

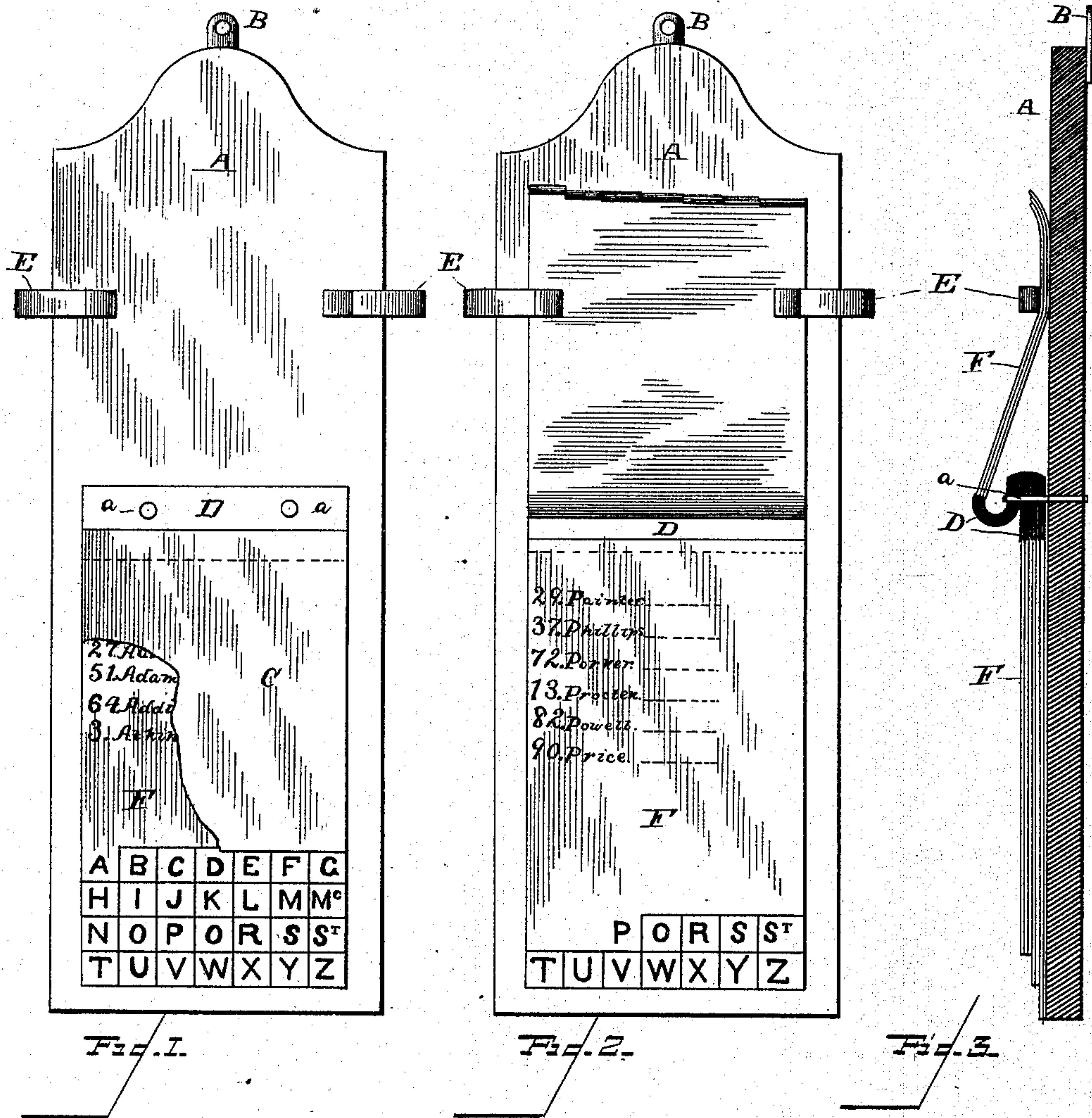
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## TELEPHONE-ADDRESS INDEX AND ADVERTISING DEVICE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN FRANCIS O'BRIEN, of the city and Province of Quebec, in the Dominion of Canada, have invented certain  
5 new and useful Improvements in Telephone-Address Indexes and Advertising Devices, (for which I have obtained Letters Patent in the Dominion of Canada, numbered 29,968, dated October 10, 1888;) and I do hereby de-  
10 clare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a front elevation of my address-  
15 index and advertising medium. Fig. 2 is a like view of the same as when in use, and Fig. 3 is a vertical section of Fig. 2.

My invention has for its object to enable  
20 telephone-subscribers to quickly ascertain the call-address of other subscribers by an index convenient for reference and to allow of display of advertisements on the pages of said index without impairing the ready reference to call-addresses.

25 My invention consists of a board adapted to be hung near a telephone, an index-book attached to said board and opening briefwise, and springs secured to the vertical edges of the board to hold up the leaves of the index  
30 when raised for reference. The leaves of the index are preferably attached to a stub-back, which is secured to the board horizontally, so that a leaf may be conveniently removed and replaced. The front pages contain the  
35 names of subscribers and their call-numbers and the backs of the pages sold to advertisers for displaying their announcements.

A represents a piece of board of any suitable wood or material, shaped to be pleasing  
40 to the eye and provided with a screw-ring B or a hole to hang the same to a fixture at a place convenient to the sight when using the telephone. To the outer face of the said board is secured an index-book C. The  
45 leaves F are alphabetically lettered at the bottom and preferably attached at top to a stub-back D, removably secured horizontally to about the middle of the board, whereby the book will open briefwise and the leaves be  
50 severably attachable, to allow a leaf contain-

ing obsolete matter to be replaced by another having the desired announcement without removing the other leaves. Ordinary brass paper-fasteners *a* will be found convenient for this purpose. Above the index-book is  
55 secured to the board at each of its opposite edges a spring F. These springs are so formed that when a leaf or a number of leaves of the book are raised against the top part of the board the springs will yield and, reacting, re-  
60 tain said leaves until released. The names of subscribers to a telephone system are inscribed on the front page of the leaves, or that side which is exposed to view when at the drop  
65 position, and on the back of said leaves are displayed advertisements or other announcements, which will be observable when referring to the subscribers' names or subject-matter of the index.

By my invention the inconvenience of the  
70 unhandy reference-books now supplied to telephone-subscribers is obviated, the liability of the book being lost or mislaid is removed, and the difficulty now often experienced in finding a reference will be over-  
75 come and delay and vexation avoided.

I claim as my invention—

1. A list for telephone-service or like purpose, composed of separately-indexed leaves removably secured to a support and having  
80 a spring-holder to receive and hold said leaves when opened for reference, substantially as described.

2. The combination of the board A, the alphabetical index-book C, secured thereto  
85 briefwise, and the springs E, to hold up the leaves of said index when making a reference, substantially as set forth.

3. The combination, with the board A, having springs E, of the index-book C, secured  
90 briefwise thereto, said book having a stub-back D and leaves F, alphabetically arranged and attached removably to said back, substantially as set forth.

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