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Fig. 1.

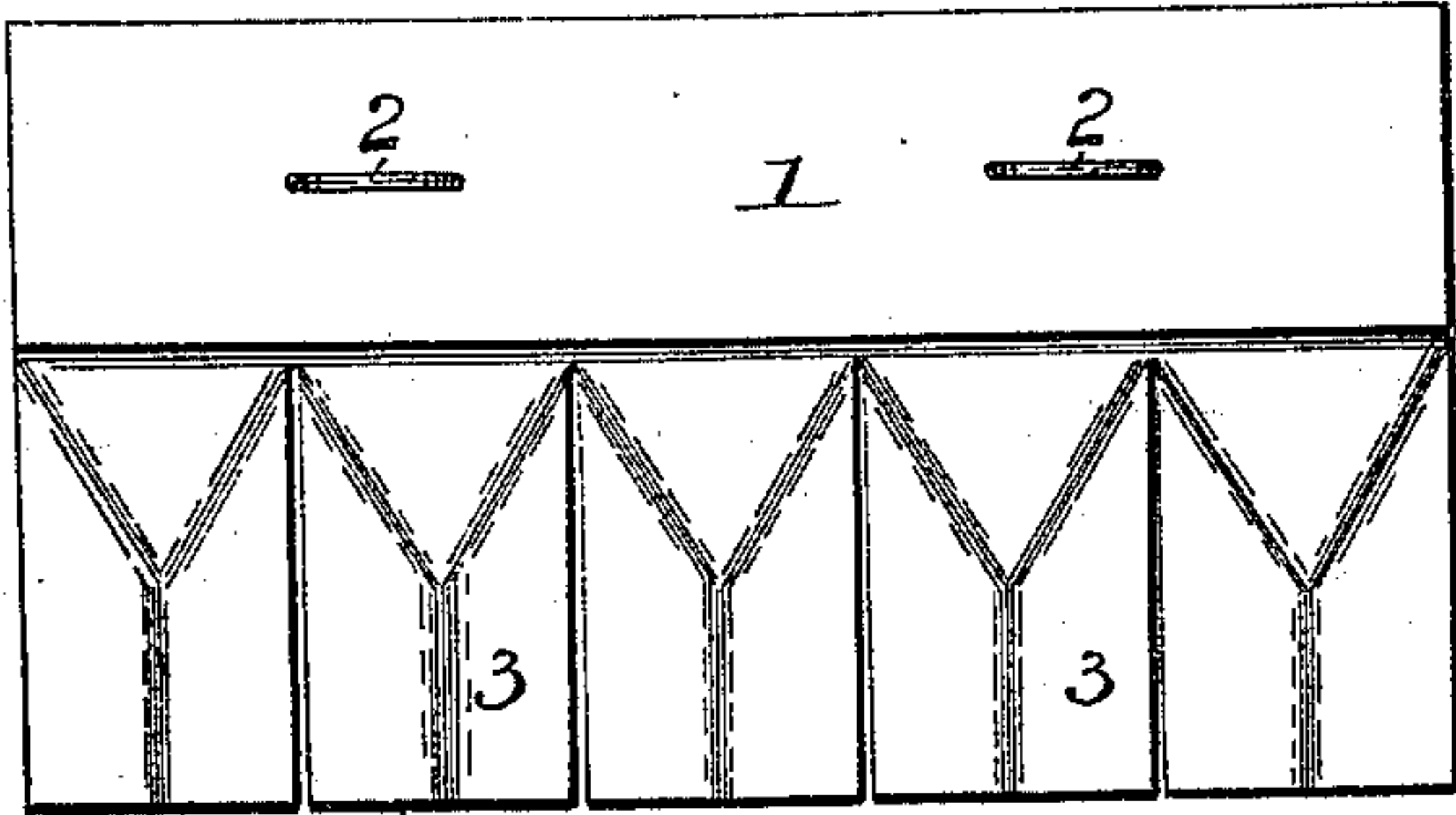


Fig. 2.

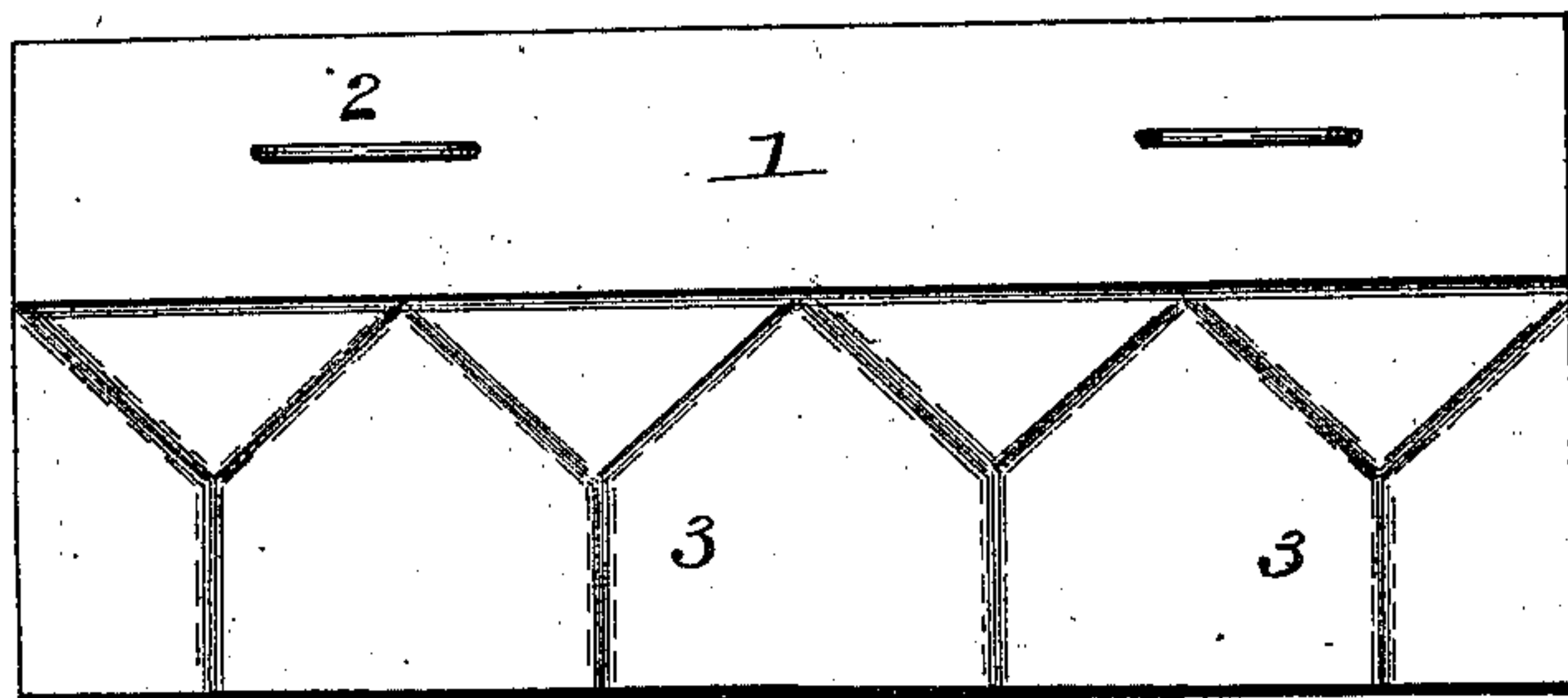
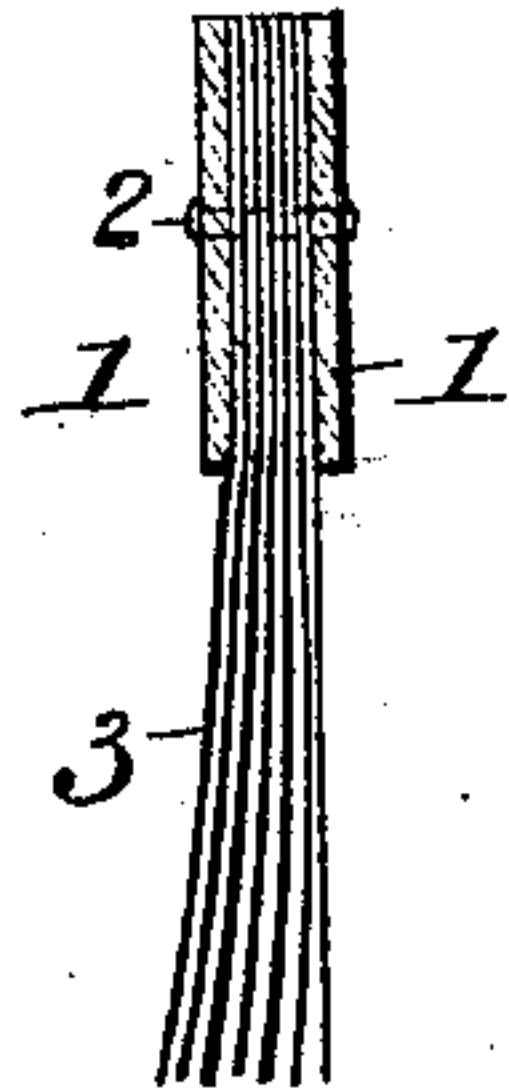


Fig. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, STEPHEN ARNOLD DOUGLASS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Mount Hermon, in the county of Franklin and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Paper-Files; and I do 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 files and more particularly to that class of files adapted to hold clippings, recipes, newspaper-scraps and the like.

The object of the invention is to provide a device of this class which shall be simple of construction, durable in use, and which will securely retain the clippings or records in place.

With these objects in view the invention consists in certain features of construction and combinations of parts which will be hereinafter fully described and claimed.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a plan view of one form of my invention. Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view of the same. Fig. 3 is another form of my invention.

In the drawings, 1 denotes two stiff strips, which may be of wood, metal or cardboard, and between these strips are secured, by staples 2 or other securing devices, a series of flexible leaves 3, the front sides of which are coated with an adhesive or gummy substance to which the clippings will adhere. As shown in Fig. 1, these leaves are slitted vertically,

and each set may be suitably inscribed to indicate the character of the clippings to be secured thereto. To prevent the leaves from curling upward, which will be the tendency before the clippings are gummed to them, I crease the leaves vertically, and preferably I make the creases in the form of the letter Y, which I find will more effectively prevent the curling of the leaves. Instead of slitting the leaves, as shown in Fig. 1, and thereby dividing them into separate sets, the file may be made as shown in Fig. 3, in which the breadth of the leaves equals the length of the securing-strips.

From the foregoing description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, the advantages and utility of this invention will be readily appreciated. It can be manufactured at a small cost and will be found convenient as a file for the keeping of clippings, bills, records, &c., for persons engaged in the professional and mercantile business.

What I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A file composed of two stiff strips, a number of flexible leaves having their upper edges secured between said strips, said leaves being provided with an adhesive substance and slitted and creased vertically, substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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