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Fig. 1.

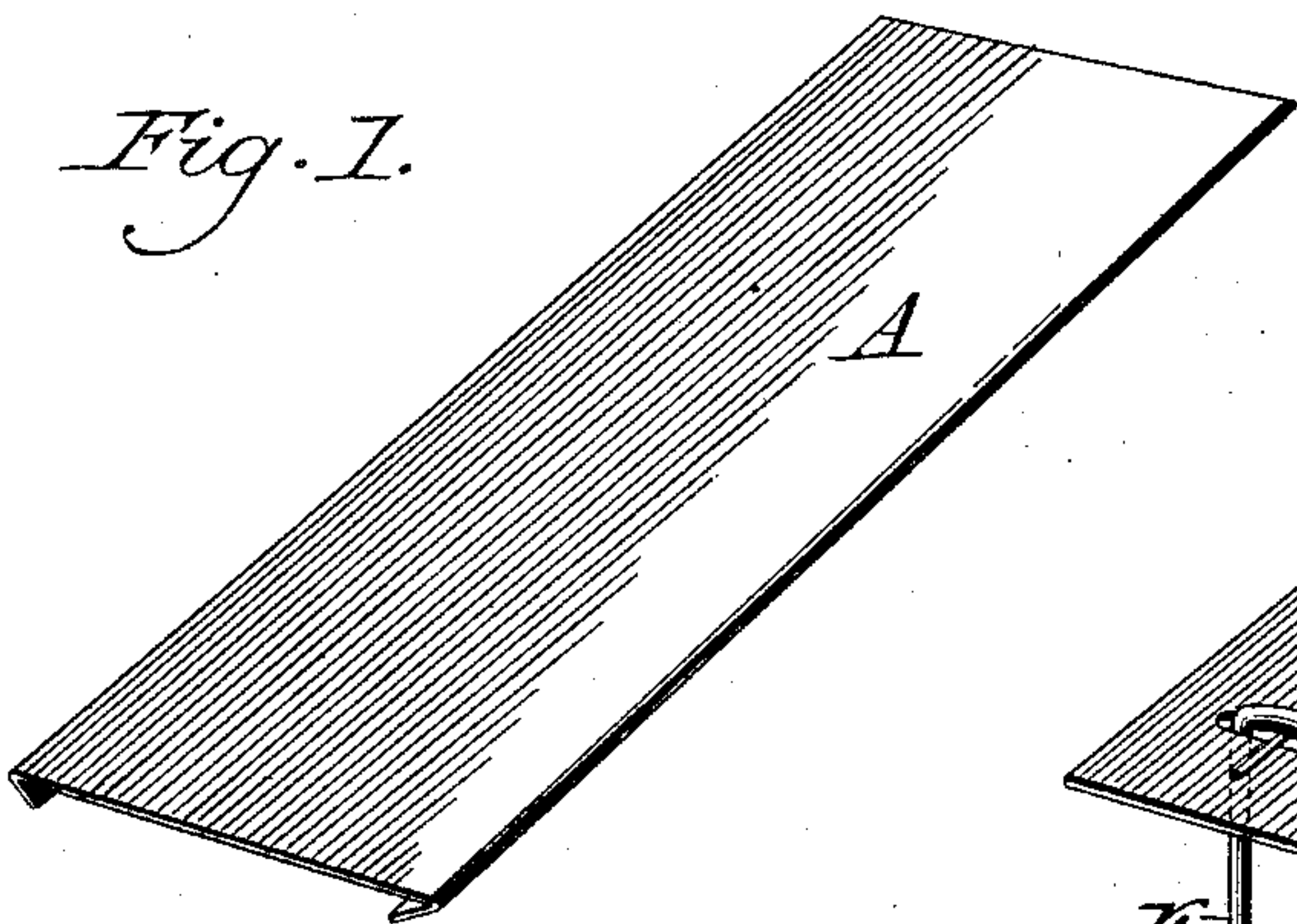


Fig. 2.

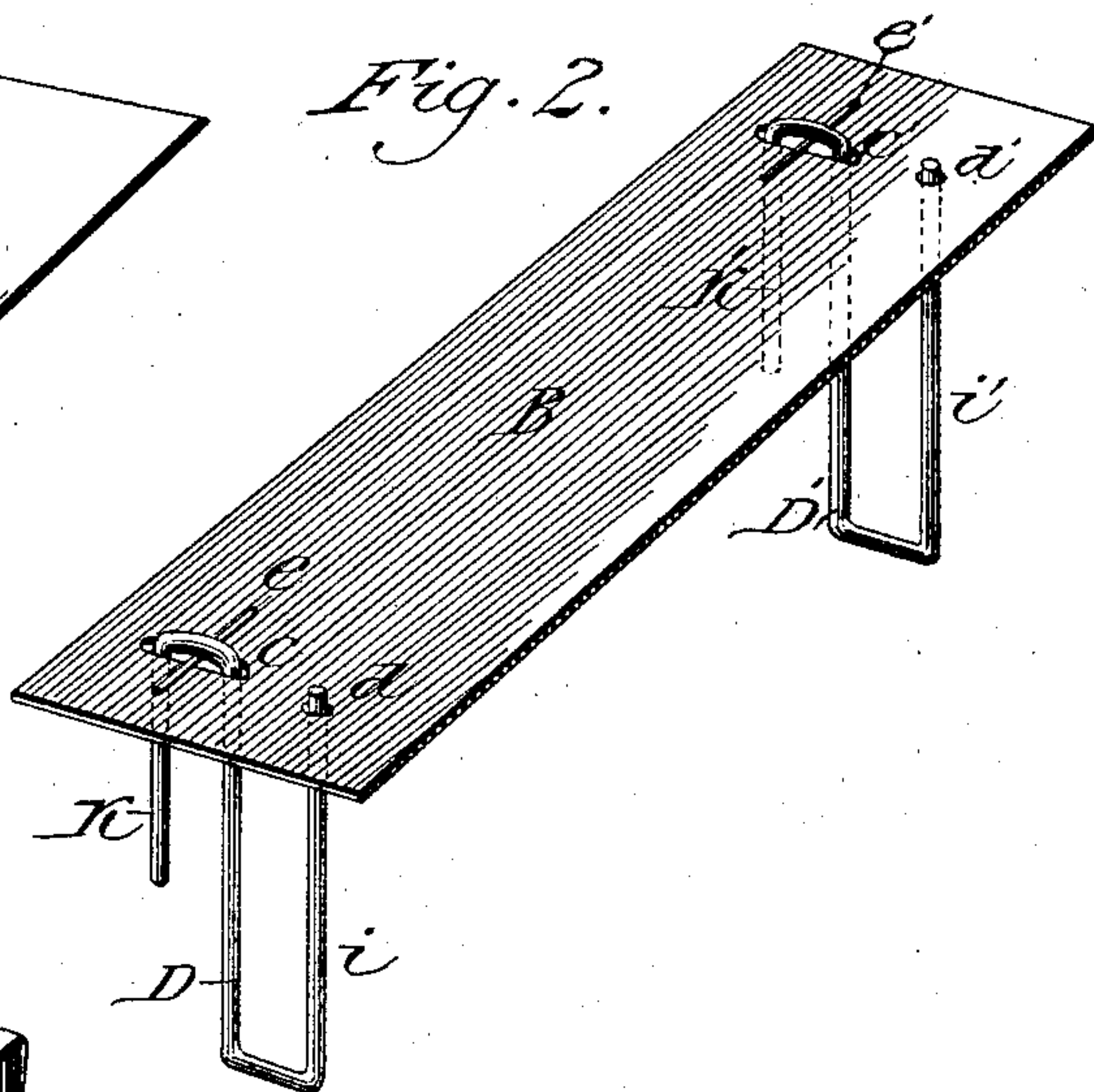


Fig. 3.

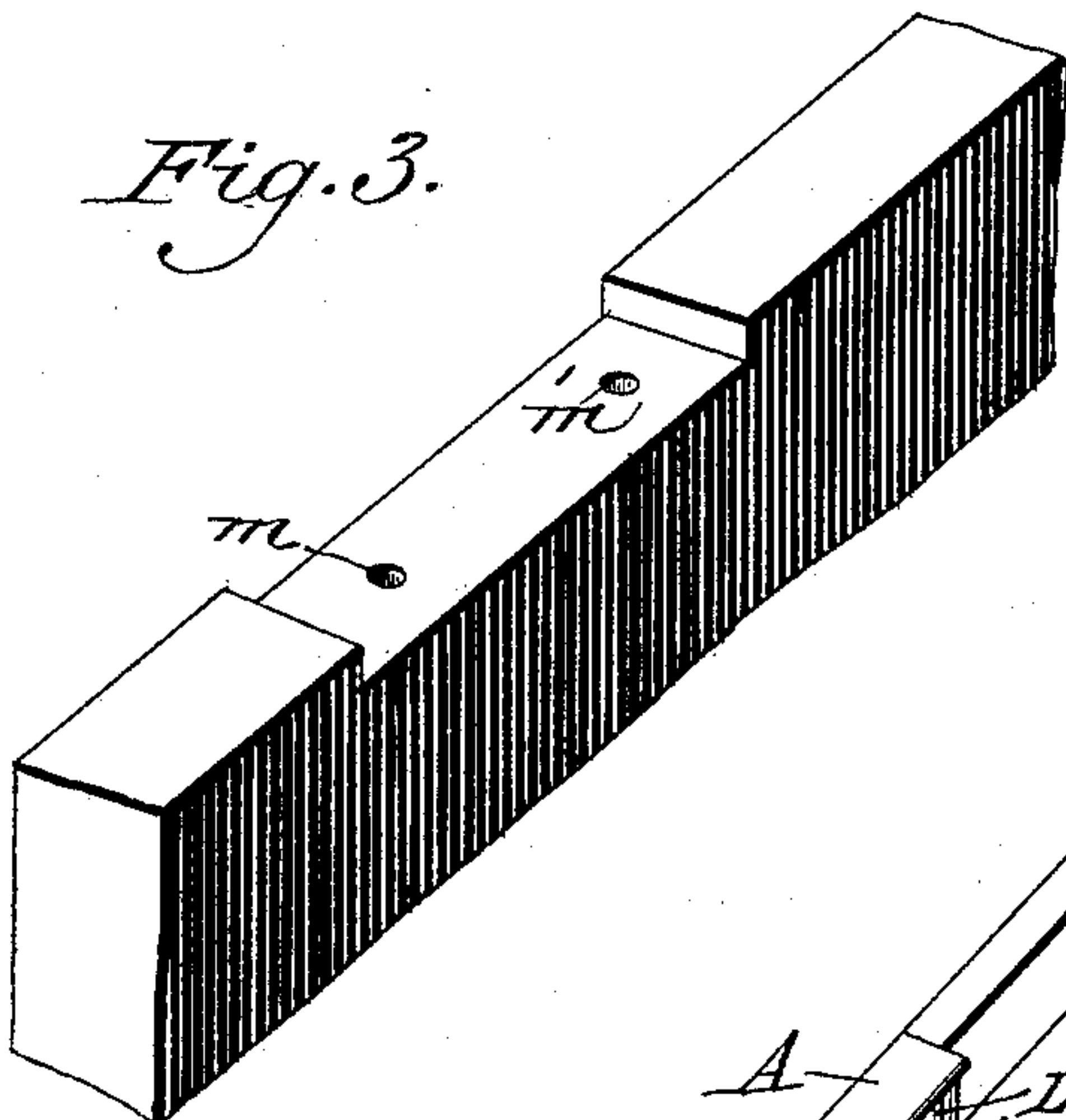
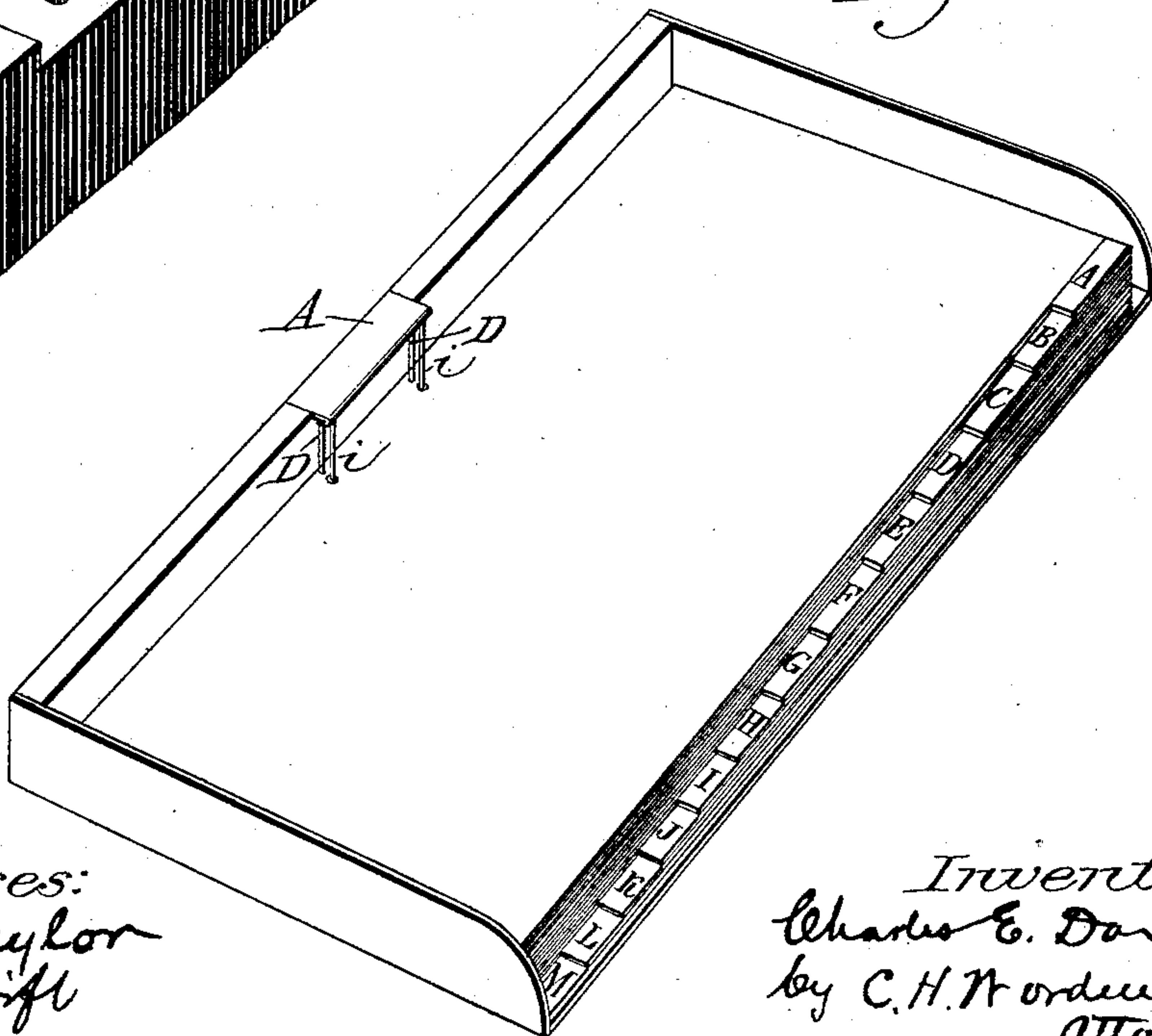


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES E. DAVIS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Fort Wayne, in the county of Allen, in the State of Indiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Cases or Cabinets for Filing Away Letters, Invoices, &c.; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form part of this specification.

My invention relates to improvements in cases or cabinets for filing away letters, invoices, &c.; and it consists of an improved detachable index-sheet holder.

The object of my invention is to provide a simple and strong device for fastening and holding together the index-sheets of a letter-file, and which may be detached from the case or cabinet in which it is used.

I refer to the device as illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which Figure 1 represents the cover or top separate from the rest of the device. Fig. 2 represents the device as it appears after the removal of the top, and shows the manner in which it is constructed. Fig. 3 represents the back of the filing-case or the front piece of a drawer of a filing-cabinet. Fig. 4 represents a drawer of a cabinet-file with the index-holder in position.

B represents the top part of the device, and may be made of tin or other suitable metal, as nickel. I prefer, however, to use a good quality of tin, as it is more convenient and more easily handled. It may be made of any size; but it is sufficient if it is about four inches long by one inch and a half wide. Near each end are two perforations, C and C', and d and d'. The perforations represented by C and C' are oval in shape, or may be better shown thus , and I usually make them about the size represented in Fig. 2. The perforations d and d' are made circular and a little larger than the arms i and i'.

D and D' represent pieces of wire of about the size and quality of No. 10 market wire, and are bent in the shape of letter S, as shown in Fig. 2, with one arm about half as long as the other. The size of the S-shaped wire attachments varies, of course, according to the

size of the letter-file and the number of index-sheets used. The elbow of the S-shaped wire attachments having the short arm is placed in the aperture C or C', and a small piece of wire is placed in the elbow above the aperture. This wire serves to strengthen the index-holder. The elbows, having been placed in position in the apertures C and C', are then soldered in place, as shown in Fig. 2. When the elbows are securely soldered in position, the long arms i and i' of the S-shaped wire attachments should project a very little through the apertures d and d'. By simply raising or bending back the top B a little the index-sheets, having perforations in the side opposite the lettering, may be placed in position on the long arms i and i'. The cover A is made of tin or other suitable metal—as nickel—and is of the same size as the top B. The edges on the long side are turned down or flanged, so as to make a sliding cover. After this cover is placed in position the edges may be hammered or pressed down, so as to fit snugly to the top B. The center of the back of the filing-case should be sunk a little, as shown in Fig. 3, so that when the index-holder is placed in position the top of the holder should not project above the top of the back. Near the center of the back are two perforations, large enough and deep enough to admit the short arms K and K', as shown at m and m' in Fig. 3. The holder, with the index-sheets attached to the arms i and i', having been placed in position, presents the appearance as shown in Fig. 4 when it is used in connection with a drawer of a filing-cabinet.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A detachable index-sheet holder consisting of a metal top with two perforations at each end and two S-shaped wire attachments held in place by the wires e and e', soldered to the top B, and the cover A, all substantially as described and set forth.

2. The combination of a metal top, B, the S-shaped wire attachments D and D', placed in the perforations C and C', held in place by the wires e and e', both sets of wires being soldered to the top B, and the metal plate A, having the edges on its long sides turned down or flanged, so as to make a sliding cover to fit the top B, all substantially as described and set forth.

3. The combination of the detachable index-
sheet holder consisting of a metal top, B, with
perforations C, C', d, and d', the S-shaped wire
attachments, the wires e and e', and the back
5 of a letter-case or the front of a filing-cabinet
drawer, all substantially as described and set
forth.

In testimony whereof I do hereto subscribe
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this 9th day of February, 1886.

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