

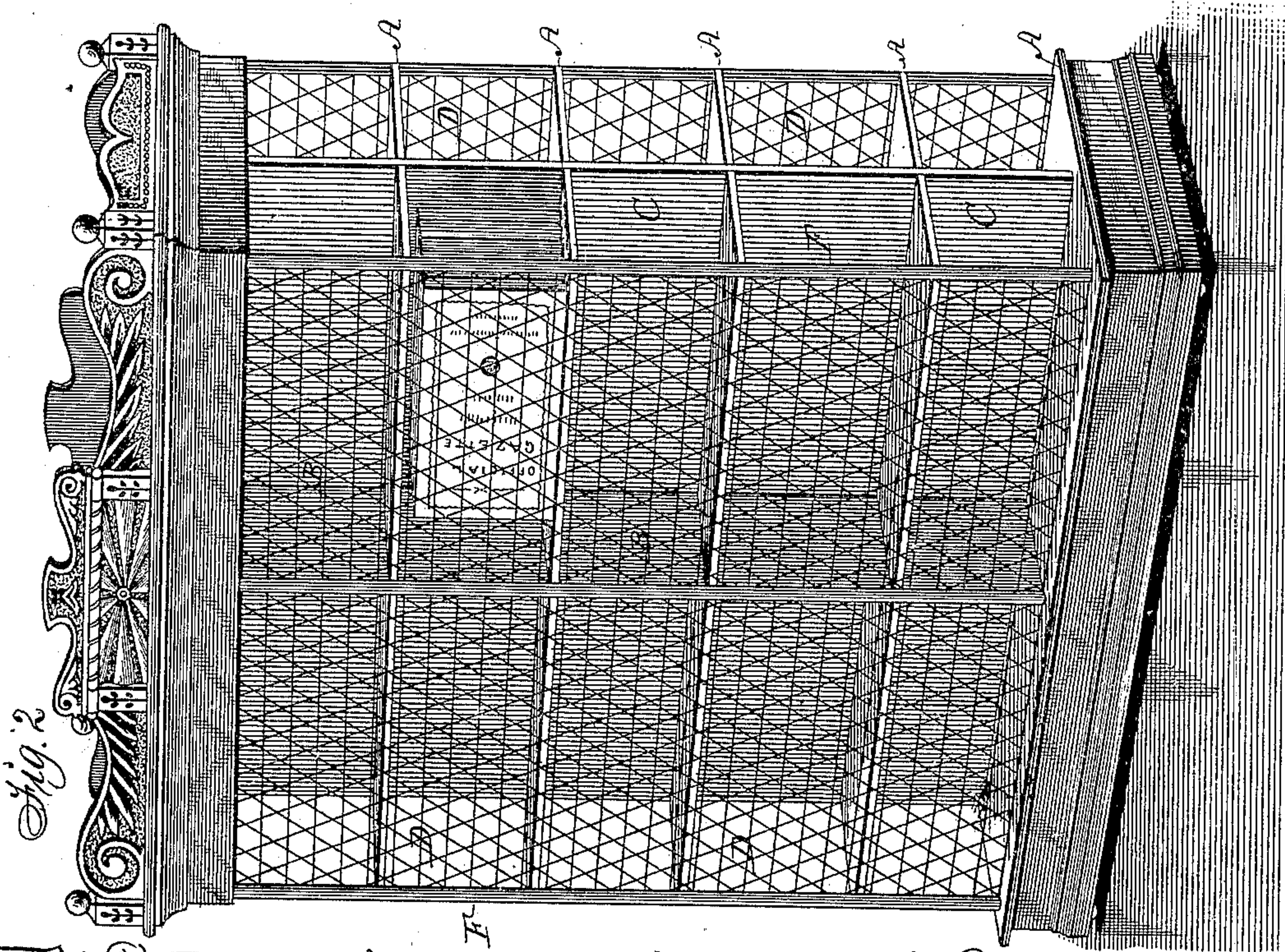
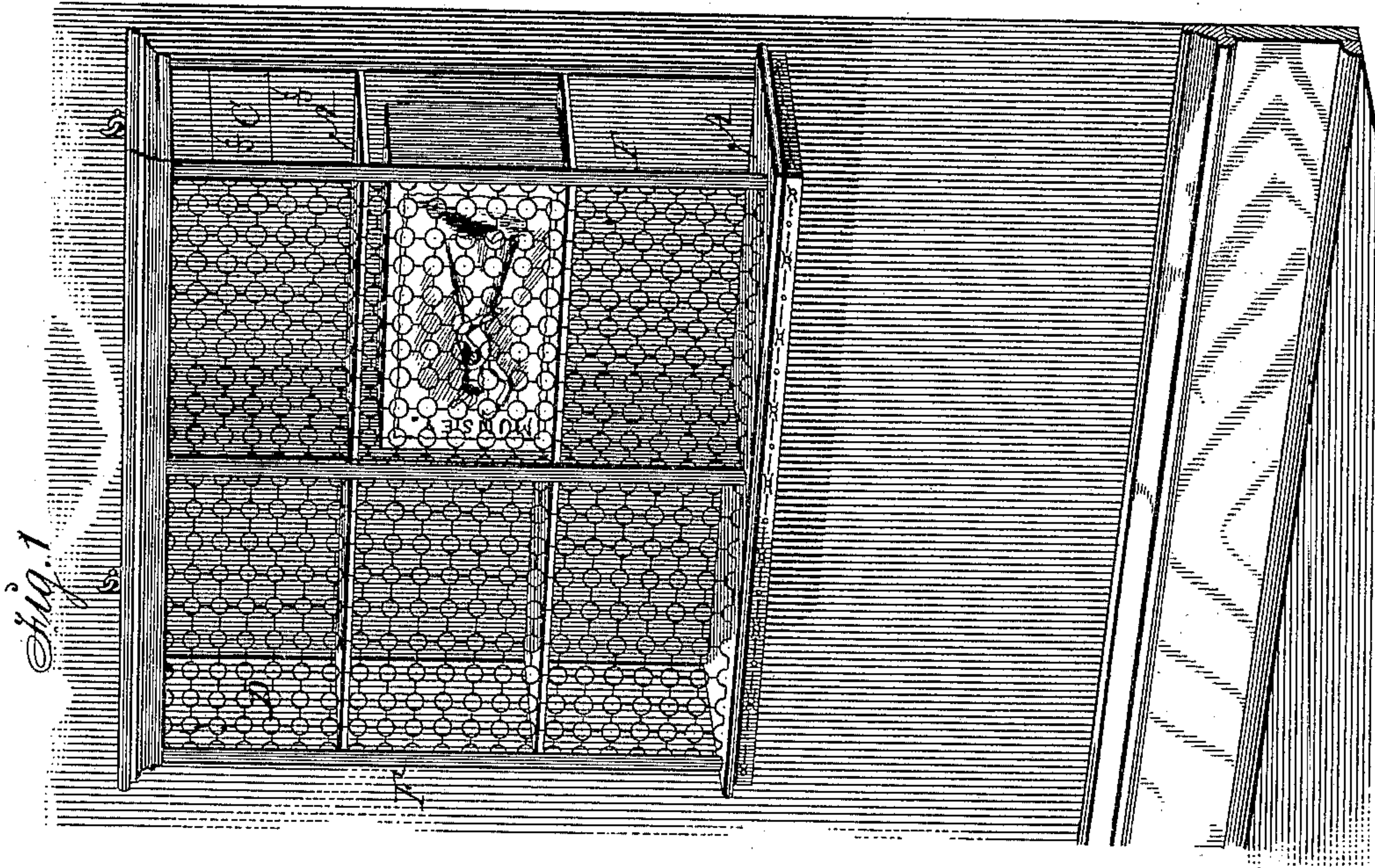
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ASA H. BALLARD, a citizen of the United States, residing at Pawnee City, in the county of Pawnee and State of Nebraska, have invented a new and useful Newspaper, Magazine, and Book Holder, of which the following is a specification.

My object is to provide a light, neat, strong, portable, and durable case having a plurality of receptacles at each end portion specially adapted for placing therein folded newspapers, magazines, and books, in which serial numbers of different publications can be conveniently kept and distinguished, as required to facilitate their frequent handling and use at different intervals of time.

My invention consists in the construction, arrangement, and combination of parts, as hereinafter set forth, pointed out in my claims, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a portable case having two tiers of open-ended pockets or receptacles and shows the case hung against a wall in such a manner that its contents will be visible through its front and accessible through its open ends. Fig. 2 is a modification of Fig. 1 and shows the rigid back of the open-ended receptacles in position to serve as the back for four tiers of receptacles in place of only two tiers in such a manner that each receptacle will be open at its outer end and tightly closed at its back and closed at its front in such a manner that their contents will be visible.

The letters A designate shelves, preferably made of wood, rigidly fixed by means of screws or nails at their centers to transverse central perpendicular partitions B, that correspond in width with the shelves.

C represents a closed back, preferably wooden, fixed to the edges of the shelves A.

D represents a front, preferably made of woven wire, fixed to the front edges of the shelves A by means of double-jointed tacks or in any suitable way.

F represents molding fixed to the edges of the shelves to cover the edges of the woven wire and to produce an ornamental finish. Two rows of spaces or divisions are thus produced to extend in opposite directions from

the said partition that are open at their ends and adapted to serve as pockets into which classified papers, pamphlets, magazines, and books can be readily placed in such a manner that the titles on the covers will be visible through the meshes of the wire front D. To adapt the receptacles for retaining letters and small articles one or more of the open-ended receptacles may be divided by partitions *f* to produce pigeon-holes, as shown in Fig. 1.

It is obvious that the numbers and dimensions of the open-ended divisions or pockets may vary and that straight wires or bars or glass may be used in place of woven wire to produce fronts D, through which the titles of papers, magazines, &c., within the receptacle may be seen and read. It is also obvious that the case may be adapted to hang or be fixed against a wall or provided with a fixed base adapting it to rest upon a floor, and in view of being closed in front and rear and portable it can be moved about without first removing its contents. It is also obvious that a receptacle-case adapted to rest upon a floor may be doubled and have two fronts and four tiers of open-ended pockets that have rigid backs, as shown in Fig. 2 and as required to advantageously place a large number of papers, magazines, &c., in convenient positions for frequent and successive use in an office, public library, or private residence.

Having thus described my invention and the manner of its use, its advantages will be readily understood by persons who have the care and use of papers and magazines and such other reading matter adapted to be placed and supported in the open-ended compartments that have transparent or open-work fronts through which their contents will be visible and distinguishable without marking or labeling the different compartments or pockets.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A portable case for retaining magazines, &c., comprising in combination a plurality of rigid shelves in horizontal planes and at different elevations relative to each other, rigid transverse partitions fixed between the shelves at their central portions, rigid partitions extended horizontally and fixed to the

central portions of the shelves, reticulated material fixed to the front and rear edges of the horizontal shelves for the purpose stated.

2. A portable case for retaining folded news-
5 papers, magazines, books, &c., comprising a plurality of rigid shelves, rigid transverse partitions fixed between the central portions of the shelves and fixed fronts consisting of ma-

terial through which the contents of the receptacles will be visible, arranged and combined 10 for the purposes stated.

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