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ONE-HALF TO KYLE MONTAGUE, OF SAME PLACE.

INDEX-BOOK.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN L. C. MONTAGUE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Christiansburg, in the county of Montgomery and State of Virginia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Index-Books; 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 an improved form of index-book; and the object is to provide a ledger or other book of this character with a simple and convenient alphabetical and numerical index.

To this end the invention consists in a blank book provided with a combined alphabetical and numerical marginal index, as will be hereinafter more fully described, and particularly pointed out in the claim.

The figure in the drawing is a perspective view of my improved book-index.

In the present arrangement I have allotted a certain number of pages to each letter of the alphabet. For instance, say, for the letter "A" I have set off ten pages, and on the tab of the index the letter "A" appears, and immediately below it is the number of the page. Twenty pages are now allowed for the letter "B," and the said letter and the page-number are printed on the tab. The remaining pages are proportioned off in the same manner and the appropriate letter and page imprinted on the

tab, so that in opening the book the proper page and letter can be instantly referred to. By this arrangement the space in the front of the book which is usually devoted to the index is utilized for the text and the index distributed through the book where it can be most conveniently referred to, the proper page and its corresponding letter being selected at sight.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new and useful, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

A combined book and index having a single set of main index-leaves located at intervals throughout the book, the index-leaves being each provided with columns corresponding to the different vowels, and each provided with a tab or projection visible when the cover is lifted and having on its exposed parts one of the letters of the alphabet and a numeral, the numeral being the same as that of the page upon which the tab is located; the other leaves of the book being ruled or printed differently from the index-leaves, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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