

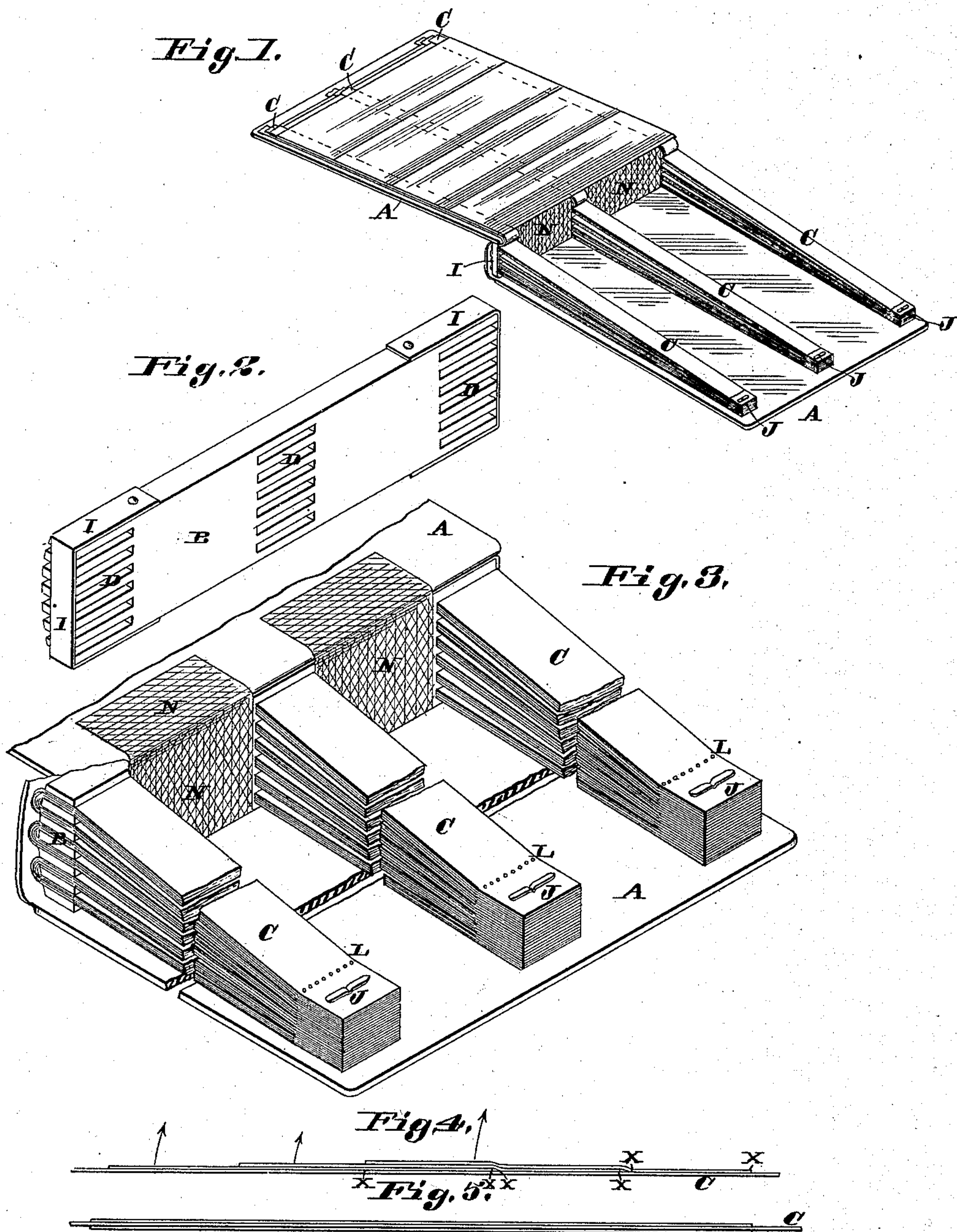
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DEVICE FOR FILING WAY-BILLS, &c.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM H. FOX, of the city of St. Louis, in the State of Missouri, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Devices for Filing Way-Bills, &c., of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, and in which—

10 Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved way-bill file. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the back-piece of the device. Fig. 3 is a detail enlarged perspective view of the device. Figs. 4 and 5 are diagrams illustrating
15 different manners or ways of securing the bills to the strips.

My invention relates to a device for filing ways-bills, &c., being more particularly intended for railroad purposes; and my invention consists in features of novelty hereinafter
20 fully described, and pointed out in the claims.

Referring to the drawings, A represents a suitable cover, made fast to a wood or other stiff back-piece, B.

25 C represents strips of paper secured endwise to the back-piece, preferably by being passed through slots D in the back, as shown. I have shown three sets of strips and three series of slots in the back; but there may be
30 two, or more than three. The end series of strips may be held in the slots and the back strengthened by tin or other strips, I. (See Fig. 2.) The strips C may be held in place until used by being secured to one of the covers by
35 McGill or other fastenings, J, (see Fig. 3,) and as they are used they are torn off, for which purpose they may be perforated, as shown at L.

40 The way-bills, &c., are pasted to the strips, and may be attached to one or both sides, as desired, being attached to the inner sides of the strips after they (the strips) are torn off and turned back. Either narrow bills, as

shown in Fig. 4, or wide ones, as shown in Fig. 5, may be filed, and by pasting so much
45 of each bill to the strips as is indicated between the points marked *x*, Fig. 4, they may be written upon on both sides and turned over, as indicated by the arrows, Fig. 4, to
50 be read.

The cover may be securely held to the back by strips N, of cloth or other suitable material.

By the use of the strips C the device is much lighter and cheaper than where whole
55 leaves are used, the saving in expense more especially being quite an item in a large number of books.

The cover A could be dispensed with, though I much prefer to use it. 60

I claim as my invention—

1. In a device for filing way-bills, &c., the combination of the back-piece and the sets of strips C, connected endwise thereto, and operating substantially as set forth. 65

2. In a device for filing way-bills, &c., the combination of the cover, back-piece, and strips, the strips being secured to the back-piece at their inner ends and connected together at their outer ends. 70

3. In a device for filing way-bills, &c., the combination of the cover, back-piece, and strips secured to the back-piece and to the cover, substantially as and for the purpose set forth. 75

4. In a device for filing way-bills, &c., the combination of the cover, back-piece having series of slots, strips secured to the back-piece by passing through said slots, and fastenings to secure the ends of the strips to the
80 cover, the strips being perforated at L, all substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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