

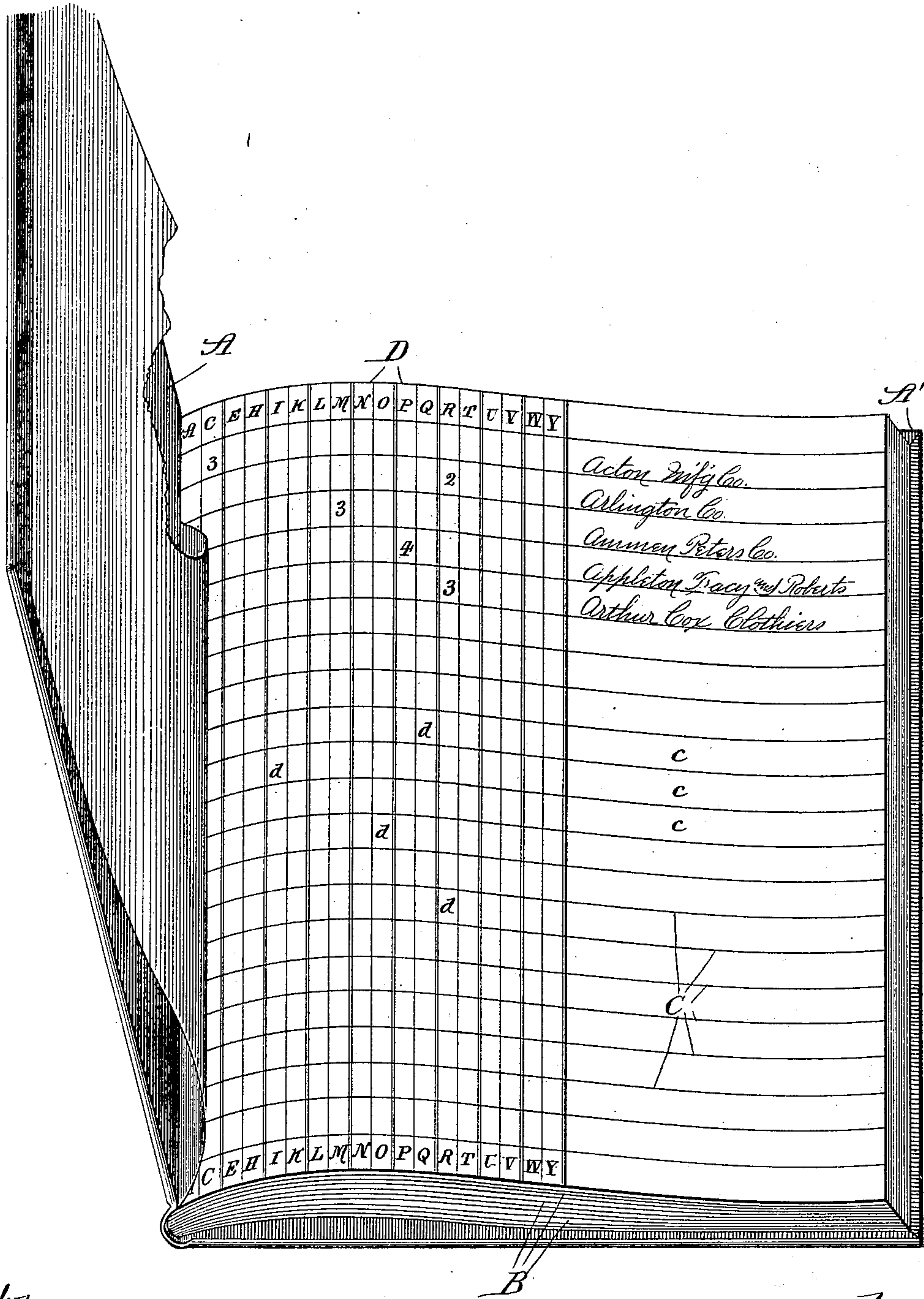
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LEO HIRSCH, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, Cook county, Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Index-Books, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates particularly to books in which indexing-pages are necessary, and especially to the means for facilitating the finding of names, &c.

The object of the invention is to provide a simple, economical, and efficient indexing-book; and the invention consists in the features and details hereinafter described and claimed.

The accompanying drawing represents a perspective view of an open book constructed in accordance with my improvements.

In illustrating and describing my improvements I prefer to illustrate and describe them in connection with a regular book; but it will be understood that I do not desire to be unduly limited thereby, as it will readily be seen that the covers are not actually necessary and that there can be any number of leaves from one to one hundred.

In constructing a book in accordance with my improvements I prefer to use the covers A and A' and between such covers to insert a plurality of leaves B. Any one or more of these leaves are provided with a plurality of horizontal lines C, which form the name-spaces *c*, arranged at one side of the page, as shown, and adjacent to the name-spaces the page has a plurality of vertical lines D, crossing the horizontal lines, so as to provide small spaces or squares *d*, in which indicating-numerals or other characters may be written, as hereinafter more fully described.

In using my improved index the names are written in, as shown, and the bookkeeper takes the second letter of the first word, finds it in the vertical column, and in the indicating space or square where the horizontal spaces and vertical columns meet places a numeral to indicate the number of words in the name. For instance, (see drawing,) if it be desirable to find the name of "Ammen Peters Co." the bookkeeper finds the vertical column headed with "M" and runs down the column until he finds the numeral "3," which indicates the number of words in the name, and tracing the horizontal column to the right he readily finds the name sought. In this way the bookkeeper's time is economized. In place of a numeral the third letter of the first name may be used in the square or numeral spaces.

I claim—

In a system of indexing, a vertical column divided into spaces by horizontal lines and having names entered in the spaces, vertical columns adjacent to the name-column headed by the letters of the alphabet and divided into spaces by the horizontal lines dividing the name-column, and a numeral for each name designating the number of words in the name entered in a space both in alinement with the name and also in the column headed by a letter representing a letter arbitrarily selected from its numerical position in the name, substantially as described.

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