

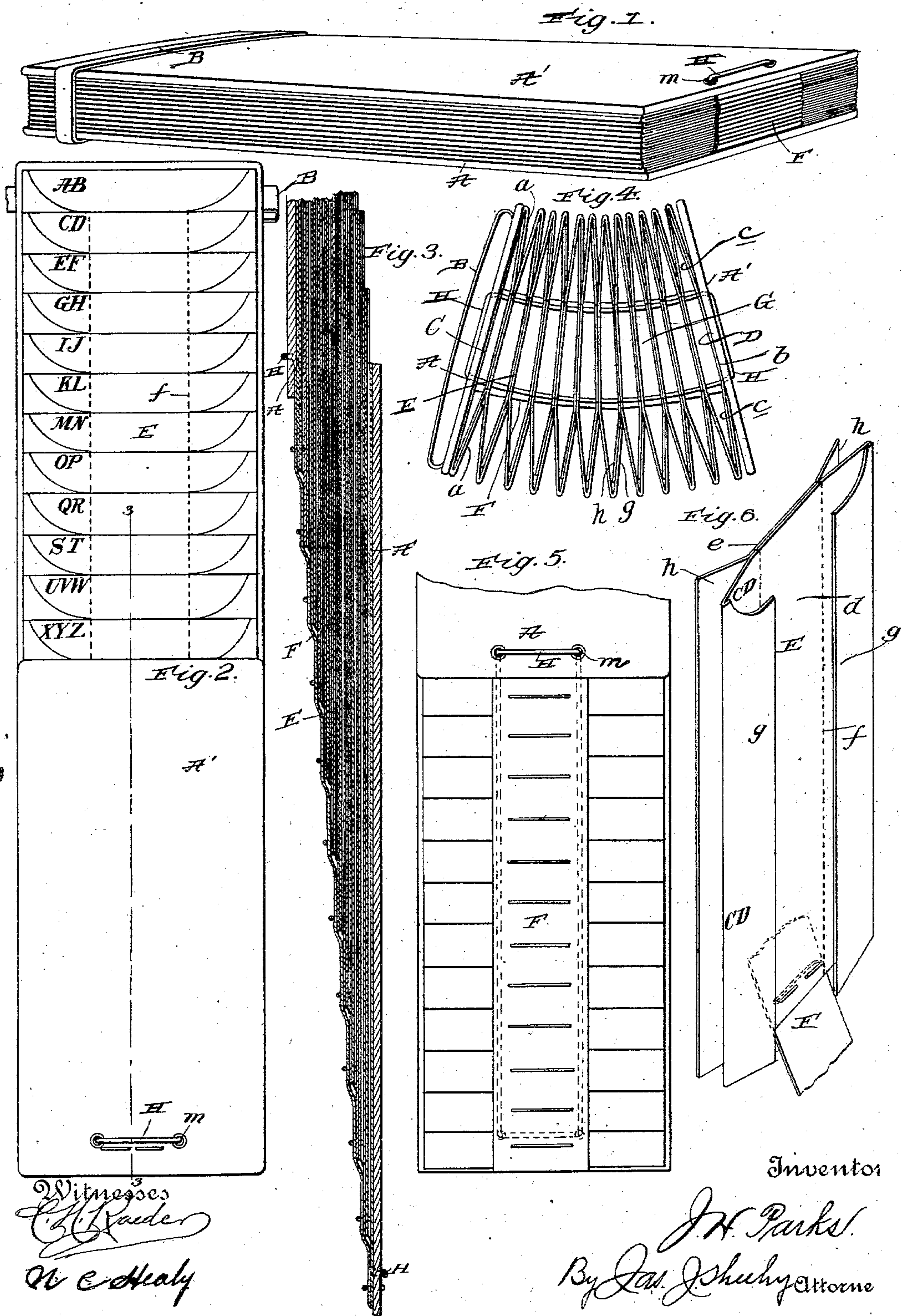
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN HEXTAR PARKS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Laurens, in the county of Laurens and State of South Carolina, have invented new and useful Improvements in Bill-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in bill-holders—i. e., devices for holding bills and other papers in such manner that any one may be readily referred to when desired; and it consists in the peculiar and advantageous holder hereinafter described, and particularly pointed out in the claims appended.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved holder as it appears when closed; Fig. 2, a front elevation of the holder when opened; Fig. 3, an enlarged detail section taken in the plane indicated by the broken line 3 3 of Fig. 2; Fig. 4, an end elevation of the holder as it appears when distended or opened in the direction of its thickness; Fig. 5, a detail elevation of the lower portion of the rear side of the holder as it appears when the holder is opened after the manner shown in Fig. 2, and Fig. 6 a detail perspective view illustrating one of the partitions of the holder and a portion of the tape which is connected to the several partitions and the covers.

Similar letters of reference designate corresponding parts in all of the several views of the drawings, referring to which—

A A' are the covers of my improved holder, which are preferably formed of cloth-covered pasteboard; B, an elastic band attached to one cover and designed to surround the holder when the same is closed, as shown in Fig. 1; C, a strip of cardboard or other suitable material connected to the inner side of the cover A and having inturned longitudinal flanges *a*, Fig. 4; D, a strip of cardboard or other suitable material, the longitudinal central portion of which is connected to the inner side of the cover A', as indicated by *b*, and which has longitudinal lips *c* free from said cover; E E, partitions of cardboard or other suitable material arranged side by side between the covers A A', and F, Fig. 5, a tape of textile or other suitable flexible material connected at its ends to the lower ends

of the covers A A' and at intermediate points of its length to the lower ends of the several partitions E, so as to hold said partitions against disconnection from each other and the covers. The partitions E, of which there may be any desired number, are similar in construction, and therefore a detailed description of the one shown in Fig. 6 will suffice to impart an understanding of all. The said partition preferably comprises two layers *d e* of cardboard connected together by lines of stitches *f* or other suitable means. The layer *d* is provided with inturned longitudinal flanges *g* and the layer *e* with longitudinal lips *h*, free from the layer *d*.

In assembling the parts of my improved holder the several partitions E are arranged side by side between the covers A A' and are connected together and to the covers through the medium of the tape F. The partition next to the cover A is arranged with its lips *h* in the flanges *a* of the strip C on the cover, and the partition next to the cover A' is arranged so that its flanges *g* receive the lips *c* of the strip D on said cover. The partitions intermediate of those next to the covers A A' are connected together and to said partitions adjacent to the covers in the manner best shown in Fig. 4—i. e., the lips *h* of each partition are arranged in the flanges *g* of the next adjacent partition. In virtue of this arrangement it will be observed that pockets G, Fig. 4, are formed between the partitions and also between the partitions next to the covers and the strips C D on said covers for the reception of bills or other papers, also that the tape F will support the papers in the pockets and prevent such papers from dropping through the lower ends thereto when the holder is opened or distended, as shown in Fig. 4. It will further be observed that in virtue of the tape F being of the proportional length illustrated and the lips *h* of some of the partitions being disposed in the flanges *g* of other partitions, the lips *h* of the partition next to the cover A being disposed in the flanges *a* on said cover, and the flanges *g* on the partition next to the cover A' receiving the lips *c* on the said cover, the covers and the partitions interposed between the same are slidably engaged, so that when the band

B is taken off the cover A' the holder may be slid open to expose the upper portions of the several pockets G, as clearly shown in Fig. 2.

When the holder is slid open to the extent 5 illustrated in Fig. 2, the tape F will serve to stop the opening of the holder.

When the pockets are indexed, as shown in Fig. 2, and the holder is slid open, as described above, it will be appreciated that any 10 desired bill or other paper may be readily referred to and, if desired, removed from its pocket.

In order to close the holder subsequent to reference to or removal of a bill, I provide an 15 elastic H, Figs. 1, 2, and 5. This elastic is connected to the covers A A' and extends between the same immediately over the tape F, as shown by broken lines in Fig. 5. When the holder is slid open, the said elastic will 20 be stretched, and hence it will operate when one of the covers is released to return the covers and the partitions to the relative positions shown in Fig. 1.

In the preferred embodiment of the invention the elastic is connected to the covers by 25 passing it through eyelets *m* in said covers, as best shown in Figs. 1 and 2.

When desirable, index-letters may be provided on the flanges *g* of the partitions E, as 30 shown in Fig. 6, this in order that any desired paper may be readily referred to without the necessity of sliding the holder open.

When the holder is closed and secured in such condition through the medium of the 35 band B, the holder may be conveniently carried in the pocket.

It will be appreciated from the foregoing that when closed my improved holder is very 40 neat and compact, and yet it is adapted to contain a large number of papers, to any one of which reference may be readily made when the holder is opened, as shown in Fig. 2.

I have entered into a detailed description 45 of the construction and relative arrangement of the parts embraced in the present and preferred embodiment of my invention in order to impart a full, clear, and exact understanding of the same. I do not desire, however, to be understood as confining myself to such 50 specific construction and relative arrangement of parts, as such changes or modifications may be made in practice as fairly fall within the scope of my invention as claimed.

Having described my invention, what I

claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is— 55

1. A holder for bills and other papers comprising covers and interposed partitions having complementary longitudinal lips and 60 flanges receiving the lips, whereby the covers and partitions are slidably engaged, and the holder is adapted to be slid open and closed, and an elastic extending between and connecting the covers at one end of the holder.

2. A holder for bills and other papers, comprising covers and interposed partitions having complementary longitudinal lips and 65 flanges receiving the lips, whereby the covers and partitions are slidably engaged, and the holder is adapted to be slid open and closed. 70

3. A holder for bills and other papers, comprising covers and interposed partitions having complementary longitudinal lips and 75 flanges receiving the lips, whereby the covers and partitions are slidably engaged, and the holder is adapted to be slid open and closed; and a tape connecting the covers and partitions at one end of the holder, and extending 80 across the ends of pockets formed between the partitions, and between the outer partitions and the covers.

4. A holder for bills and other papers, comprising covers, one of which is provided at its 85 inner side with longitudinal lips, and the other at its inner side with longitudinal, intumed flanges, partitions interposed between the covers, and having longitudinal lips at one side, and longitudinal, intumed flanges at 90 their opposite sides; said lips being arranged in the intumed flanges to slidably connect the partitions together and to the covers, and a tape loosely connecting the covers and partitions at one end of the holder.

5. A holder for bills and other papers, comprising covers and interposed partitions slid- 95 ably engaged; the covers having apertures *m* adjacent to one end, a tape connecting the covers and partitions at one end of the holder, and an elastic secured in the apertures *m* of the covers and extending between the same, 100 and resting adjacent to the tape.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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