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Fig. 2.

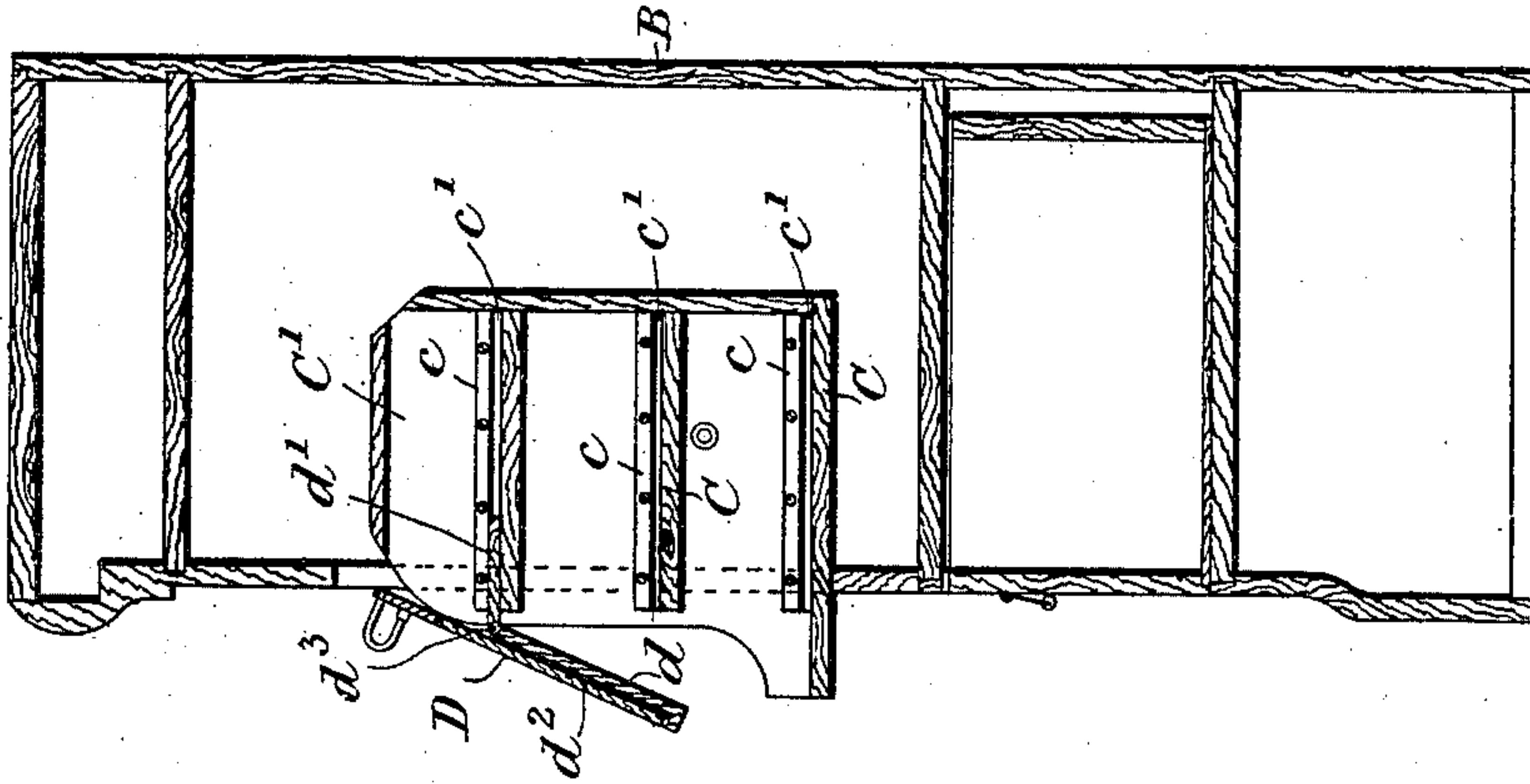
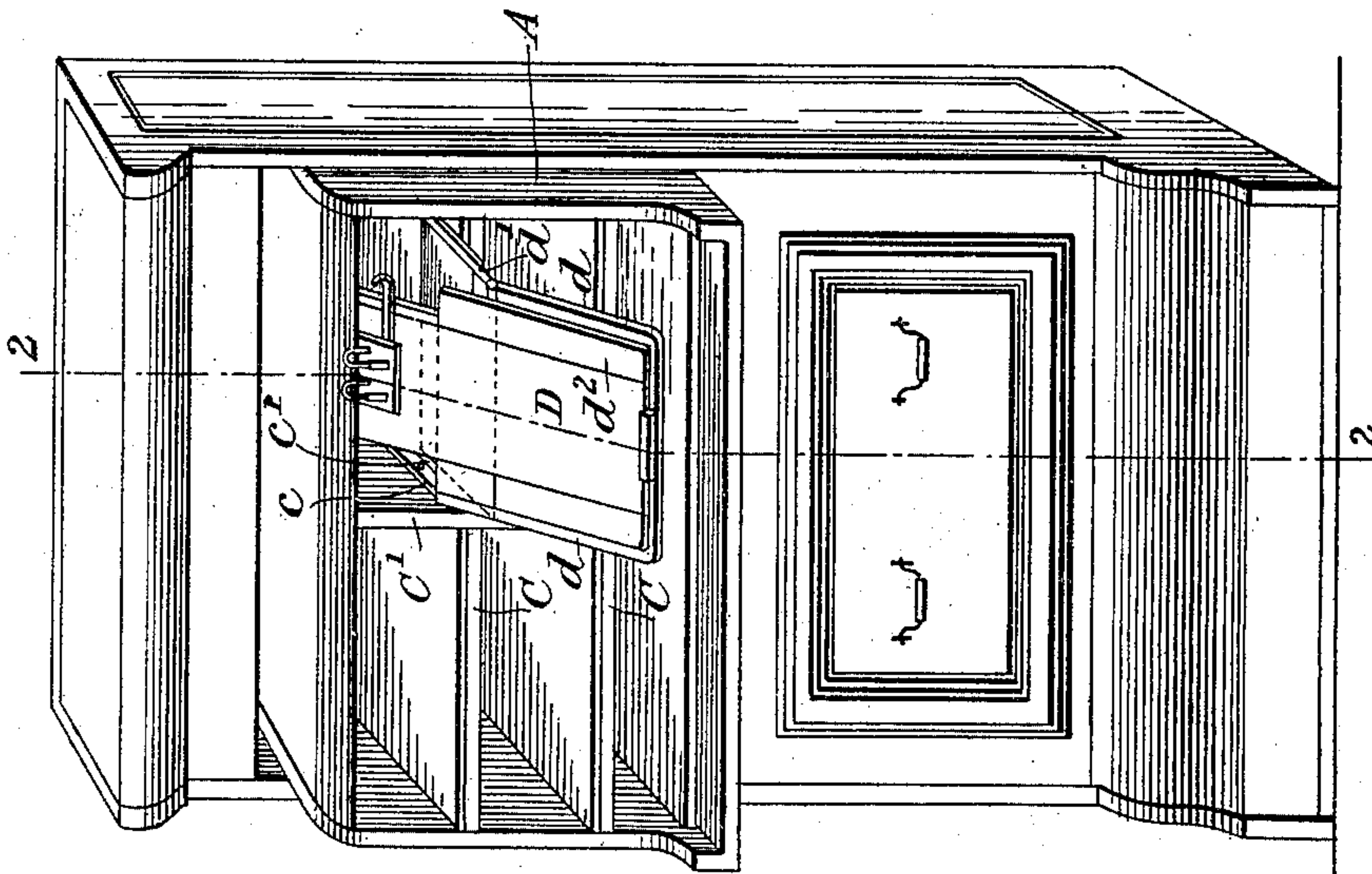


Fig. 1.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN READ BURTON, mahogany and timber merchant, a subject of the Queen of England, residing at 32 Rivington street, Curtain road, in the county of London, England, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in File Cases or Cabinets; and I do hereby 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.

This invention relates to file cases or cabinets, and has for its object to fit the same with document-files so constructed and arranged as to afford self-supporting means for their inspection when the case or cabinet is in the open position.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a file case or cabinet with my invention fitted thereto, and Fig. 2 is a section on the line 2 2 of Fig. 1.

Like parts are lettered to correspond in the two figures.

In the form shown by way of example in the drawings the tray A, mounted in the shell B of the file-case, is divided into a suitable number of compartments by partitions C C', so as to form compartments to receive document-files. In each compartment the vertical partitions C' are provided at corresponding parts with rabbets, grooves, or recesses c', (see Fig. 2,) formed, preferably, by securing battens c to the sides C' of the compartment, extending horizontally from front to back, as shown in Fig. 2, and just above the bottom formed by the horizontal partition C. The space between the bottom C and the batten c, forming the rabbet, groove, or recess c', is just sufficiently large to take the thickness of the material of the base-board d d' of the document-file D and allow the same to be easily slid in and along these rabbets, grooves, or recesses c'.

The document-file is of ordinary construction, and its bottom d² is secured to the forward end d of the base-board d d', which latter extends slightly beyond it at the sides, as shown in Fig. 1, so as to provide a flange on each side to engage in the rabbets c' in the compartment in the manner already described. The two parts d and d' of the base-board are hinged together at their meeting

edges d³, and these meeting edges may be beveled, so as to abut against each other, and act as a stop to prevent the parts of the base-board from being turned on their hinges beyond a certain angle. Instead of being hinged the two parts d and d' of the base-board d d' may be otherwise connected, so that the base-board is foldable transversely, and stops may, if desired, be formed on or secured to the compartment to limit the turning movement of the foldable base-board.

When a document-file is required for use, the front end is pulled until the file is beyond the void in the front of the compartment and then let go. The base-board d d' will then turn on its hinge or foldable connection d³, and the forward part d will assume the inclined position shown in Fig. 2, the file being held in this position by the rear part d' of the base-board, which still remains in the horizontal rabbets, grooves, or recesses c', as shown. When done with, the document-file is replaced in the compartment by raising it to the horizontal position and pushing it in, causing the edges of the base-board to travel along the rabbets, grooves, or recesses c'.

It will be obvious that the form of the tray or shell of the case or cabinet is not material, all that is necessary being a compartment to receive the document-file and having rabbets, grooves, or recesses on its opposite vertical sides to receive the edges of the base-board.

Having fully described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A file case or cabinet comprising a compartment having horizontal oppositely-arranged grooves or recesses, a base-board consisting of the two sections d d' hinged together at their meeting edges so as to permit the section d to turn downward at an angle, the side edges of the said sections d d' being slidably mounted in the grooves, and the bottom section d² secured to the section d and being of less width than the sections d d' whereby the latter project beyond the sides of the section d², as described.

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

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