

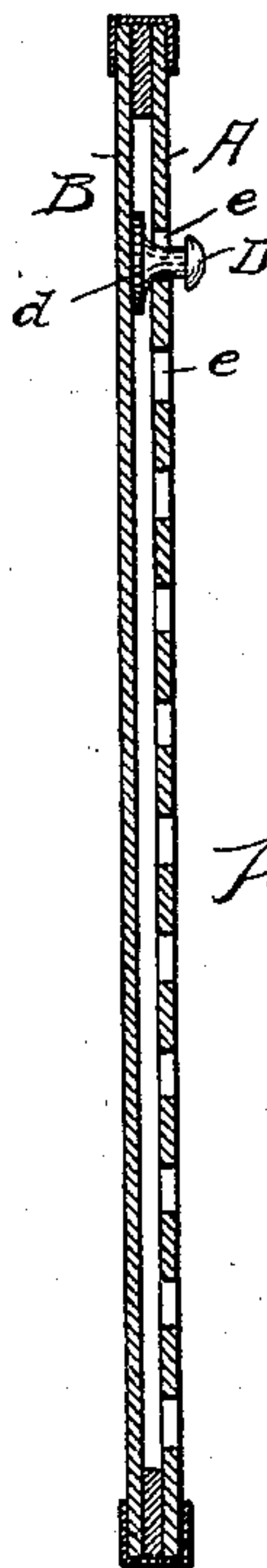
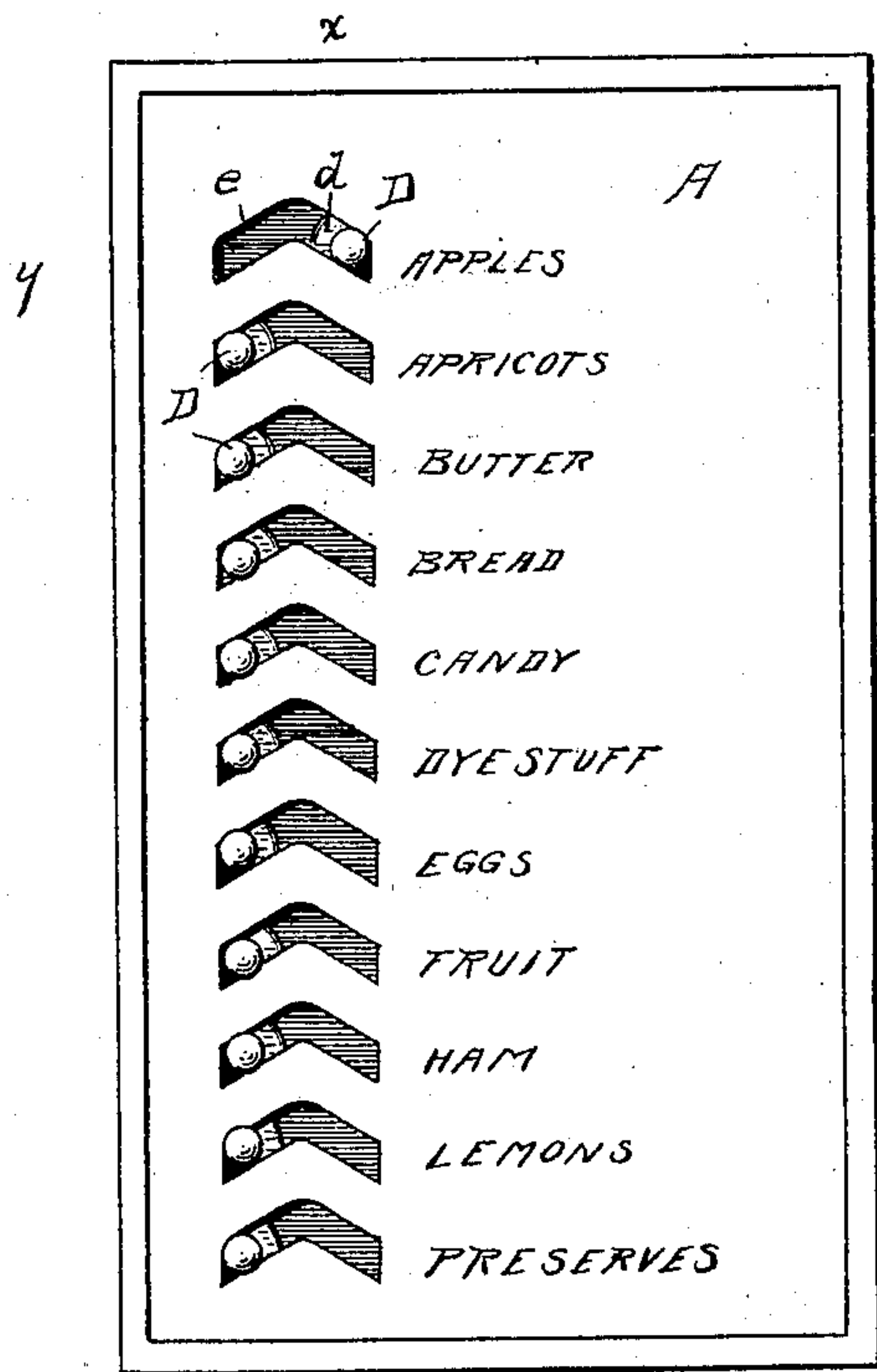
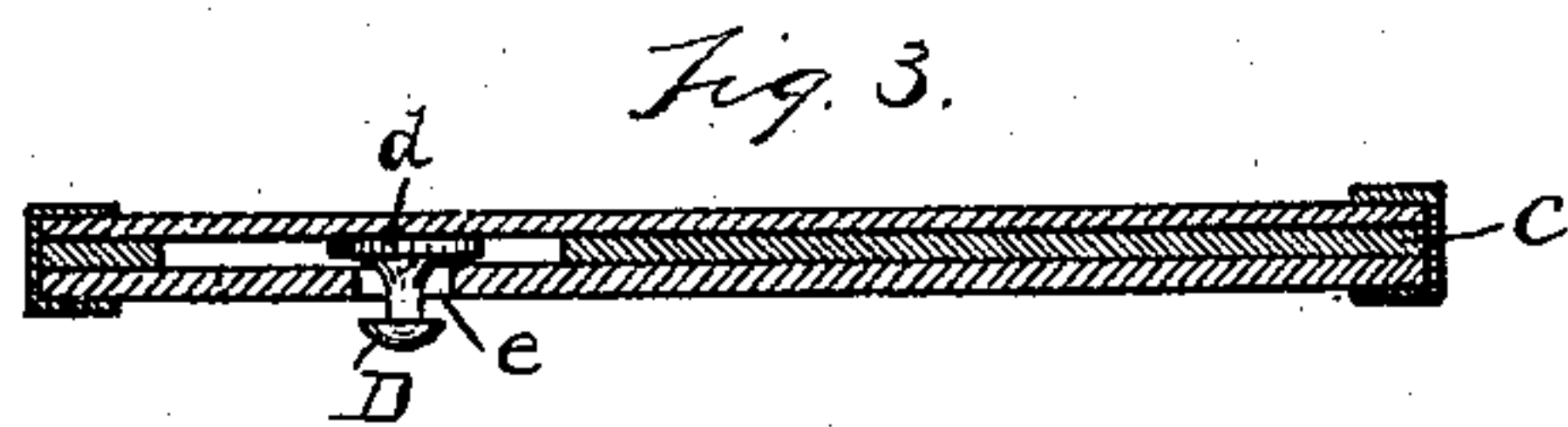
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## INDICATING-TABLET.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ELMER H. STONE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Detroit, in the county of Wayne, State of Michigan, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Indicating-Tablets; and I 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 pertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to indicating-tablets, and has for its object an indicator adapted to remind the user of purchases to be made or of other acts to be done.

The indicator which is shown in the drawings is one which is especially useful as a kitchen article for the purpose of reminding the housekeeper that certain articles of food are to be procured; but the same character of indicator may be used as a reminder of any act to be done.

The indicator consists of a card or tablet on which there are printed or written words which will indicate in some way the act which the indicator is to remind the user of. In connection with each indicating word or phrase is a movable part which is set over from a normal position to an unusual position or from a position in which it is understood as not to indicate to a position in which it is understood as indicating.

In the drawings, Figure 1 shows the indicator in front elevation. Fig. 2 is a vertical section through lines  $xx$  of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a horizontal section through lines  $yy$  of Fig. 1.

The indicator is composed of a face plate A and a back plate B, spaced by a filler C. Through the face plate A are cut a number of slots, each of which is angled or curved and so arranged that when the indicator stands upright—as, for example, when it is tacked on the wall in an upright position—the angle of each slot is upward and the two ends of each slot are lower than the middle part of the slot. Underneath the slotted portion of the face plate A the filler C is cut out or removed, or, if the button-backs are thin, the front and back piece may be used without any intermediate filler, and through the angular slots in the face plate A project the stems of buttons D, which are held in position by the broad base  $d$  of the button, the back of which

engages against the back plate B and the front of the flanges of which engages against the front plate A, with the neck of the button extending through the slot and with the head of the button projecting from the face of the tablet. Each of the slots in the card thus presents at each extremity of it a seat or resting-place in which the button hereinafter mentioned remains at rest and is held there by gravity, and between the extremities of each slot is a part that resists the free motion of the button and around which the button can only be caused to travel by employing an impelling force. Opposite each of the slots which contain the buttons is written or printed a suitable indicating or designating word or phrase, and the button is shifted from one end of the slot to the other to indicate that the user is to do some act with reference to the article indicated by the word—as, for example, in Fig. 1 all the buttons are shown as at the left end of the slots except the one which is opposite the word “apples,” and this would indicate that the housekeeper is to purchase apples or do something with reference to them.

A single indicating-card may be made to contain a large number of slots and buttons, and so may be used as a reminder of a large number of acts.

What I claim is—

1. In an indicating-card, the combination of a card provided with angled slots, and having imprinted thereon a designating term opposite each slot and a movable piece in each slot arranged to travel around the angled portion thereof, substantially as described.

2. In an indicating-card, the combination of a card provided with slots, and having imprinted thereon a designating term opposite each slot and a movable piece in each slot arranged to travel therein, each of said slots being provided with seats at its extremity in which the movable piece is adapted to rest by gravity, and with an obstruction intermediate the extremities around which the movable piece can travel only when force is applied thereto, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I sign this specification in the presence of two witnesses.

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