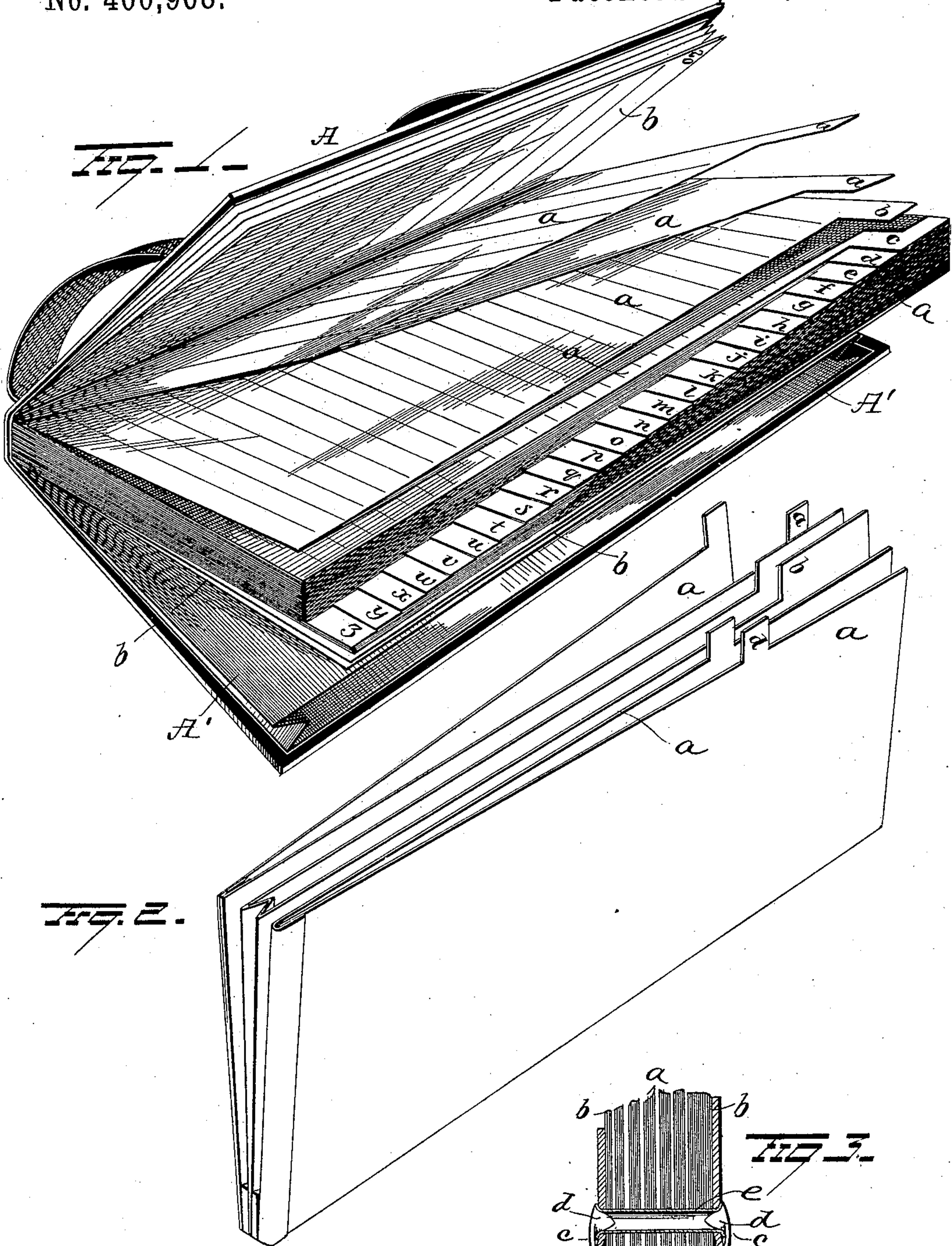


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CLARENCE WALLACE TAYLOR, a resident of Janesville, in the county of Rock and State of Wisconsin, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Portable Scrap-Files and Reference-Registers; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to an improved portable device for the filing in regular indexed pockets of printed clippings, written articles, library-references, or other similar matter that is worthy of preservation.

One object of my present invention is to provide a portable pocket memorandum-book with suitably-constructed interior parts that will afford means for the ready insertion and proper retention of printed clippings, written memoranda, short miscellaneous written articles, and similar matter in regular order and conveniently arranged, so as to be readily referred to and obtained when wanted.

A further object is to construct a pocket scrap-file and memorandum-book with a removable back, so that one durable cover may be utilized for new interior parts when the latter are worn out or filled with written matter that it is desirable to preserve.

A further object is to provide flexible tablets of durable material susceptible of receiving written pencil memoranda and permit the ready erasure of the same when desired.

With these objects in view my invention consists in the peculiar construction of parts and their combinations, as is set forth in the following description and pointed out in the claims.

Referring to the drawings, Figure 1 is a view of the scrap-file and memorandum-book opened to expose the construction and arrangement of its interior. Fig. 2 is a detached view of one of the filing-pockets. Fig. 3 is a sectional view of the back of the filing and memorandum book to expose one of the spring-hinge joints of the cover with the book-leaves.

A is the back of the book, made of any suitable material and of such convenient size and form as to permit the carriage of the book

in the pocket of the user. A pocket, A', with expansible ends, is secured to one of the back portions, preferably the right-hand lid of said cover.

The interior portion of the combined scrap-file and memorandum-book consists of a suitable number of leaves, *a*, to produce the file-pockets. These are preferably made of paper having sufficient inherent strength for their use; or they may be made of muslin faced with paper to afford increased durability. The lower edges of the leaves *a* are joined in pairs; or they may be folded endwise from one piece of material to produce a closed lower end or pocket, which is made in the fashion of a pocket in an ordinary pocket-book, so as to collapse when the book is closed, but that may be expanded to receive several pieces of paper between the joined pairs of leaves.

The edges of the file-pockets produced by joining the leaves *a* in pairs are cut away in the manner usual to produce projecting tabs on the edge of the leaves, said tabs being impressed with an appropriate letter of the alphabet in regular sequence from A to Z, and it is preferred to place each designating-letter on both sides of the tab, so as to catch the eye of the user of the book more readily.

The faces of the leaves or sides of the file-pockets just described are ruled to receive written memoranda, which is preferably made in lead-pencil, to permit erasure when desirable, and thus permit other memoranda to be made.

Strips of thicker material than the leaves *a*, of which the file-pockets are composed, are alternated between these pockets, to afford room for material placed within them and permit the book to be closed without strain on the joints of the back.

In front or at the rear of the file-pockets *a* any desirable number of ruled leaves, *b*, are bound with the first-named portions *a*, which leaves *b* are numerically or alphabetically indexed in regular order to afford means for the speedy finding of any subject-matter written on the same or in any other part of the book; and any desired number of leaves of pliable material that are adapted to receive memoranda written in lead-pencil and permit its erasure—such as celluloid, gela-

tine, or similar substance—should be bound with the other leaves at any desired relative location in the body of the book, it being understood that these leaves are for the reception of temporary memoranda which are not to be permanently preserved on the erasable tablets; but if any matter entered on these tablets is worthy of more permanent inscription it may be written in ink on the permanent note-sheets, or it may be written in ink and transferred to the appropriate file-pocket to which it belongs, as will be further explained. The back is secured removably to the leaves by spring-hinge joints, which will now be described.

The spring-clips B consist of strips of spring metal bent into shape, as shown, the two parallel limbs *c* of the clip being bent at right angles from a back-piece, *c'*, so as to lie in line with each cover or lid A when the clip is secured in place. Two or more of the clips B are fastened to the back portion of the cover at proper intervals. The limbs *c*, extending a short distance toward the front edge of the cover, are provided with knobs or rounded projections *d* on their ends, these protuberances being formed on the sides of the limbs which are adjacent, so that they may engage with the cupped ends of tubular rivets or elongated eyelets *e*, which are inserted through the rear edge of the assembled leaves to secure them together.

It will be apparent that by springing the protuberances *d* into the cupped ends of the eyelets *e* the cover A of the book may be removably attached to the leaves, and when it is desirable to substitute a new interior the same may readily be effected and the cover be made serviceable for a second or possibly a third set of leaves if it is made sufficiently durable to withstand the incidental wear of such extended service.

In putting the scrap-file to use for the preservation of clippings, articles written or printed, library or other references, if it is not convenient to immediately classify the same, they may be placed when first secured in the large pocket that is attached to one lid of the book. The clippings or loose articles are placed in their appropriate pockets, that are indicated by the leading letter of the title, head-line, or subject, and the proper corresponding letter of the index, the head-line, or title or subject of the article should be written in lead-pencil on the ruled surface of the front side of the pocket, and each successive clipping or written article is similarly entered in regular order. It will thus be rendered the work of a moment to turn with certainty to the desired article if the subject, caption, or head-line is remembered.

If it is desired to preserve maxims, gems of thought, library-references, or other written matter, these may be written on the note-sheets as permanent items or on the erasable sheets as temporary memoranda, and after being properly lettered to indicate its loca-

tion and place of filing it may be entered in place on the ruled surface of the proper pocket, whose index-letter is the first letter of the title, head-line, or subject of such item harmonizing with the page of memoranda-sheet whose written symbol or capital letter indicates its location on such page.

When it is desired to inscribe memoranda permanently or temporarily on the blank numerically-indexed leaves, these may be so utilized, and by writing such memoranda or other matter to be preserved on such numerically-indexed sheets, writing a capital letter above each item, beginning with the letter A on each page, and writing after the capital indicating the location of such item the first letter of the title, head-line, or subject of the item, and enter such title, head-line, or subject on the ruled surface of the side of the pocket into which it would be filed if it were a loose or separated article.

If any article is removed permanently from the file-pocket in which it was deposited or note-sheet on which it was written, its head-line, subject, or caption should be expunged from the reference-list on the side of the file-pocket, and when all the pockets are filled with printed or written articles that possess value to the collector and are desirable to preserve for future reference the entire interior of the book may be removed and filed away, substituting a new series of pockets, in the manner hereinbefore explained.

By enlargement of the dimensions of the device herein described it may be employed to contain proof-sheets of fine photographs, etchings, or engravings, and the subjects may be registered on the surface of each indexed pocket. The engraving or other picture desired may thus be found with certainty and dispatch.

In the pocket form of scrap-file and indexed register the book may be held together by any suitable means, gum bands being preferred as a convenient, cheap, and reliable device for the purpose.

Having fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In a portable scrap-file, a cover and a set of leaves which are joined in pairs at one end to form pockets, each open at the side and one end, the leaves being adapted to receive written memoranda, substantially as set forth.

2. In a scrap-file, a cover and a set of leaves which are secured together in pairs at one end to form pockets, open at the side and one end, and indexed on their edges, substantially as set forth.

3. In a scrap-file, a cover, a single pocket open at the side only formed adjacent to one lid of the cover, and a series of pockets open at the side and one end, the said pockets being formed of ruled leaves joined in pairs at one end, substantially as set forth.

4. In a scrap-file, a cover, a series of blank

leaves, and a series of pockets, each open at the side and one end, substantially as set forth.

5 In a scrap-file, a cover, a series of leaves, a series of pockets, each open at the side and one end, and a pocket closed at both ends, substantially as set forth.

10 In a scrap-file, the combination, with a body consisting of a series of pockets, each open at the side and one end, of a cover removably secured to said body, substantially as set forth.

7. The combination, with a body secured together by rivets having sockets in their ends, of a cover and the spring-clasps having 15 end projections to enter the sockets in the rivets, substantially as set forth.

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

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