

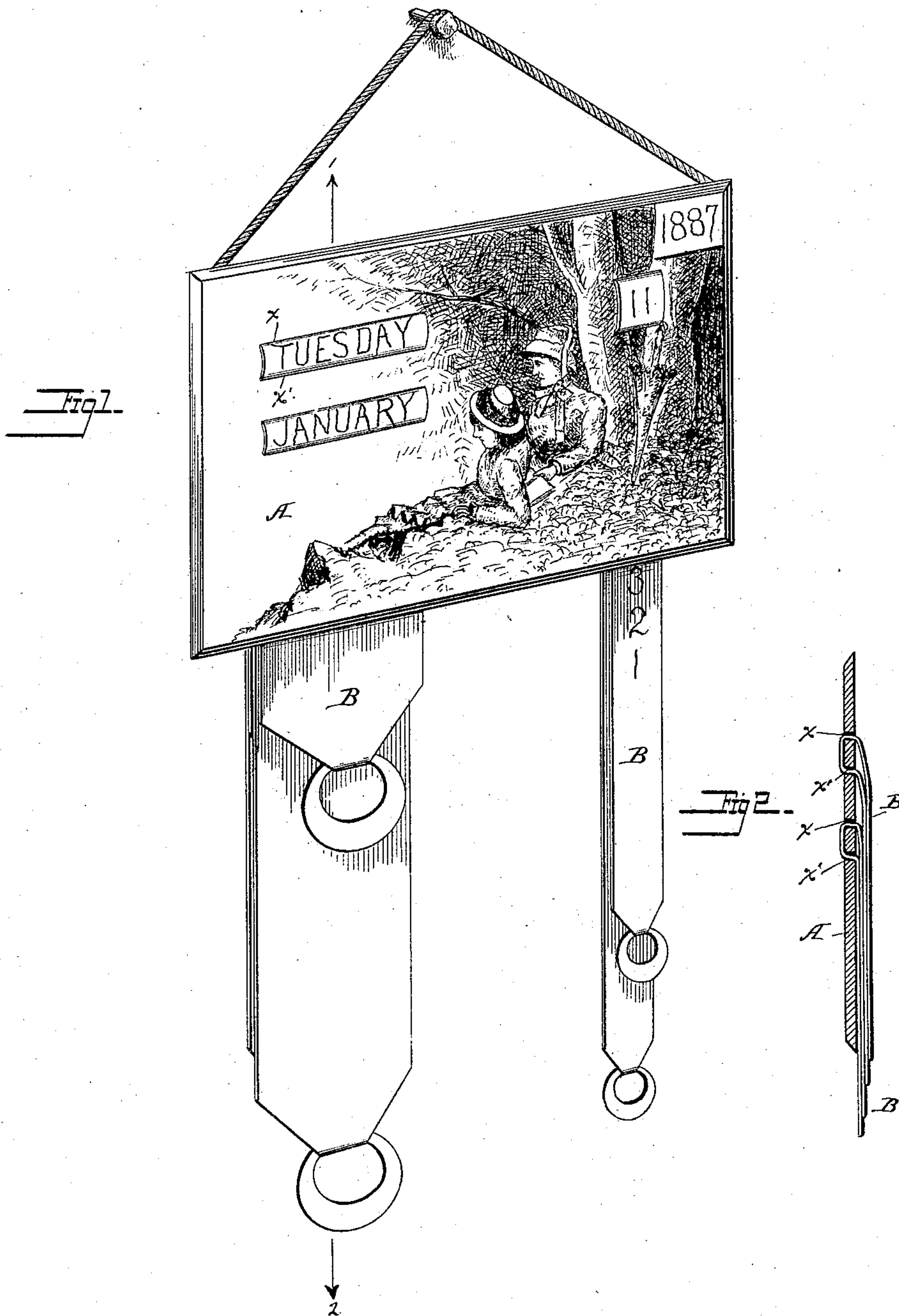
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANK W. MOULTON, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Washington, District of Columbia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Calendars, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to that class of articles, such as calendars, door-cards, &c., where it is desirable to display certain nominal or explanatory matter and change the latter from time to time; and my improved device consists of a plate having slots arranged in pairs and receiving strips of flexible material containing the matter to be displayed, all as fully set forth hereinafter and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view illustrating an illuminated calendar embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a section on line 1 2, Fig. 1.

A represents a stiff sheet of card-board, wood, stiff paper, metal, or other material, in which parallel slots $x x'$ are arranged in pairs in any suitable positions, according to the points upon the board where it is desired to display such subject-matter, as the names of the days of the week or of the months, or numbers indicating the days of the month, as it may be desirable to change from time to time. In connection with such slotted plate I employ a flexible strip or band, B, in connection with each pair of slots, the said strip extending from the back of the plate forward through the upper slot, and then from the front back through the lower slot, the ends of the strip hanging pendent behind, and extending below the lower edge of the plate for convenience of adjustment, and where they are provided with fringe or tassels or otherwise suitably ornamented, a section only of each strip being thus exposed at the front, equal in extent to the distance between the parallel slots.

When the device is a calendar, upon one strip will be printed or otherwise marked, in succession, the names of the months of the year, upon another the days of the week, and upon

another, in regular succession, numbers 1 to 31, to indicate the days of the month.

The plate A is suitably suspended or retained in a vertical position, and whenever a change is to be made in the subject-matter displayed one end or the other of the pendent portions of each strip is drawn downward, so as to carry the strip through the slots until the desired matter is displayed at the front of the plate. In connection with the displayed portions of the strips any desirable ornamental advertising or other matter may be upon or carried by the face of the plate A, depending upon the purpose for which the device is employed.

I have referred to the device as a calendar; but it will be evident that the same arrangement of parts may be used where it is desired to indicate other matters than the names of the days and months. I do not, therefore, limit the use of the device to strips containing any particular descriptive or nominal matter.

It will also be evident that the slots $x x'$ may be arranged in different positions upon the plate, one pair below the other, or at one side of the other, or otherwise, as desired.

Without limiting myself to the precise construction and arrangement of parts shown, I claim—

A plate provided with a series of pairs of horizontal parallel slots, $x x'$, in combination with a flexible strip for each pair of slots containing the matter to be displayed, and each strip extending from the back through one slot of its pair and from the front through the other slot of said pair, the free ends of the strips extending side by side below the lower edge of the plate, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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