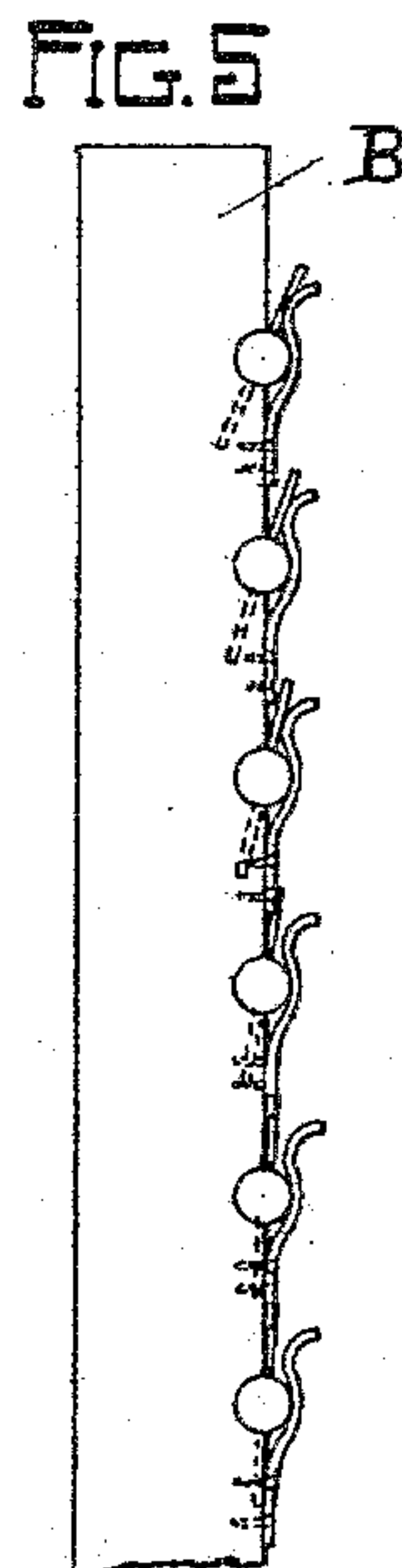
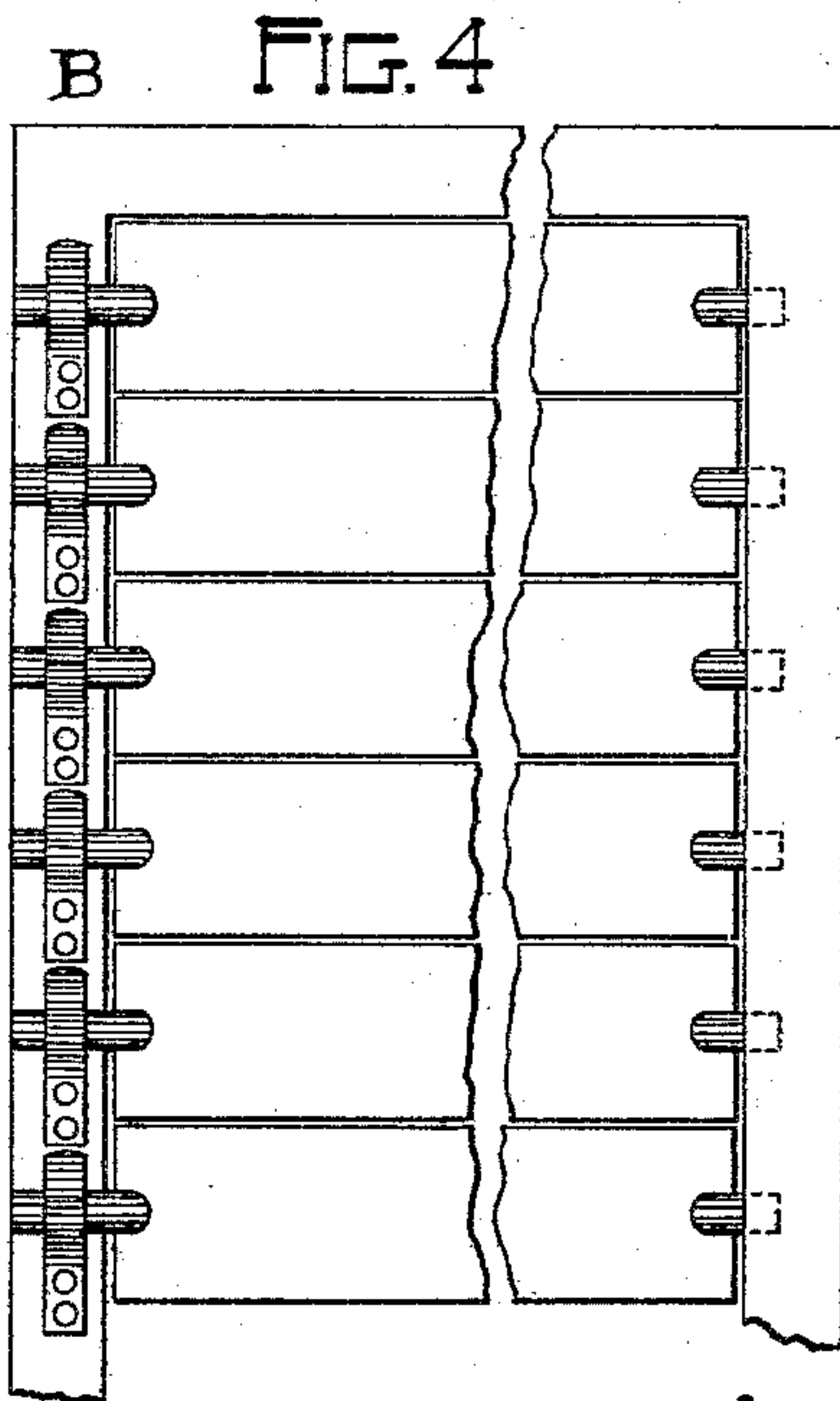
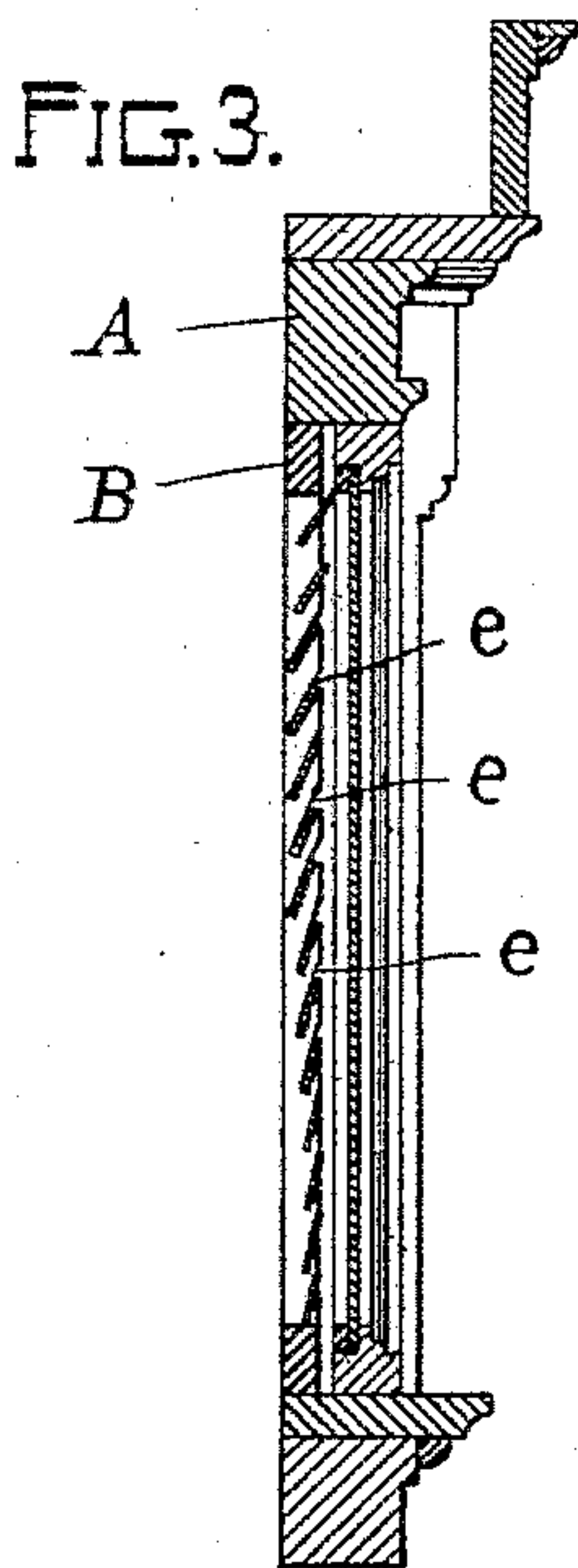
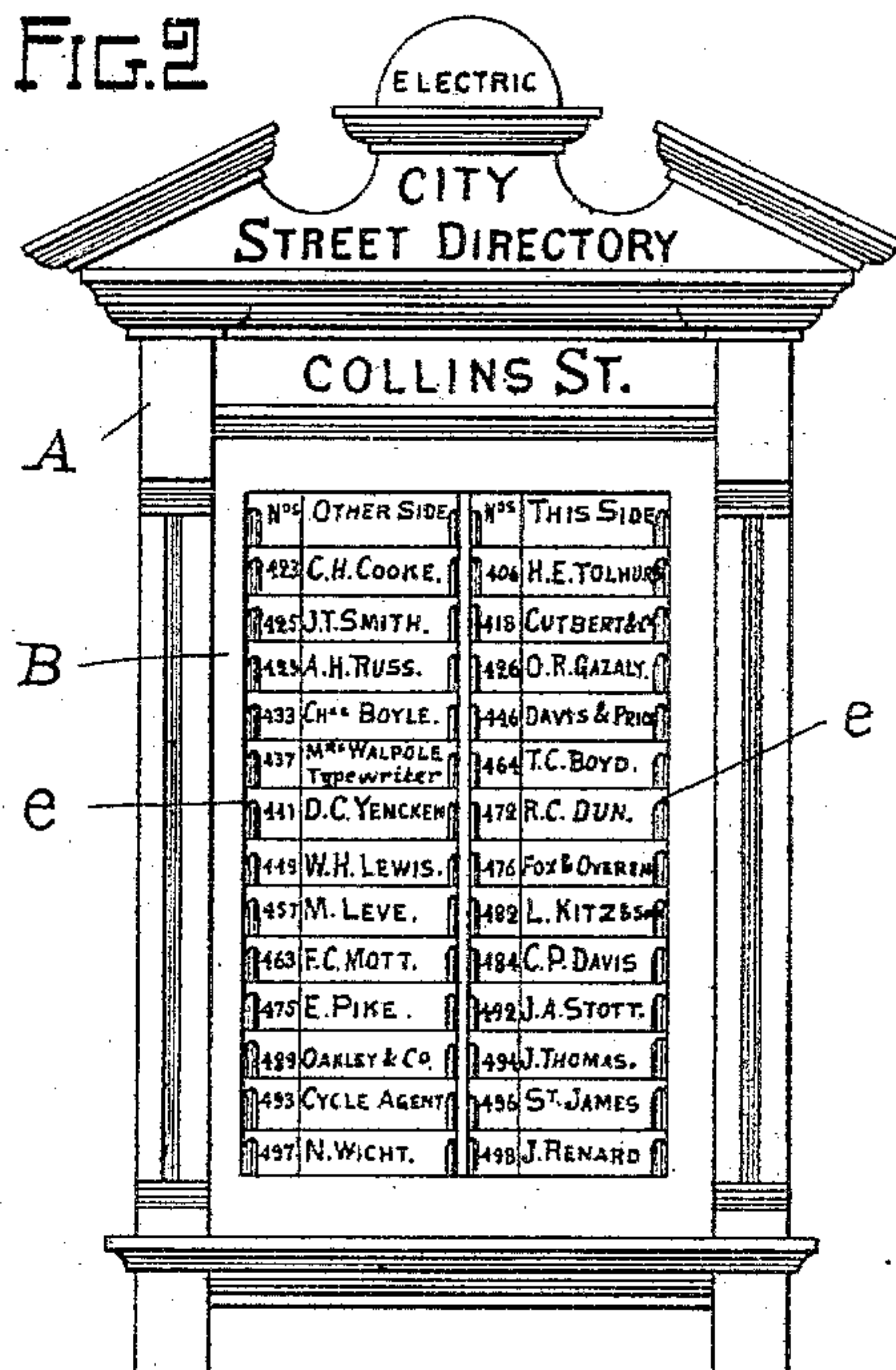
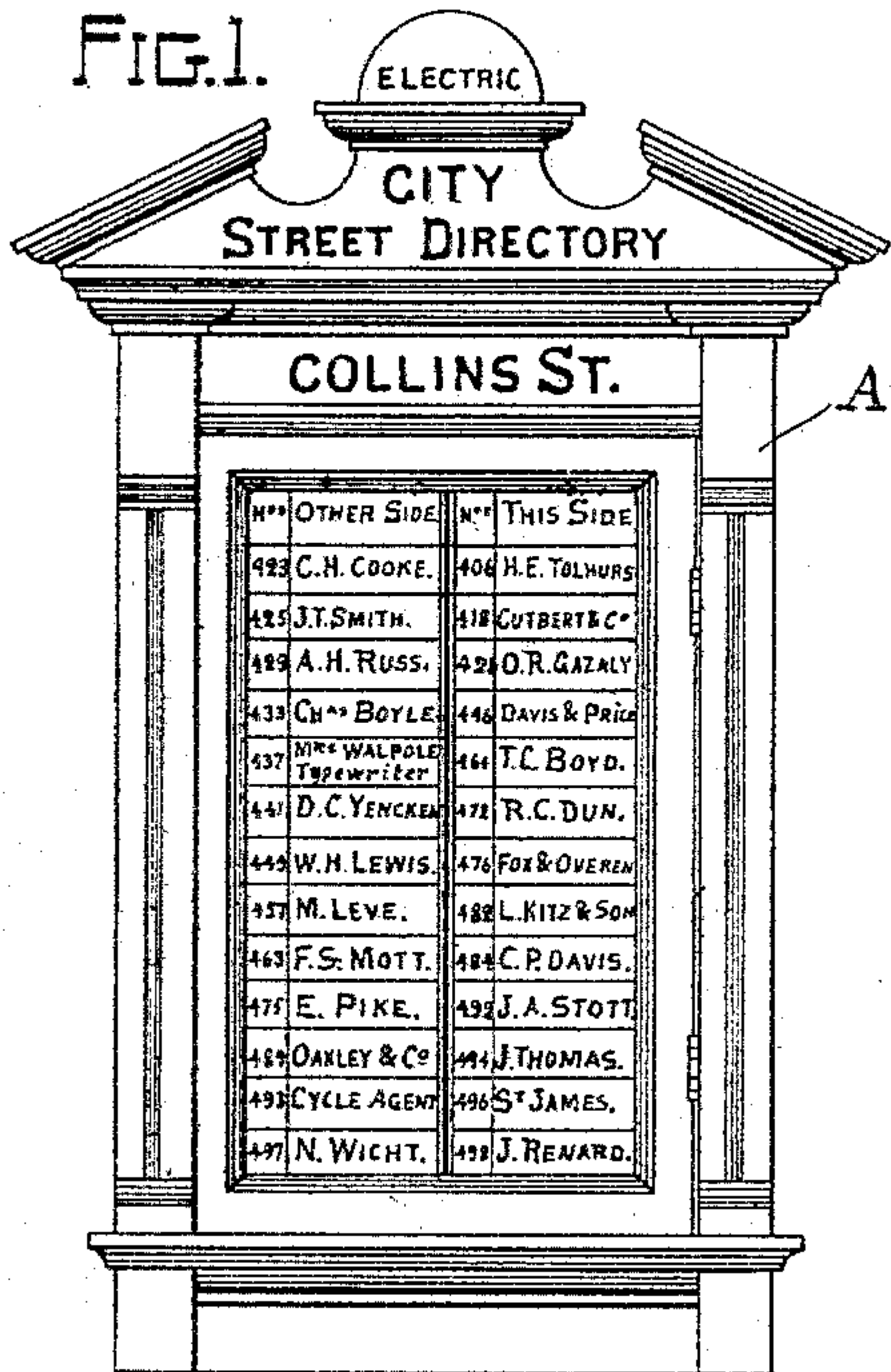


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE PERCY, a subject of the Queen of Great Britain, residing at Sydney, New South Wales, Australia, have
5 invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bulletin-Boards or Street-Directories; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of said invention, such as will enable others
10 skilled in the art to which it most nearly appertains to make, use, and practice the same.

My invention relates to stationary bulletins and street-directories such as are used for indicating the houses, places of business,
15 and other localities in the length of a block or within a certain locality or for exhibiting advertisements and the like.

These information-guides are usually placed on a flat surface in the open air, where
20 the light is variable and shifting, so that they can only be read by a person standing at a distance from them when he assumes some particular position with reference to them. Again, the information or announcement
25 cards on such bulletin-boards or directories are placed at different heights, so that the angle of vision makes the higher cards difficult to read.

My improvement consists in mounting and
30 supporting these cards or announcement-strips in the bulletin or directory frame at such an angle to the vertical plane that the light will not shine directly upon them and so that the line of vision of a passing person
35 or of one examining the cards from a distance will be more nearly at a right angle to the cards than if they were placed in a vertical plane.

In order to more clearly illustrate my improvement, reference is had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a front elevation of my invention with the door of the outer case closed. Fig. 2 is a similar elevation with the door of
45 the case removed. Fig. 3 is a cross-section through the center of the bulletin-board as inclosed in the case. Fig. 4 is a broken front elevation of the advertising-frame, giving a modified form of card attachment. Fig. 5 is
50 a side elevation of the same.

Let A represent the outer frame of a street or other directory or bulletin-board. Inside

of this outer frame, which is generally inclosed with a glass front, is a card or strip holder B, in which the cards, plates, or strips
55 on which the information to be imparted is secured, held, and supported. This card or strip holder may be variously constructed; but for the purpose of this application I have shown the simplest form of card-holder, which
60 consists of two side strips, one on each side of the board or directory frame. These strips are provided with saw cuts or slits *e e*, directly opposite each other, into which the ends of the cards or strips are slipped and
65 held. The cuts or slits, instead of being made in a vertical line, are made at an angle downward and backward, so that the cards or strips will be held and sustained in an angular or tipping direction. The extent of the
70 angle is governed by the height of the card from the street—that is, the higher up the card or strip is placed in the frame the greater the angle, so that the line of vision from a fixed point will strike the face of each card
75 in the frame at an approximate right angle. The holding device, instead of being a mere slit in a rail, may be a mechanical clasp which is adjustable, so that the card held by it may
80 be changed from one angle to the other, an instance of which is plainly shown at Figs. 4 and 5. Such devices are so numerous that it would be useless to try to enumerate them, but any ordinary mechanic can supply a suitable device without invention. By this arrangement of the cards I secure the advantages
85 above stated, as the tipped card or strip will keep the printed matter on its face shadowed from the rays of the sun and will present it to observers in the right line of vision.
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Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

In a street-directory or bulletin-board, side strips having slits or clips at varying angles to hold the cards or pictures to be exhibited
95 at different angles to the plane of the board, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 16th day of November, 1896.

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