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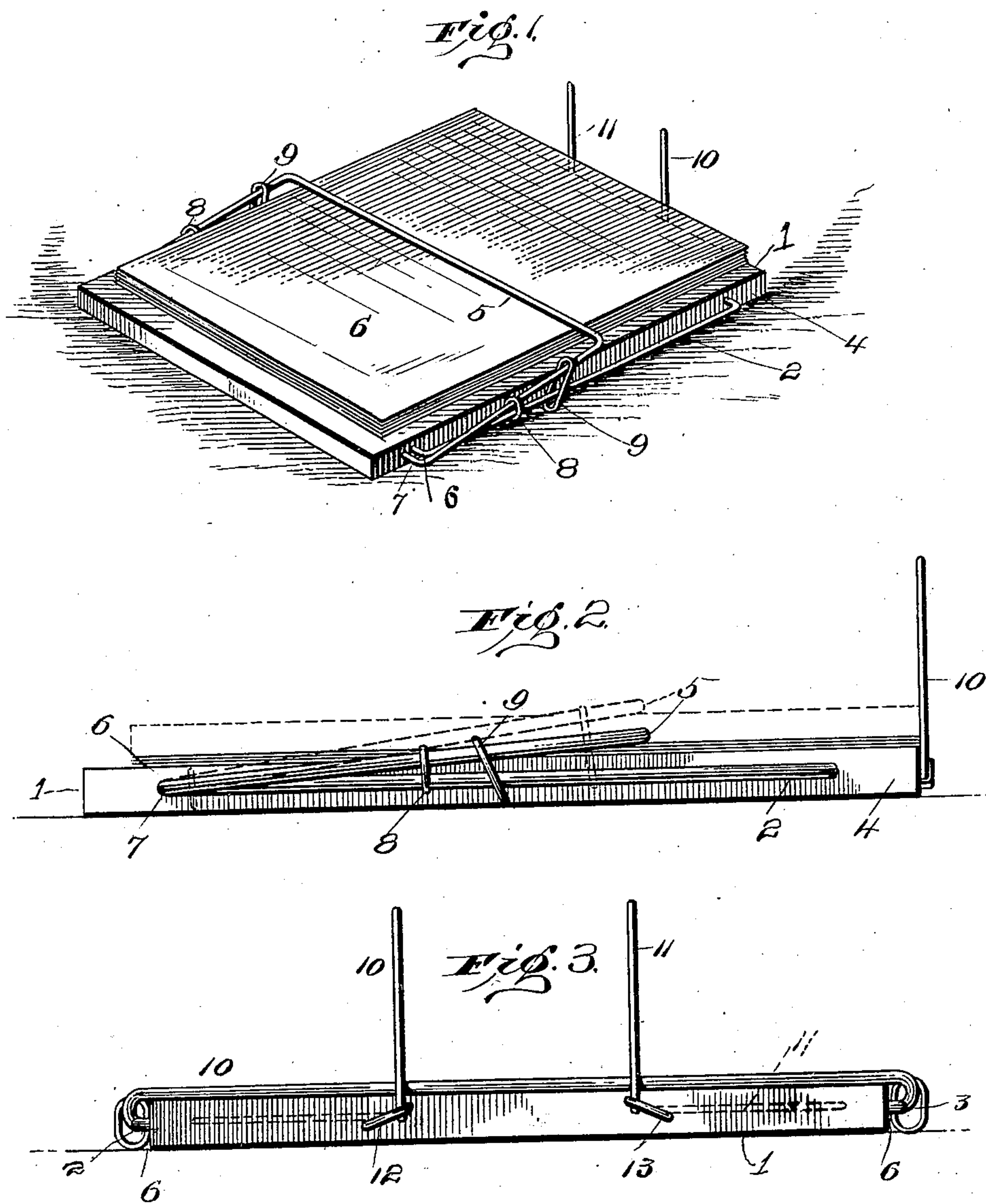
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BILL-FILE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE H. MAURER, a citizen of the United States, residing at No. 611 Seventh street, northwest, in Washington city, District of Columbia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bill-Files; 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, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates to bill-files, order-files, temporary holders for bills, orders, letters, or like papers of a construction that will admit of a number of separate bills, orders, letters, &c., being conveniently held or clamped upon the face of a suitable back or support adapted to be suspended from a nail or hook when not in use for the inspection of the matter clamped thereon and which may be conveniently removed from the nail or hook upon which it is suspended and be either held in the hand or laid upon a table or desk to permit a search for and an inspection of any bill, order, or letter clamped thereon, which latter when found may be inspected without withdrawing it from its place in the file or it may be withdrawn, inspected, and replaced in the file or dispensed with altogether if the latter action be the required one, after which said bill-file may be returned to its supporting nail or hook until again required for use.

To these ends or uses the invention consists in the construction and novel combination of the parts of the bill-file, as hereinafter fully described and claimed.

In the drawings forming part of this specification, Figure 1 is a view in perspective of a bill-file embodying improvements of my invention, several sheets representing bills, letters, or the like in blank form being shown thereon held in place upon the face of the bill-file back by the pivoted or hinged holding-clamp. Fig. 2 is a side elevation showing the clamp in two positions, the more extended position being shown in dotted lines. Fig. 3 is an end elevation viewed from the upper end or top end of the bill-file, the pivoted bill-stops or head-guards being shown

in the operative positions in full lines and shown also in the outwardly-closed or inoperative positions in dotted lines.

Referring by numerals to the accompanying drawings, 1 designates the body or back of the bill-file, which is of wood or other suitable material and is rectangular in form and outline. 2 and 3 are guide-rods, which are secured at their ends in the parallel side edges 4 of said body or back 1 and extend nearly from end to end of said side edges 4.

5 designates the hinged clamp, which serves to press upon and hold the bills, &c., in place upon the back 1 of the bill-file. The clamp 5 is made of wire bent to form three sides of a rectangular frame, the two parallel sides of which are provided at their ends with inwardly-projecting pivot-arms 6, which enter seats 7, made in the edges of the body or back 1 of the bill-file at short distances from the lower edge of the same and quite near to the lower bends of the guide-rods 2 and 3.

8 designates the smaller wire loops, and 9 the larger wire loops, all of which are sliding loops and connect the parallel arms of the hinged clamp 5 with the parallel guide-rods 2 and 3 and may be moved forward and backward thereon to lock or hold the clamp 5 in position upon the papers or bills in the bill-file or to release the clamp to permit the removal or insertion of a bill or other paper when necessary or desirable.

The importance of the two links used in connection with the clamp is that while a fewer number of bills are to be clamped the smaller link will suffice to properly hold them in place, whereas when a larger or greater number of bills are to be clamped the larger link or loop is necessary in order to permit the clamp to assume a proper position to admit the bills or letters to place and hold them firmly.

In the upper edge or top edge of the back or body 1 of the bill-file are two pivoted stop-arms 10 and 11, which extend outwardly at right angles from the face of the body or back 1 when in the operative position, as shown in full lines in Figs. 1 and 3, and may be folded or turned down out of the way along the top edge of said back 1 when not in use, as when in stock or during shipment, as shown in Fig. 3. Wire loops or limit-eyes 12 and 13 are

provided in the top edge of the back 1 and
incline outwardly and downwardly or away
from the imaginary central line of said back
or body, as shown in Fig. 3, and limit the dis-
5 tance to which the stop-arms 10 and 11 may
be turned from the vertical to the horizontal
positions.

In Fig. 2 the dotted lines show the positions
of the top surface of the bills and that of the
10 hinged clamp 5 when the number of bills has
been increased by the addition of new bills.

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

15 1. In a bill-file of the class described, the
combination with the back provided with the
parallel guide-rods secured to its side edges,
of the hinged clamping-frame having bear-
ings in said side edges, and the larger and

smaller sliding loops connecting said guide- 20
rods and the parallel sides of said clamping-
frame, substantially as specified.

2. The combination with the body, or back,
of a bill-file having parallel guide-rods, se-
cured to its side edges, and hinged stop-arms 25
connected with its top edge and loops or
limit-eyes projecting from said top edge, of
the hinged clamping-frame, and the larger
and smaller sliding loops connecting said
hinged clamping-frame with said parallel 30
guide-rods, substantially as specified.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature
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