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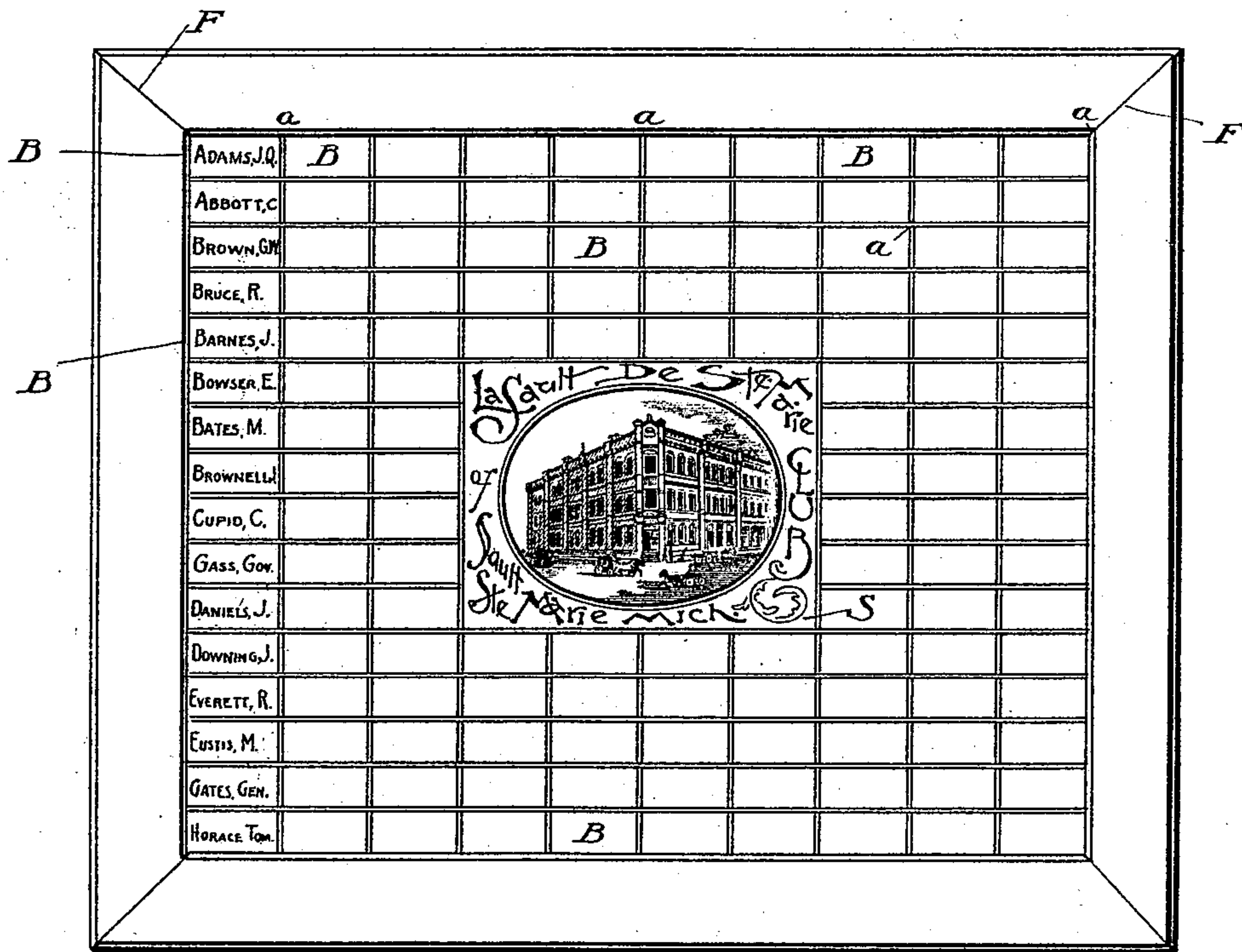


Fig. 2.

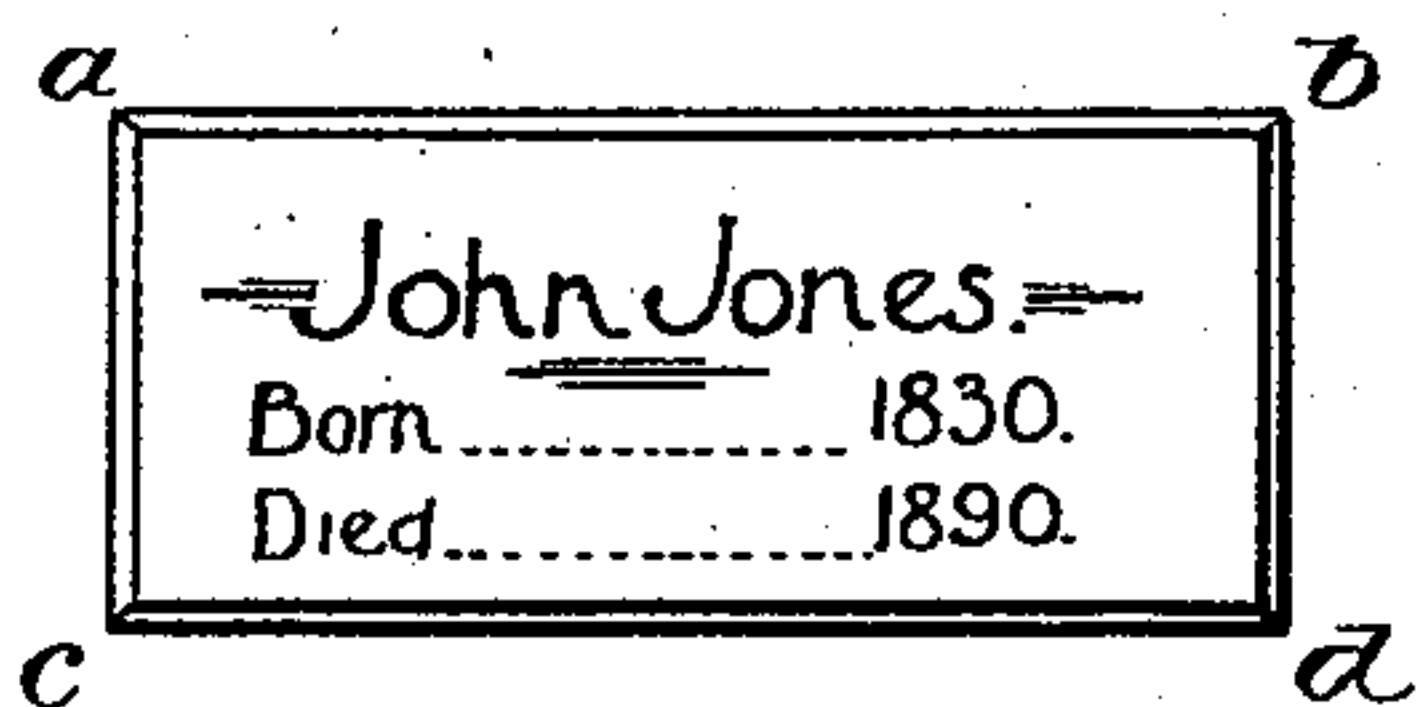
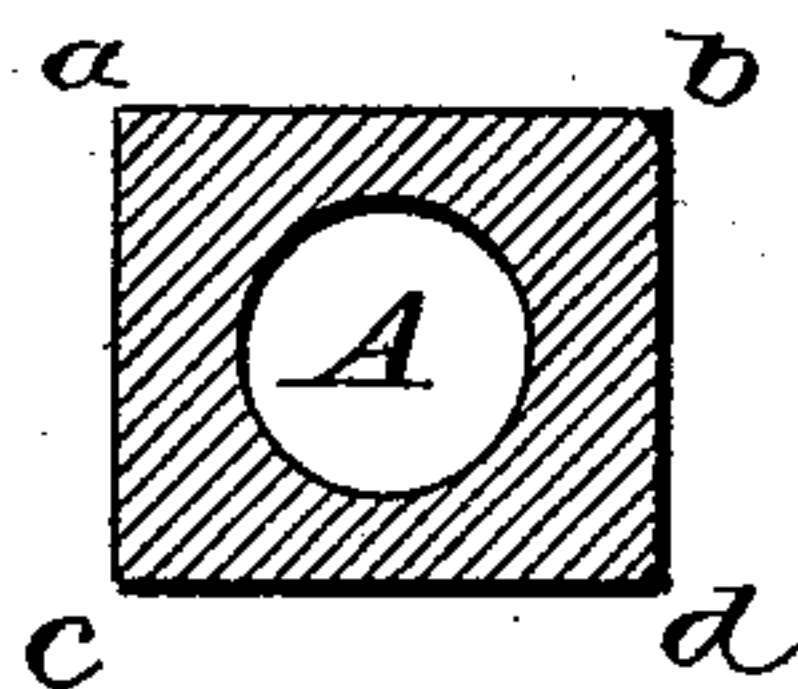


Fig. 3.



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## RECORD, BIOGRAPHICAL, AND MEMORIAL CABINET.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JAMES E. WHALEN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Sault Ste. Marie, in the county of Chippewa and State of Michigan, have invented a new and useful Record, Biographical, and Memorial Cabinet, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a cabinet or case, the object of which is to afford to the family, church or society, the facility, in a neat and convenient form, for perpetuating names of its members and retaining, in compact form, a brief record of the most important events in their lives.

It consists of a frame work constructed of wood or other material divided into sections of any size desired; said sections are designed to hold a hollow block containing records of name desired. On the face of this block may be printed or written the names of the members of the organization; and said blocks are so constructed as to be easily removed so that, dates of birth and death, or other important events may be readily added to each name as occasion requires.

In the center, or at any other portion of the cabinet may be placed a large section, which is designed to bear the name of the organization or society, photograph of the building, portrait of the founder, or such other design as may be wished. In the back of this large section may be deposited the historical record of the organization in question.

It is further designed to be hung on the walls of house, church, society or lodge in the same manner as a picture. For this purpose the chart may be inclosed in a frame as shown in the drawings and covered with a glass front which will afford protection to the cabinet proper, and add to its attractiveness.

I attain these objects in the manner illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a general view of the cabinet complete, incased in a frame, showing both large and small sections in place. Fig. 2 shows the face of one of the small sections with name of person and date of events thereon; Fig. 3, a vertical section of one of the small blocks

or sections showing the receptacle made for containing records.

In Fig. 1, the letters F. F. indicate the frame inclosing the cabinet; the letters *a. a. a.* and *b. b. b.*, refer to lines representing the frame work which divides the cabinet into such sections as may be desired.

*B. B. B.* represent the small blocks or sections inclosed in the sections made by the crossing of lines *a, a, a,* and *b, b, b.*

I claim novelty, originality and usefulness for this cabinet for the adaptation of the following points in combination with such a cabinet, and ask for Letters Patent to cover the same.

First. A cabinet consisting of a frame work constructed of wood or other material and divided into any number of sections, of any size desired, by thin partitions running across the length and breadth of the cabinet at right angles; these partitions may be covered or ornamented with gilt, paint or enamel, and will come up even with a glass cover; these partitions are indicated in Fig. 1 by lines designated *a, a, a,* and *b, b, b;* these said sections to be used for the purpose of holding a hollow block, the face side of which will bear the name desired and in the hollow receptacle will be placed the record desired to perpetuate.

Second. Said sections constructed of sufficient depth to admit and hold safely a block of corresponding size; said block may be constructed of wood, metal, papier maché or other light substance, and to be hollow. Upon the face of this block can be printed or written, the desired name of the individual or member, with such data as may be wished, as shown in Fig. 2. Into the hollow receptacle of these blocks (as shown in Fig. 3) there may be safely deposited in a compact form a short biographical sketch of the lives of individuals, whose names are represented, useful as a historical record and valuable for use in memorial service.

Third. These blocks being separate from the cabinet and movable, can be taken out, changed or replaced. Dates or other matter may be added to the names on the front, thus completing record at the time of death or re-



moval. The adjustable nature of the cabinet makes it possible to perpetuate an alphabetical arrangement, in case new names are added to the society, by simply moving along or re-adjusting.

Fourth. This form of cabinet makes it possible to carry a large list of names in a small compass. The names are to be printed on both sides of these blocks or sections, thus presenting, on the reverse side, an exactly similar arrangement of names to that which appears on the front of the cabinet. Changes can be made by simply reversing the frame and arranging the back.

Fifth. The cabinet to contain a large section bearing the name of the church or society, photograph of the building, portrait of the founder, or any other design. In the back of this large section can be deposited the historical record of the organization in question. This large section may be placed at any part of the cabinet that it may be desired.

The compactness of this cabinet can read-

ily be seen from the following: If the small sections should occupy a space one by two inches, a cabinet four by five feet in size, after allowing one square foot to be occupied by the large section, would hold one thousand three hundred and sixty-eight names; to any of these names can at any time be added essential dates, or facts, without marring or disturbing any other part of the cabinet.

I regard the following points as the distinct claim to my discovery or invention:

In combination, a memorial case or cabinet, comprising a frame divided into a series of compartments, or sections, hollow blocks adapted to fit in and be retained in such compartments, or sections, and serve as receptacles for loose memoranda or data, the exterior thereof being reserved for permanent inscriptions.

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