

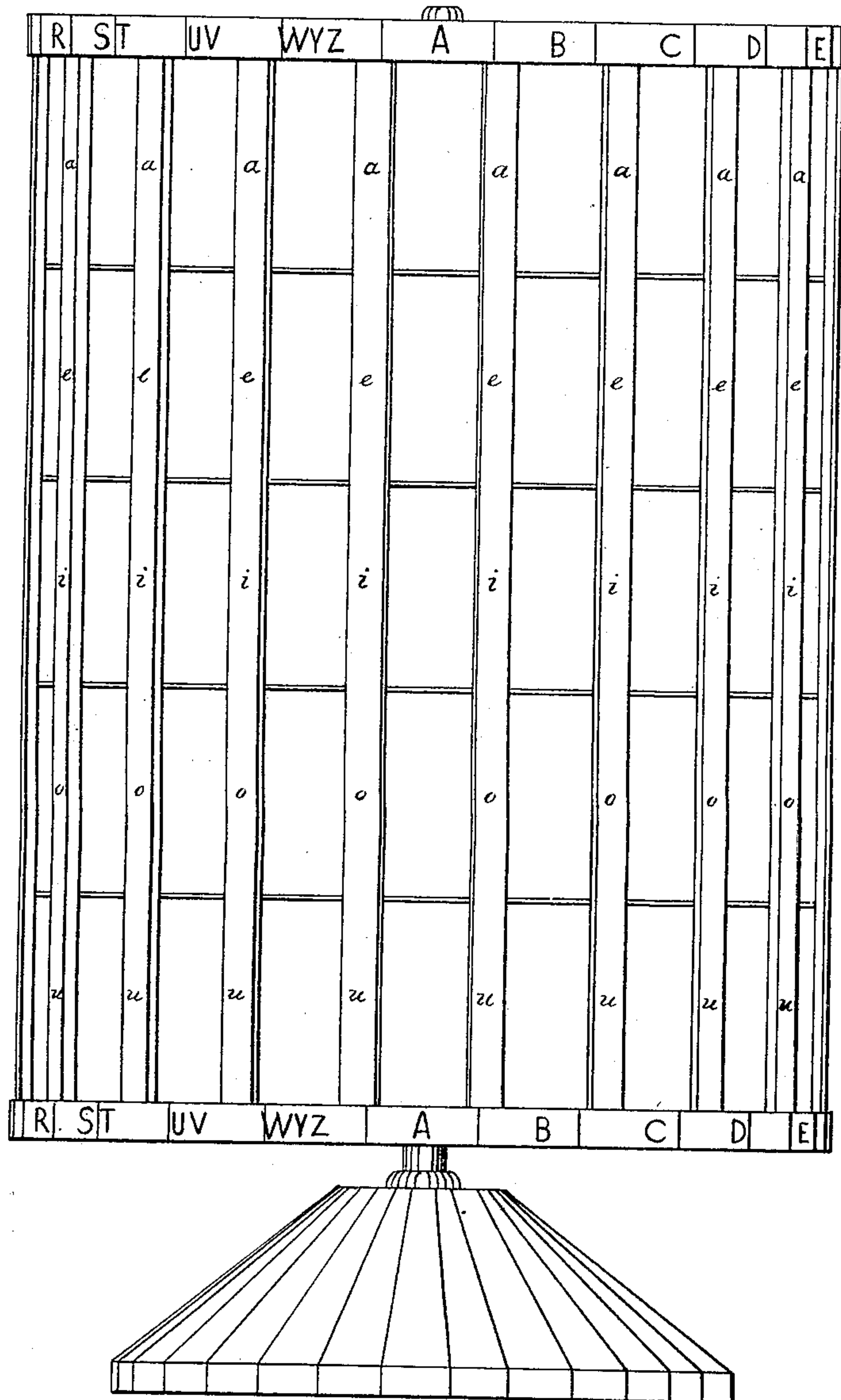
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN H. SHERRARD, a citizen of the United States, residing at Delphos, in the county of Van Wert and State of Ohio, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Revolving and Stationary Racks or Cases by the Use of Indexes, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in the use of indexes as applied to racks or cases, either round or square, revolving, or stationary, (if revolving on a central pivot,) by the use of the vowels and letters of the alphabet.

The objects of my improvement are, first, to make a systematic arrangement for the contents of the indexed rack or case by classifying it; second, to make that arrangement easily done; third, to increase the ease of filing papers or memoranda, and of reference to the contents when filed. I attain these objects by the use of the letters of the alphabet, in connection with the mechanism shown, as follows:

All the letters of the alphabet are used consecutively from left to right as indexes to twenty (20) perpendicular rows of pigeon-holes, as shown by accompanying drawing. The vowels a e i o u are used in connection with all the letters of the alphabet, as above, as indexes to horizontal rows of said pigeon-holes, above described, and make a classifica-

tion in the following manner, viz: The first letters in the word or subject of or about which articles or memoranda are to be filed determines from the top, the perpendicular row, and the first vowel in the word or subject determines the horizontal row or particular pigeon-hole to be used for filing the paper, article, or reference-memoranda; or, the rows may be reversed, and the letters of the alphabet may be ranged from the top to the bottom perpendicularly, and the vowels from left to right or horizontally.

I am aware that prior to my invention book racks or cases, revolving, stationary, round or square, may have been made in the way I propose, and I do not therefore claim the revolving or stationary idea, or anything new in the form of the rack or case; but

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

A case or rack for filing papers or books in, having openings or pigeon-holes arranged in rows both horizontally and vertically, the holes lettered one way with the letters of the alphabet consecutively, and the other way with the vowels, as shown and for the purpose set forth.

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