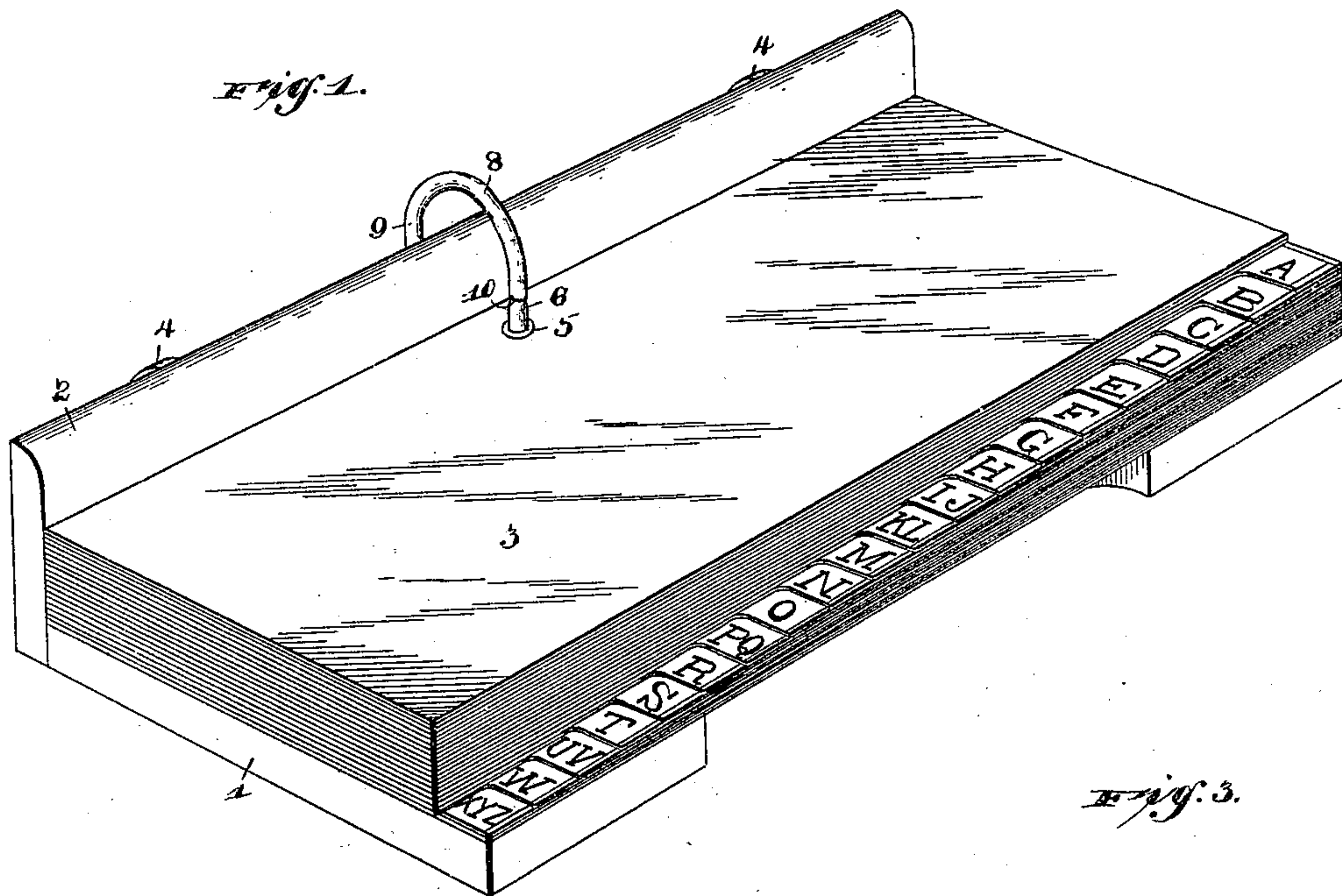


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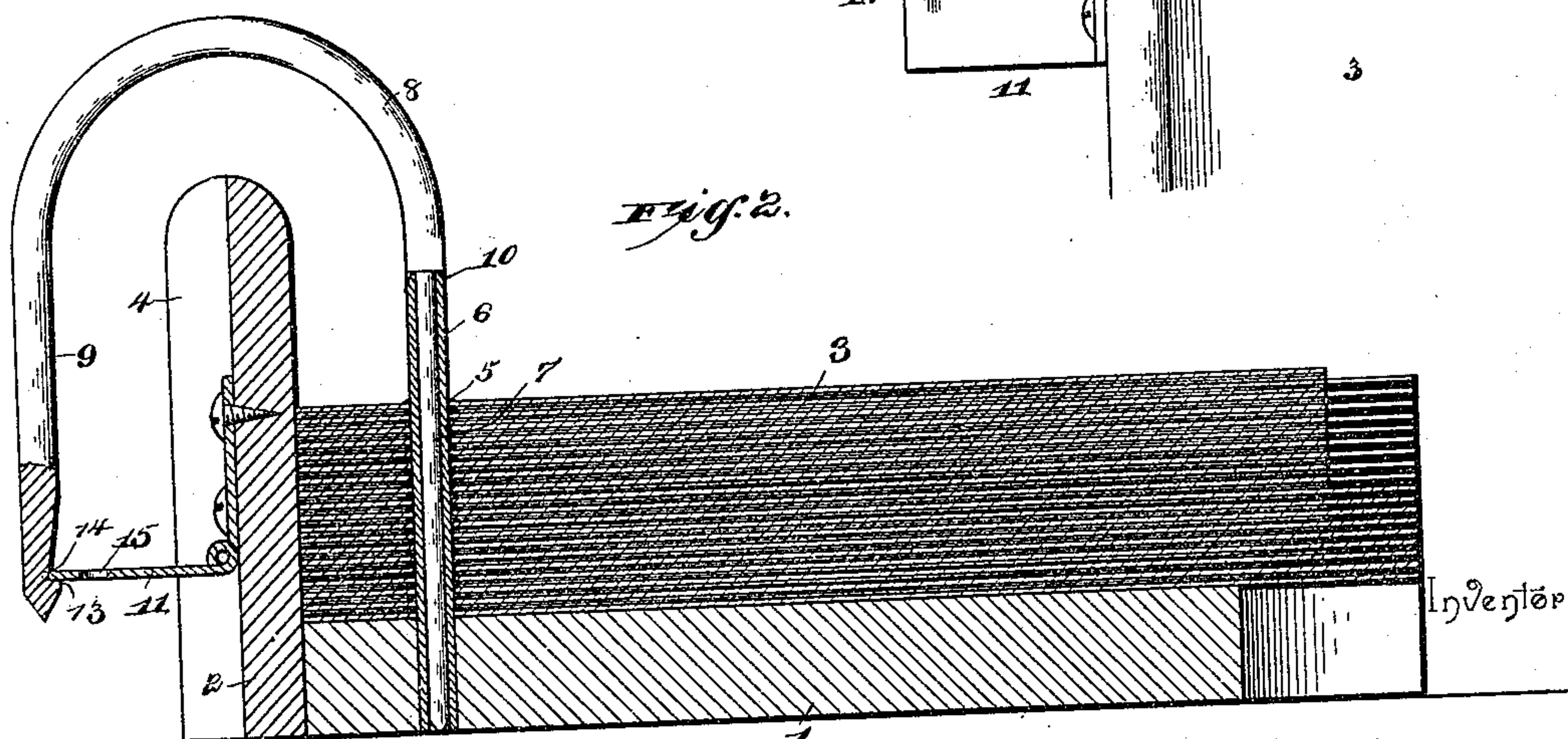
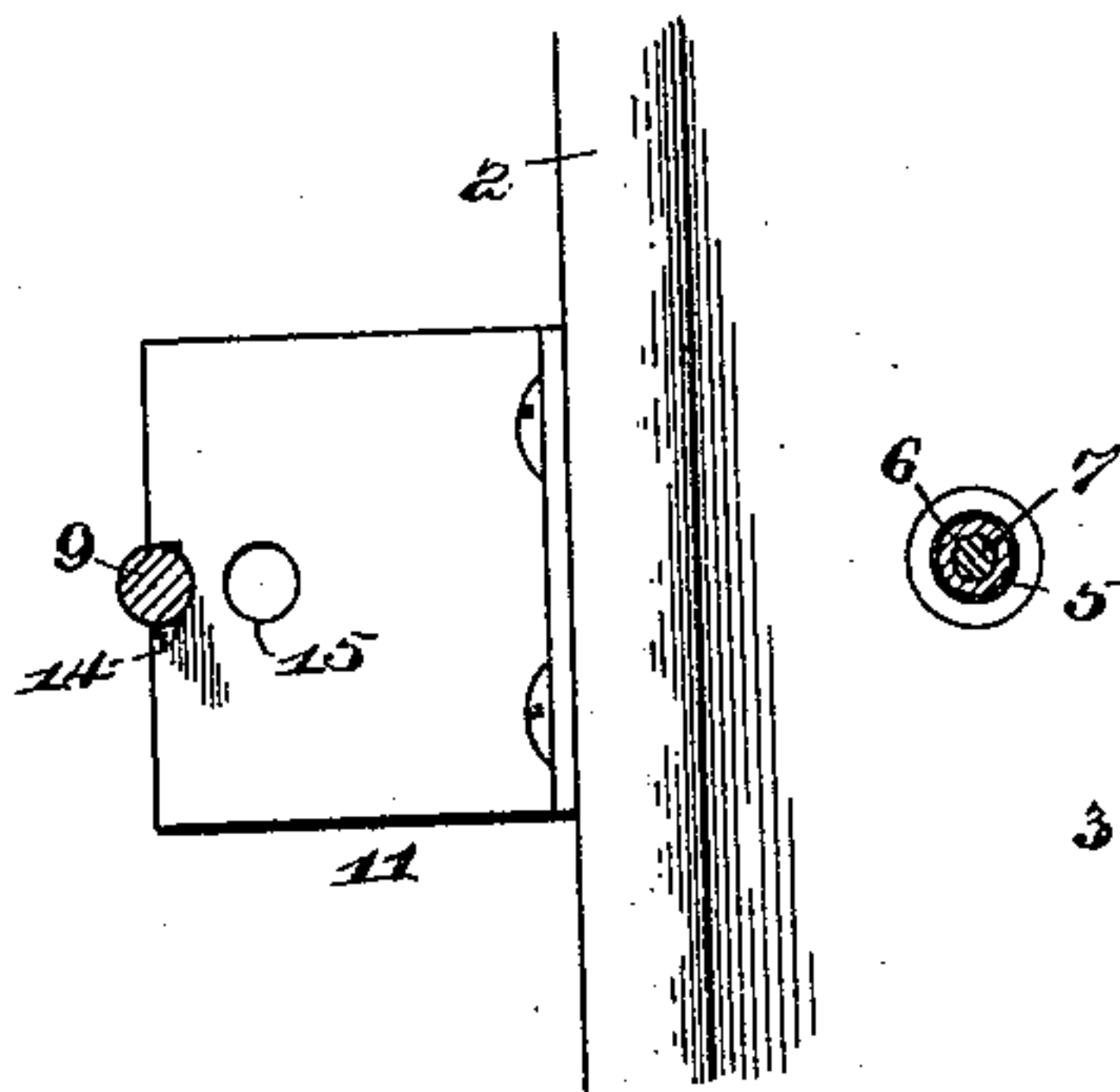
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*Fig. 3.*



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## ACCOUNT-FILE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, LEVI W. GILSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Fremont, in the county of Sandusky and State of Ohio, have invented a new and useful Account-File, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates to improvements in account-files.

The object of the present invention is to improve the construction of bill and account files, to increase their strength and durability, and to provide a simple and inexpensive one in which intervening index-sheets and account-sheets or bills will be firmly secured, arranged for convenient inspection, and adapted to be readily removed.

A further object of the invention is to enable account-slips or bills to be readily placed on file without liability of disarranging any of the intervening index-sheets or the account-slips or bills contained between them.

The invention consists in the construction and novel combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings, and pointed out in the claims hereto appended.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of an account-file constructed in accordance with this invention. Fig. 2 is a transverse sectional view of the same. Fig. 3 is a detail sectional view showing the central portion of the account-file.

Like numerals of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures of the drawings.

1 designates a flat base, constructed preferably of wood and having secured to its rear edge a vertical back 2, which forms a support for a series of index-sheets 3, which are arranged on the base 1 with their inner edges fitting against the back. The back 2, like the base 1, may be constructed of any suitable material, but is preferably made of wood, and has secured to its rear face vertical cleats 4 to prevent any warping and to strengthen the parts.

The index-sheets 3 are provided near their inner edges with corresponding perforations 5, and have metal eyelets to prevent the paper of which the index-sheets are preferably constructed from being worn, and the index-sheets are arranged consecutively on a verti-

cally-disposed hollow stem 6, separated from the back by a short intervening space and removable, receiving one leg 7 of a substantially-U-shaped arched rod 8, extending over and straddling the back 2 and having its other leg located in rear of the back. The hollow post or stem 6 has its upper edge slightly beveled to sharpen it, to enable account-slips, bills, and the like to be readily placed on it, and to be arranged between the index-sheets, as will readily be understood.

The front leg 7 of the arched rod 8 is reduced to fit within the hollow stem 6, and it forms a shoulder 10 at its upper extremity to rest upon the top of the stem 6, for supporting the arched rod at the desired elevation, to provide an intervening space between its top and the upper edge of the back 2, to enable any number of the index-sheets to be transferred from the front side of the back to the rear of the same, to expose any particular bill or account without removing the other sheets and bills arranged above it. The arched rod 8 is removably arranged in the stem, and it is rigidly secured in position by means of a swinging arm or plate 11, hinged to the rear face of the back 2 and engaging the rear leg 9 of the arched rod 8.

The rear leg 9 of the arched rod is provided, adjacent to its lower end, which is tapered, with a notch forming a horizontal shoulder 13, and a beveled inner face above the shoulder, and the hinged arm or plate 11, which is provided with a recess 14, frictionally engages the beveled face of the leg 9 and is supported by the horizontal shoulder thereof. By this construction the arched bar is rigidly retained in proper position, and the swinging plate or arm 11 forms a support for the index-sheets when the same are swung over the back to expose any particular bill or account.

The exposed account is arranged flat above the base and is in a convenient position for making any desired entry thereon, and when it is desired to store the account-file in a safe over night the arched bar may be compactly folded against the back by swinging the plate or arm upward and compactly folding the same. The swinging arm or plate is also provided with a perforation 15 to enable the account-file to be readily hung up when not in actual use.



The arched rod is made removable from the hollow stem for the purpose of conveniently filling the file, and as soon as the arched rod is removed the upper end of the stem is perfectly free, and one or more of the index-sheets may be freely lifted off of the stem and quickly placed thereon, as will be readily apparent. The swinging arm or plate, which forms a locking device, not only holds the arched rod against any lateral or swinging movement, but also firmly retains the reduced leg in the socket against any accidental displacement.

It will be seen that the account-file is exceedingly simple and inexpensive in construction, that it possesses great strength and durability, that it permits accounts to be rapidly inspected, added, or removed, and that in such operations there is no liability of disarranging any of the index-sheets.

Changes in the form, proportion, and the minor details of construction may be resorted to without departing from the principle or sacrificing any of the advantages of this invention.

What I claim is—

1. An account file, comprising a base, a hollow stem rising therefrom, an arched rod having one leg removably fitted in the hollow stem, and a swinging arm or plate hingedly connected with the base and engaging the other arm of the arched rod, whereby the same

is held rigidly in operative position, substantially as described.

2. An account file, comprising a base, a hollow stem mounted thereon, an arched rod having one leg reduced and fitting in the stem and supported thereon, the other leg being provided with a horizontal shoulder, and a plate or arm hingedly connected with the base and engaging the arched rod and supported by the horizontal shoulder thereof, substantially as described.

3. An account file, comprising a base provided with a vertical back, a hollow stem mounted on the base, the arched rod having its front leg reduced to form a shoulder and fitted within the hollow stem, said rod having its rear leg recessed to form a horizontal shoulder and an inclined face, and a plate hingedly mounted on the back and arranged to swing downward into a horizontal position upon the shoulder of the rod and provided at its outer edge with a notch, receiving the rod and holding the same against lateral movement, substantially as described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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