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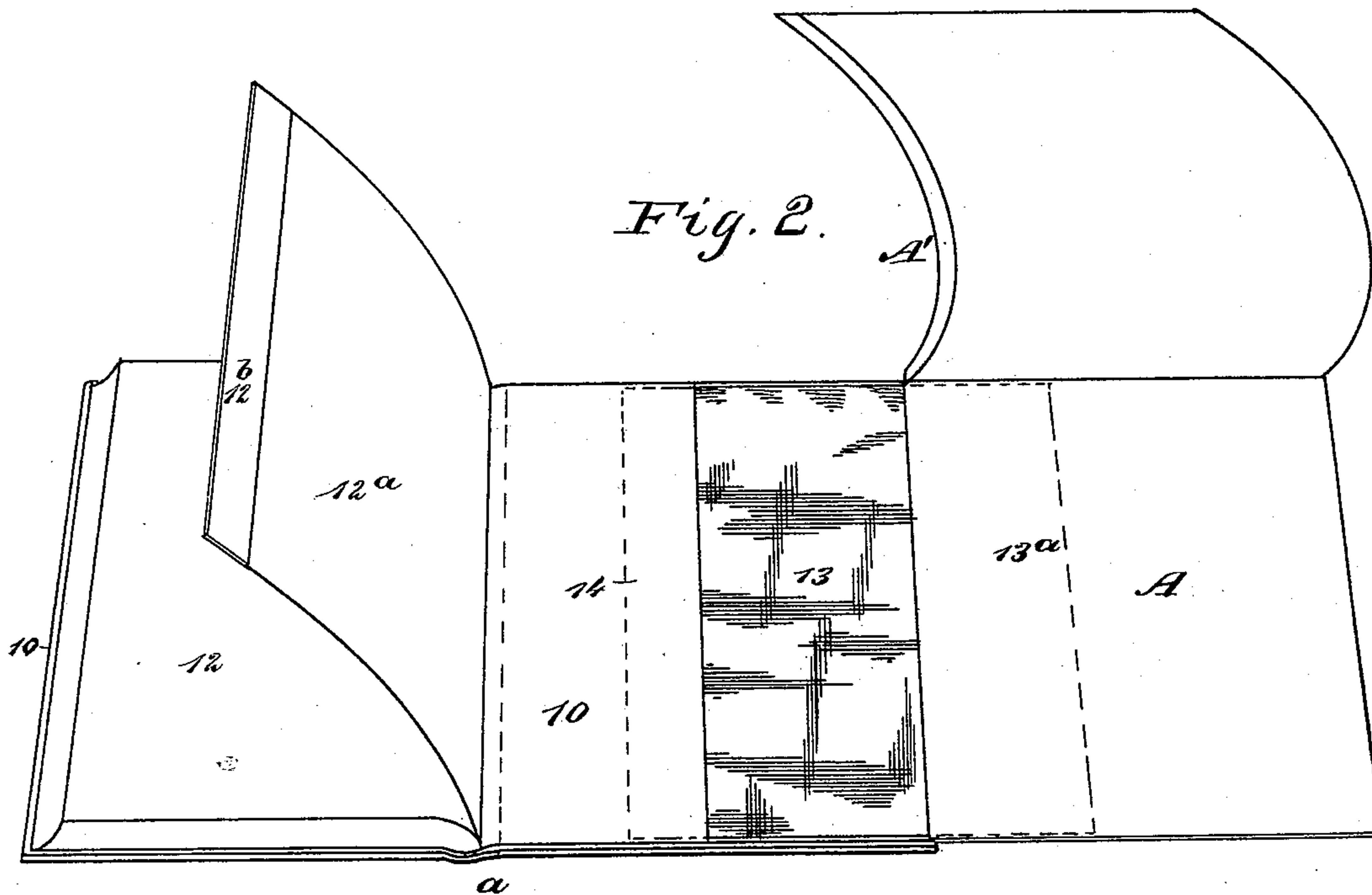
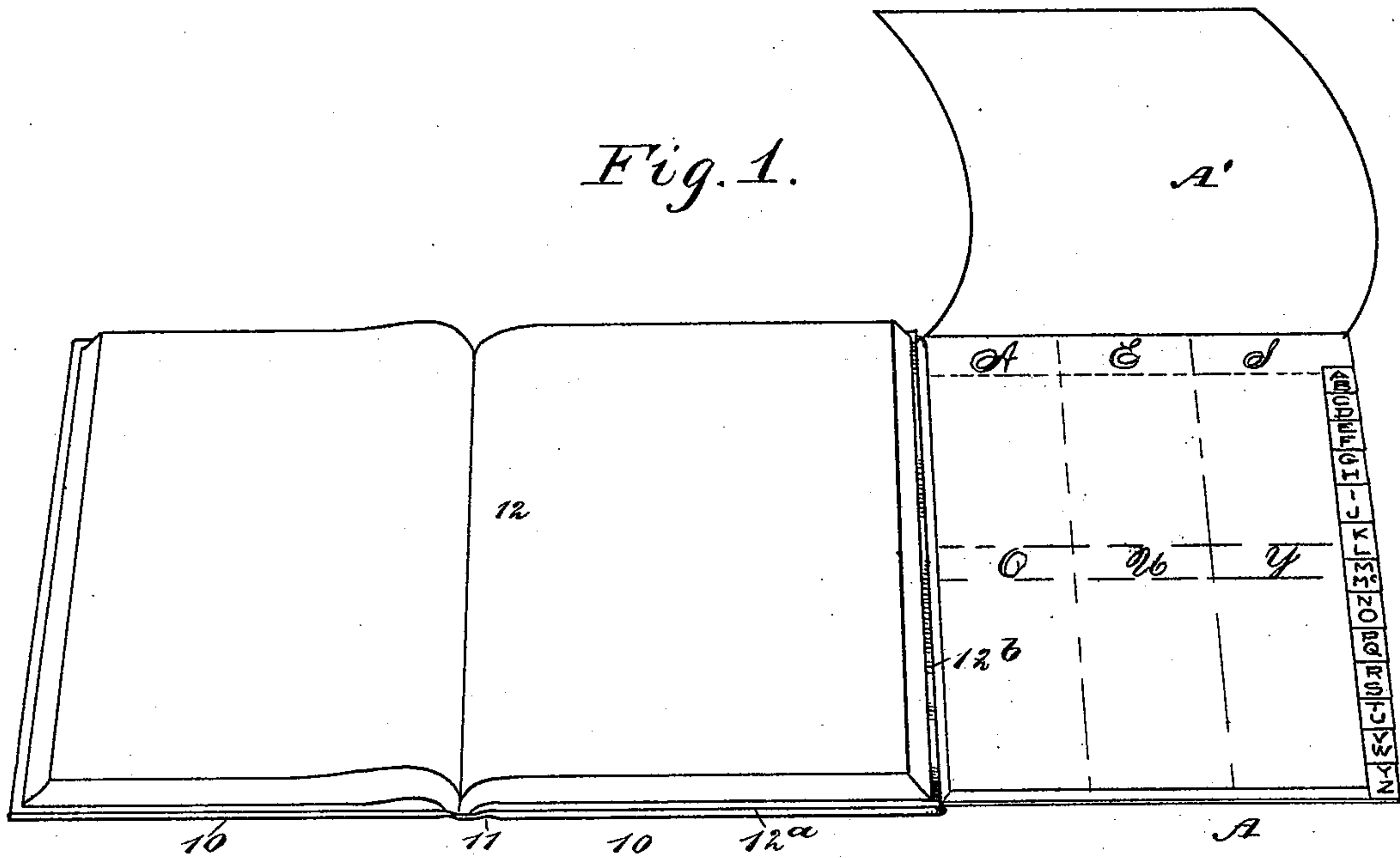
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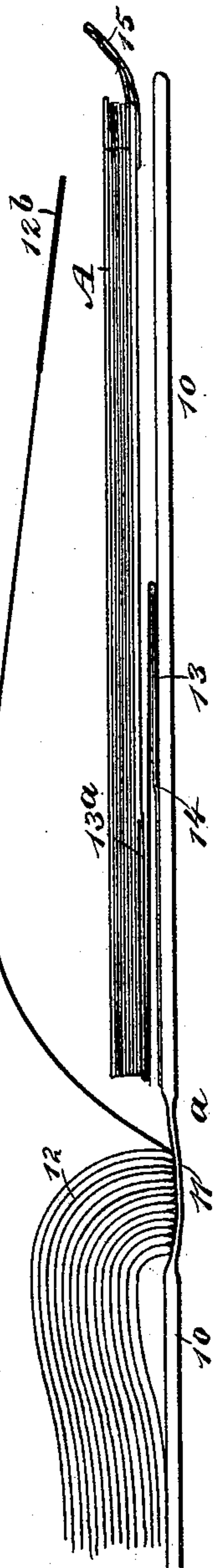
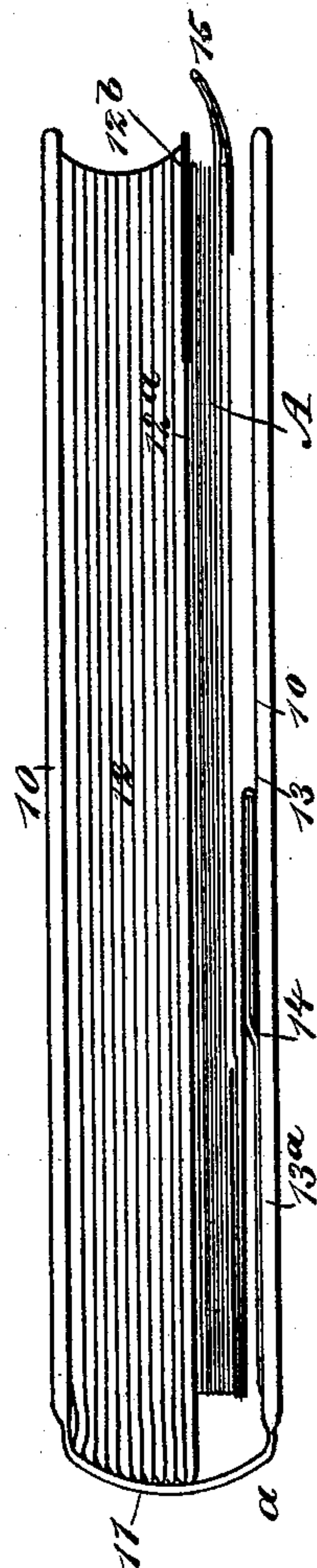


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM D. BEVIN, of Syracuse, in the county of Onondaga and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Indexes for Letter or Account Books, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention relates to an improved index especially adapted for use in connection with letter-books, ledgers, or other books constantly requiring indexing; and the object of the invention is to provide a sliding index, an index which will be attached to a book, virtually forming a portion thereof, and capable of being slid out therefrom or slid to place between the leaves of a book and its back without opening the book or interfering with the lay of the leaves when the book is opened.

The invention consists in the novel construction and combination of the several parts, as will be hereinafter fully set forth, and pointed out in the claim.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar figures and letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the book open and the index slid out therefrom in a position for use. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the book and index, the index being in the position shown in Fig. 1 and the leaves of the book being illustrated in the position to disclose the back board to which the index is attached. Fig. 3 is an edge view of the book open, the last page thereof only being over the back board to which the index is secured and the index being shown in a position for use. Fig. 4 is a similar view to Fig. 3, the index, however, being shown as within the book; and Fig. 5 is an end view of the book closed.

In carrying out the invention the boards of the book are connected in the usual manner by a flexible strip 11, to which the leaves 12 of the book are secured in the binding; but one board (the back board, preferably) is narrower than the front board, whereby the flexible strip between the inner edge of the back board and the rear leaf is much

wider, as shown at *a* in Figs. 3, 4, and 5, than between the front leaf and the inner edge of the front board. The rear leaf 12^a of the book is preferably made of a stouter material than the other leaves, and at its outer side edge is stiffened by an attached strip of leather 12^b, canvas, or like material, so that the re-enforcement of the back leaf 12^a enables the person manipulating the book to raise all of the leaves when resting upon the back leaf.

The index A, when not in use, is adapted to lie upon the back board, between it and the back leaf 12^a, as shown in Fig. 4. The index is usually made of a size and shape nearly corresponding to the size and shape of the back board of the book, and the index is also ordinarily provided with a front cover A', attached to its upper edge, whereby it is opened upward and outward, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2; but if in practice it is found desirable the front cover may be adapted to fold out from the outer side of the index.

The index is secured to the back board of the book by means of a flexible strip 13, made from fabric, leather, rubber, or rubber cloth. The strip is secured in any suitable or approved manner to the under cover of the index, being securely attached to said cover from a point near the center to the inner edge thereof, as illustrated at 13^a in Figs. 4 and 5. Ordinarily the flexible strip 13 is pasted to the back of the index and extends from the top to the bottom thereof. The opposite end of the flexible strip is secured to the inner face of the back board at or near the center thereof, as illustrated at 14 in the said Figs. 4 and 5. The preferred form of attaching the strip to the back board is by dividing the sheet employed as a facing to the inner face of the back board and pasting the fabric directly upon the back board or casing thereof and covering the pasted section of the strip by one section of the facing-sheet. The width of the flexible strip is so calculated that when the index is slid to its normal position within the book the inner edge of the index will be flush, or practically so, with the inner edge of the back board. The index is also provided with an attached tab 15, the said tab being usually secured to the back of the index at the center thereof.

In operation, if the book is closed, the index may be slid outward by grasping the tab 15 and drawing upon it, and when drawn outward to its full extent the inner edge of the index will 5 practically rest upon the outer edge surface of the back board. This action is accomplished without necessarily opening the book or without disturbing any of its leaves, and when the book is opened for indexing purposes the index is slid out in like manner as 10 above set forth, and when the front cover of the index is opened, the index then adjoining the side edge of the book, the leaves of the book may be turned with the left hand as the 15 party indexing enters the name and number of the page in the index with the right hand. When through indexing it is simply necessary to raise the back sheet 12^a, which is readily accomplished by grasping its re-enforcing edge, as said edge extends beyond all 20 the leaves of the book, and when the back leaf is thus engaged it is elevated slightly and the index is slid back as far as it will go, at which time it will be completely concealed 25 between the back leaf and the back board.

Nothing interrupts the inward-sliding movement of the index, as the fabric connection, being of a yielding nature, naturally folds upon itself as the index is manipulated.

30 It will be observed that the index is an attachment to the book, and that it is capable of convenient and expeditious manipulation,

and with ordinary care will not become separated from the book.

By reason of the flexible strip of the back 35 being made longer at one side of the attached leaves than at the other, ample room is provided for the index when the book is closed, and the back of the book has the same appearance as though the additional leaves of 40 the index were not contained therein and were not attached to the back flexible strip of its cover.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters 45 Patent—

The combination, with a book the binding of which comprises two boards united by a flexible strip and leaves attached to said strip, the space between one board and the leaves 50 being greater than the space between the opposite board and the leaves, and an outer leaf re-enforced at its outer edge, of an index, and a flexible strip, as of fabric, rubber, or rubber cloth, secured to the back of the index 55 and to the inner face of the back board of the book, substantially as shown and described, the board to which the index is attached being adjacent to the re-enforced leaf, as and for the purpose set forth.

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