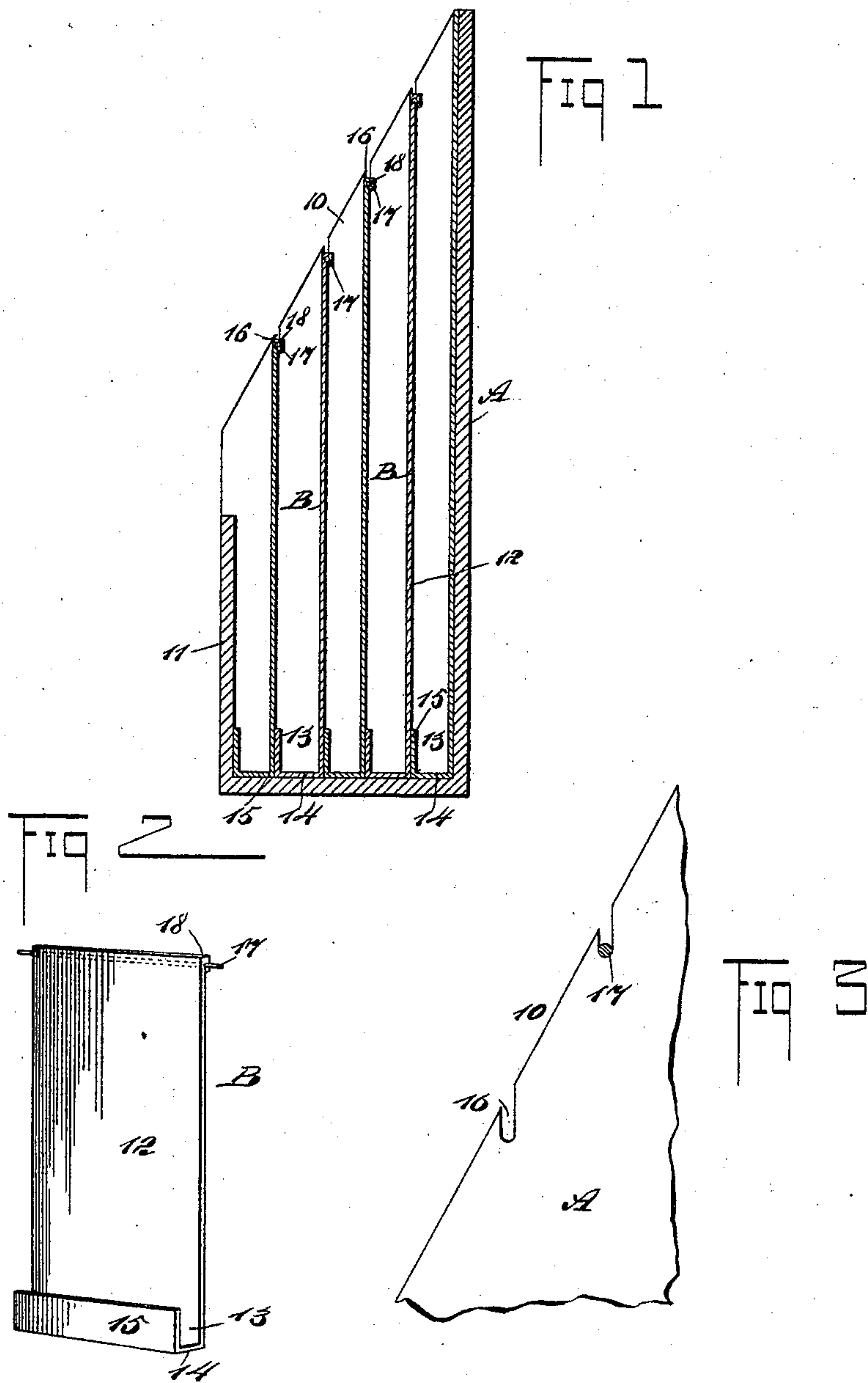


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, THOMAS PAUL MAUTZ, of Stewardson, in the county of Shelby and State of Illinois, have invented a new and Improved Paper-Holder, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The object of my invention is to construct a receptacle or holder for paper bags or paper in sheet form or equivalent material in which the material will be in graduated arrangement, enabling a person to readily select and withdraw from the holder or casing a sheet or bag of desired dimensions.

A further object of the invention is to so construct the partitions in the holder or casing that they will be provided with pockets at their lower ends, and whereby the top portions of the partitions will be of such construction that while the partitions may be readily removed, each partition being independent, each partition will serve to brace and strengthen the casing or holder in which it is contained, particularly at its upper edge.

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 claims.

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

Figure 1 is a vertical section through the improved holder. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of one of the partitions removed from the holder, and Fig. 3 is a detail view of a portion of the upper edge section of a side of the said holder.

A box or a casing A is employed, which is closed at the back, at the sides, and at the bottom and at the major portion of the front. The upper edge 10 of the case or holder is inclined, with reference to the perpendicular, in a forwardly and downwardly direction from its back, and the closed front portion 11 of the casing is made to terminate, preferably, a predetermined distance from the lower portion of the upper edge 10 of the said holder or casing.

A series of partitions B is provided for the holder or casing. These partitions, as shown particularly in Fig. 2, each consists of a body plate or section 12, which is made of such

length as to extend from the upper edge 10 of the said casing to the bottom of the same. At the bottom of each partition a pocket 13 is formed, and this pocket is preferably of rectangular shape in cross-section, being produced by bending the material of the body 12 upon itself in a forwardly direction, producing a horizontal member 14, and then carrying the said material upward to form an upwardly-extending or flange member 15. The partitions B are of varying length or are graduated in length, and in the upper inclined edge 10 of the casing a series of recesses 16 is made, corresponding recesses at opposite sides of the casing being in horizontal alinement.

A pin 17 is made to extend from each side of the upper portion of each partition B, but instead of separate pins being employed, as shown in the drawings, a rod or a wire may be passed through the partition at the top from side to side, in which event the top portion of a partition is made thick enough to admit of the passage of the wire or is provided at its back, as illustrated, with a reinforcing integral rib 18.

In operation the partitions are placed in the casing, the longest at the back and the shortest at the front. The bottom or pocket portions of the partitions rest upon the bottom of the casing, and the flange member 15 of each partition will engage with the back of the partition immediately in front of it, as illustrated in Fig. 1. The pins 17 will enter the recesses 16 in the upper or inclined edge of the casing, and these pins will serve not only as guides for the upper portions of the partitions, preventing the said upper portions from moving out of a predetermined arrangement, but the said pins 17 also serve to strengthen and brace the upper portions of the casing.

I am aware that holders of this description have been made provided with removable partitions provided with pockets at their lower ends, but such partitions have heretofore been loosely placed in said holder and are subject to displacement at their upper portions.

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



1. A paper rack or holder, consisting of a box having a closed bottom and sides and an open top, the upper edge of the box being inclined with reference to the perpendicular, 5 a series of partitions snugly held within the box and of graduated lengths, the upper ends of the partitions being provided with projections which engage with the upper inclined edges of the box or casing, the said partitions 10 being also parallel with each other and each partition having its lower edge bent to form a receptacle or pocket, the pocket-sections of the partitions bearing against the contiguous partitions, whereby all the space within the 15 box or casing will be utilized for the reception of material, and whereby each compartment formed by the several partitions will be independent and thoroughly closed at the bottom, as and for the purpose described.

20 2. A paper rack or holder, a box or casing provided with a closed bottom and sides and

an open top, the upper edge of the box or casing being inclined with reference to the perpendicular, in a downwardly and forwardly direction, a series of partitions located within the box, the said box or casing having recesses at intervals in its upper inclined edge, projections from the upper side portions of the partitions, which projections enter the recesses in the box or casing, and 30 a pocket formed at the bottom of each partition, the said pockets being produced by carrying the lower portions of the partitions horizontally from the back and upwardly, the upwardly-extending portions of the pockets 35 engaging with the back of contiguous partitions, as and for the purpose specified.

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