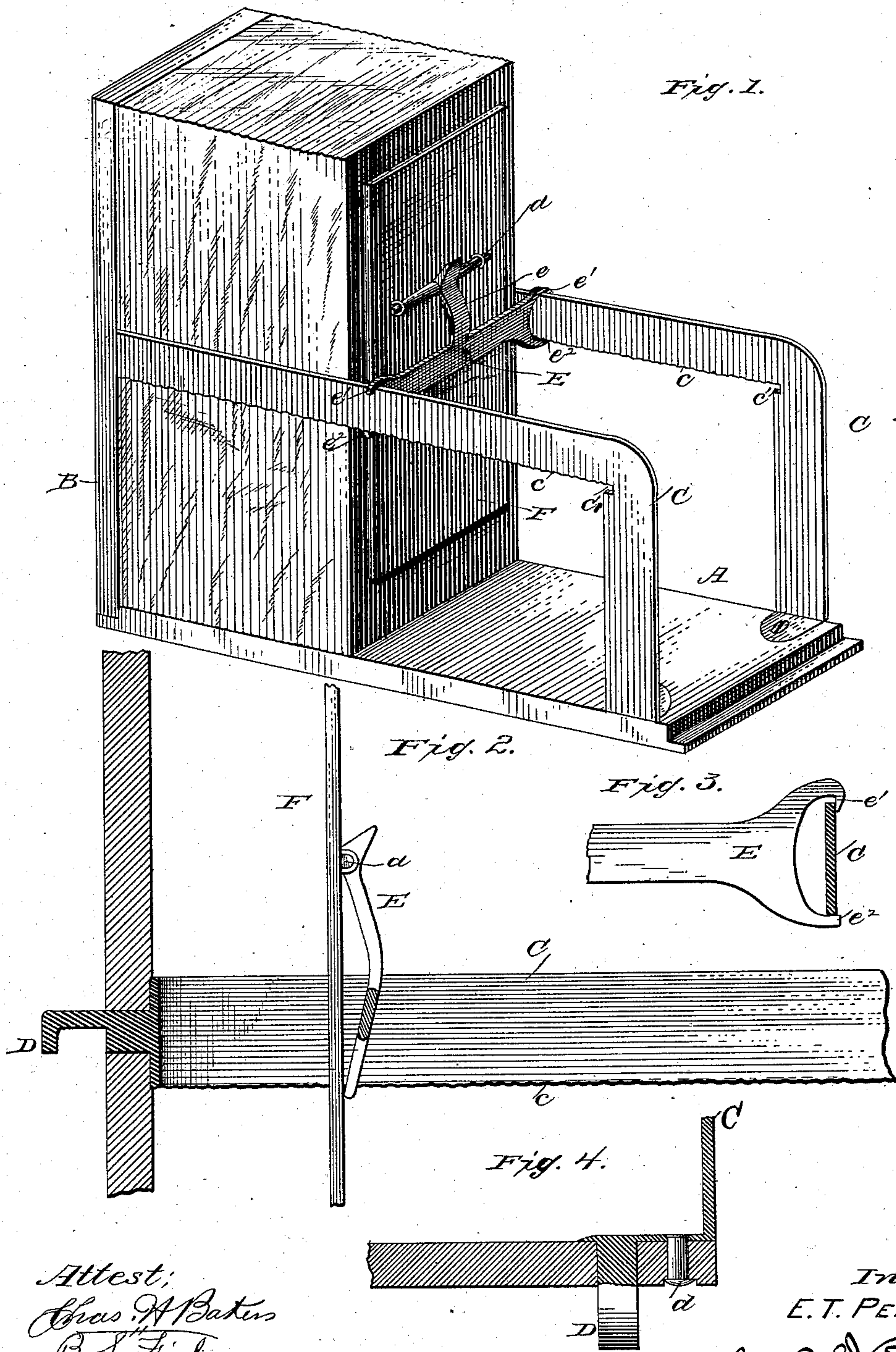
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWARD T. PEARSON, a citizen of Great Britain, residing at Washington city, District of Columbia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in File-Holders, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

My invention has relation to file-holders; and its object is to produce a file-holder that will be simple and effective in operation, and combine strength with cheapness of construction; and to that end the novelty consists in the construction of the side bars and the locking-lever, as will be hereinafter more fully set forth, and particularly pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings similar letters of reference indicate like parts of the invention.

Figure 1 is a perspective elevation of my improved file-holder; Fig. 2, a detail of one of the side bars and the locking-levers, partly in section; Fig. 3, a cross-section of one of the side bars, showing one end of the locking-lever in its unlocked position; and Fig. 4 is a detail view, showing the construction of the hook D.

A is the front, and B the bottom, of the file, and these parts are preferably made of wood and secured together at a right angle, as shown.

C C are the side rails or bars, and their shorter ends are secured by a screw to the front A, while the longer ends are provided with hooks D, which extend through the bottom B, and these ends of the bars C are secured to the bottom by a rivet, *d*. The under side of these side bars is corrugated or slightly serrated, as indicated by the letter *c*; and *c'* is a notch which the locking-lever engages, so as to allow it to be tilted back.

E is the locking-lever, and it has an upward extension, *e*, which is provided with two laterally-projecting arms, by means of which it is secured to the follower F by means of the staples *d*. The opposite ends of this locking-lever are fork-shaped, so as to partially encompass the side bars, C C, the finger *e'* being hooked around the top of the bar, while the

lower finger, *e''*, passes underneath, and its face engages with the serrations *c* on one of the bars C. This lever is placed in position before the side bars are secured by riveting them to bottom B, as when they are in place the lever is secured upon them, and it is impossible to remove it from the holder.

In operation the lever E is caught by the extension or handle *e* and drawn back so that the fingers *e''* engage the recesses *c'*. The holder is then open to its full extent, and the files, jackets, or papers are placed in the holder in the ordinary manner. The lever E is then pushed up against the files, so as to slightly compress them, and the hand removed. The expansion of the files presses the follower back, and this pressure is communicated to the extension *e* of the lever E, which throws upper end of the extension back, so as to "cant" the lever and cause the fingers *e''* to engage the serrations *c*, while at the same time the fingers *e'* bind on the top of the bars and securely lock the follower and lever in position. To release the same it is only necessary to press the upper end of the follower in with the thumb, which restores the locking-fingers to a vertical position, as shown in detail, Fig. 3, which releases them from the side bars, and the said follower may then be drawn back, so as to open the holder to its full extent, as first indicated. The file-holder slides on the bottom B in any suitable case, and the front A is then in a vertical position, and said front is provided with a ring or handle for manipulation. When the holder is withdrawn, the hooks D in the bottom engage with a rod running across the face of the case, and the holder then drops down into the position shown in Fig. 1; or it may be raised, so as to detach the hook D from the rod above mentioned, and the holder removed from the case.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new and useful, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

1. In a file-holder, the side bar, C, and hook D, made integral therewith, as set forth.
2. In a file-holder, the base B and front A, provided with side bars, C C, in combination

with the lever E, having handle *e* and fingers *e'* and *e''*, as set forth.

3. In a file-holder, the front A and base B, the latter provided with the side bars, C C, having serrations *c*, in combination with the lever E, having handle *e* and fingers *e'* and *e''*, as set forth.

4. In a file-holder, the lever E, having handle *e*, secured to the follower F, and provided with fingers *e'* and *e''*, in combination with the side bars, C C, as set forth.

5. The combination, with the side bars, C, provided with notches *c'*, of the lever E, having handle *e* and fingers *e'* and *e''*, as set forth.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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