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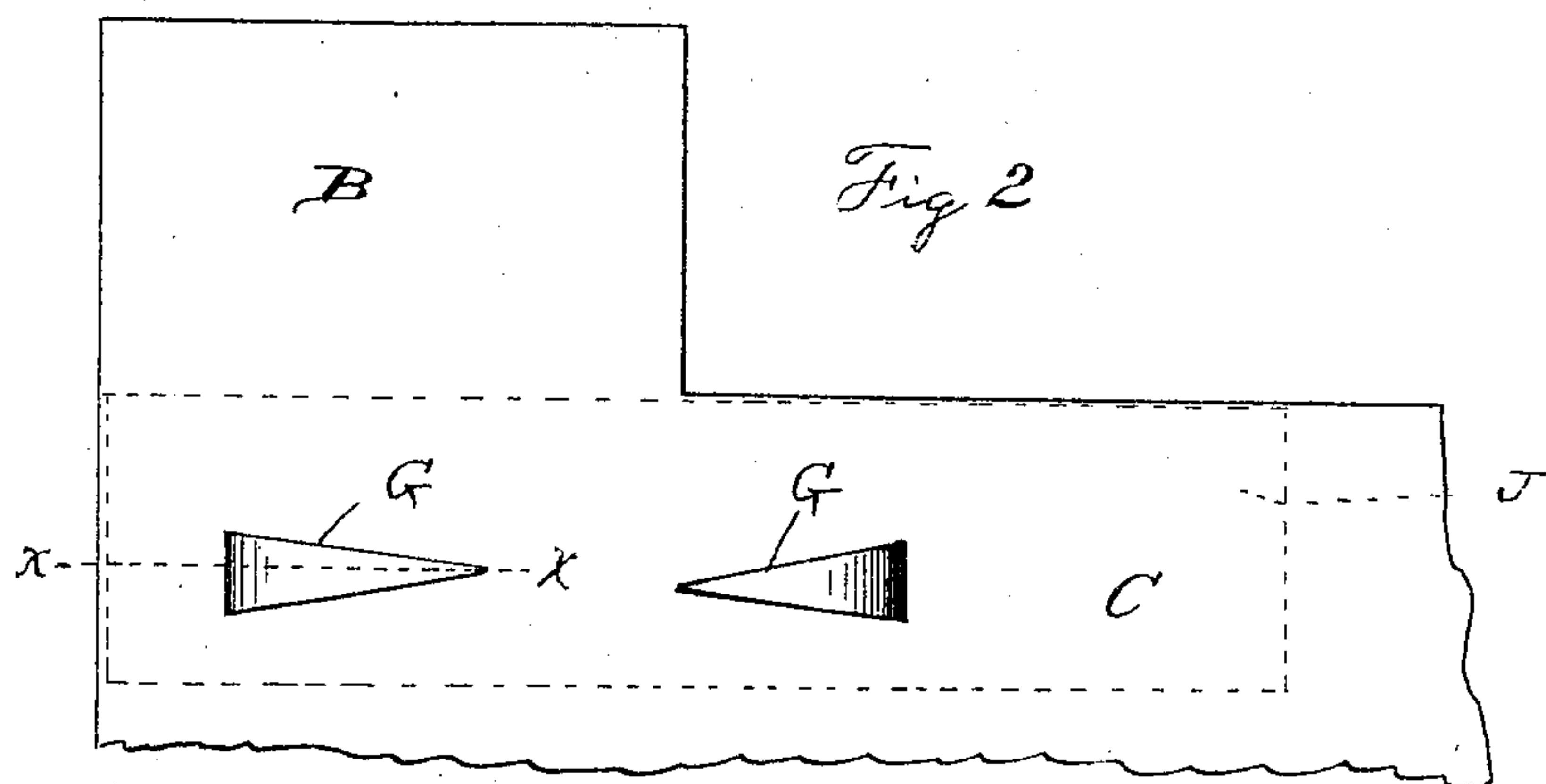
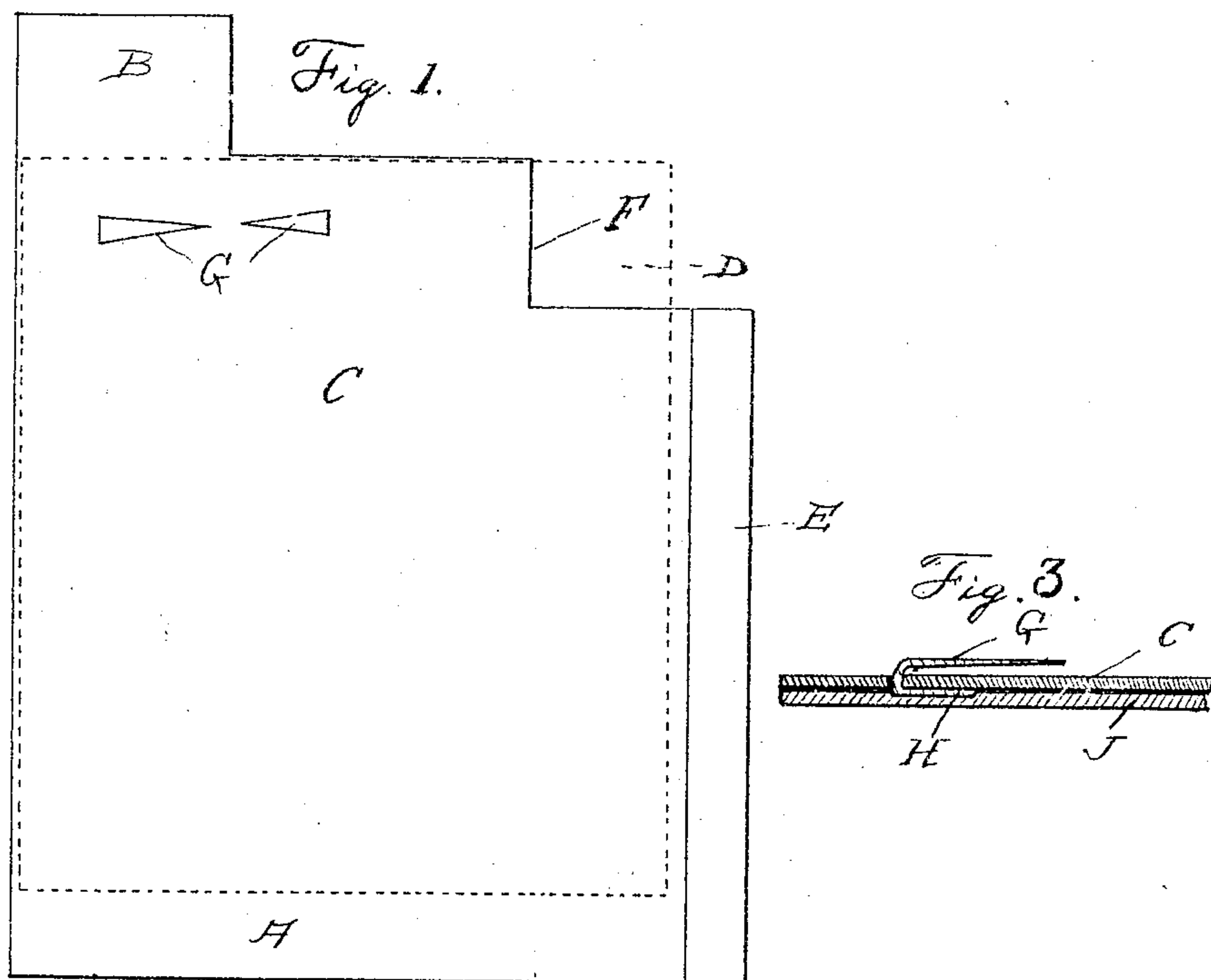
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## BACKING-SHEET OR FILING-WRAPPER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHARLES Q. C. LEIGH, a citizen of the United States, residing at Paducah, in the county of McCracken and State of Kentucky, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Backing-Sheets or Filing-Wrappers, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in backing-sheets or filing-wrappers, and has special reference to a novel device which is entirely made of a single sheet of fabric and is especially desirable for handling correspondence and is provided with means by which the same may be indexed, so as to be readily found when desired, and means by which the correspondence may be attached.

To attain these objects, the invention consists of a device of this character embodying novel features of construction substantially as disclosed herein.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a plan view of a blank, dotted lines showing position of paper therein. Fig. 2 is an enlarged detail view of the upper left-hand corner, showing the novel paper-fastener; and Fig. 3 is a sectional view on line X X of Fig. 2.

Referring to the drawings, A designates the blank or backing-sheet, which is cut so as to provide the index or identification tab B at some point on the upper edge, preferably the upper left-hand corner, and the other section, C, which forms the backing for the papers D. Upon one of the side edges of the blank is formed the long narrow strip E, which is adapted to be folded so as to provide a guide for one edge of the contents; but I would say that this strip may be dispensed with. The niche F, formed in the upper edge, preferably the upper right-hand corner, of the blank is not necessary; but I have found that in order to save paper or the desired fabric in cutting these sheets that one strip can be cut so as to provide two of the blanks, the identification-tab of one blank forming the niche F in the other blank.

In order that the papers—such as letters, bills, &c.—may be properly secured to the

backing-sheet, I provide the two malleable fastenings, which each comprise the prongs G, which enter the blank from the back thereof or are otherwise fastened to same at one end and have the points bent toward each other or in opposite directions, thus providing a means by which they can be bent upward to receive the papers and bent downward and in opposite directions to hold the papers in position. It will be found by bending these malleable prongs in opposite directions it is only necessary to slightly raise the end of each. By perforating paper to be attached by punching holes at same distance apart as the distance between the base of the malleable prongs or fasteners one side of the paper can be easily slipped on, and by slightly bending the backing-sheet and contents between the base of the two malleable prongs or fasteners the other end can be easily slipped on, thus avoiding the possibility of papers previously attached getting off or being misplaced while putting on new attachments. By making these prongs malleable any number of papers can be accommodated. Abutting against the rear of the backing is the head H of the prongs, and over these is pasted a protecting-strip J, which holds one end of the malleable prongs or fasteners securely in place.

From the foregoing description, taken in connection with the drawings, it is evident that I provide a simple and inexpensive construction and one which is efficient and practical in use.

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

1. A file-wrapper or backing-sheet made from a single sheet of material having a tab formed at the upper edge thereof, a guide-strip formed along one edge thereof, a pair of malleable prongs provided with heads passing through the sheet from the rear to receive papers, and a protecting-strip over the heads of the prongs secured to the rear of the sheet.

2. A file-wrapper or backing-sheet, made from a single sheet of material having an identification-tab at the upper edge thereof, a guide-strip formed on the right-hand edge, a pair of malleable prongs provided with heads

passing through the sheet from the rear to receive papers, and a protecting-strip over the heads of the prongs secured to the rear of the sheet.

- 5 3. A backing-sheet made from a single sheet of material having a guide-strip formed along one edge thereof, a pair of malleable prongs provided with heads passing through the sheet from the rear to receive papers, and a protect-

ing-strip over the heads of the prongs secured to the rear of the sheet.

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

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