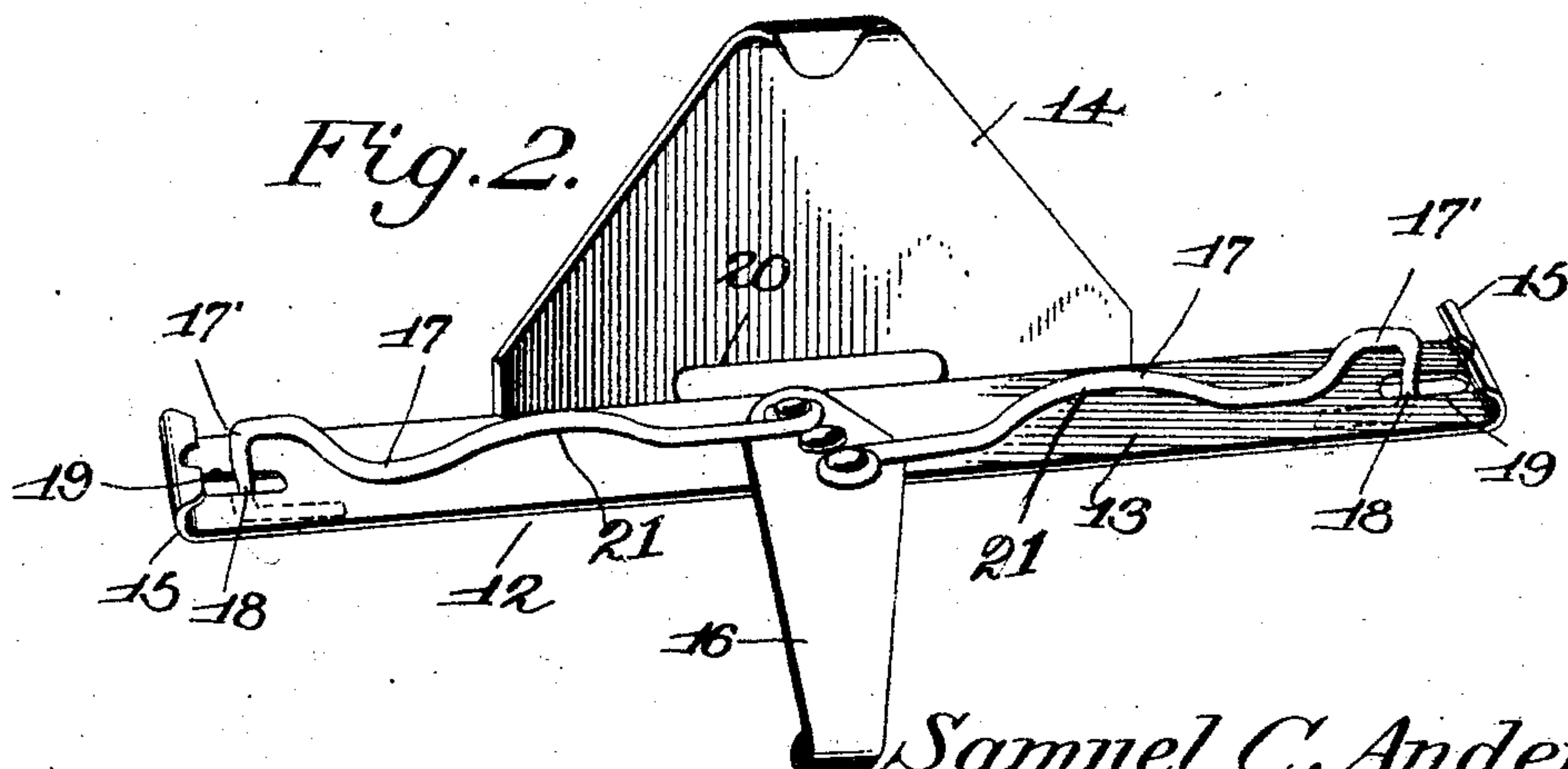
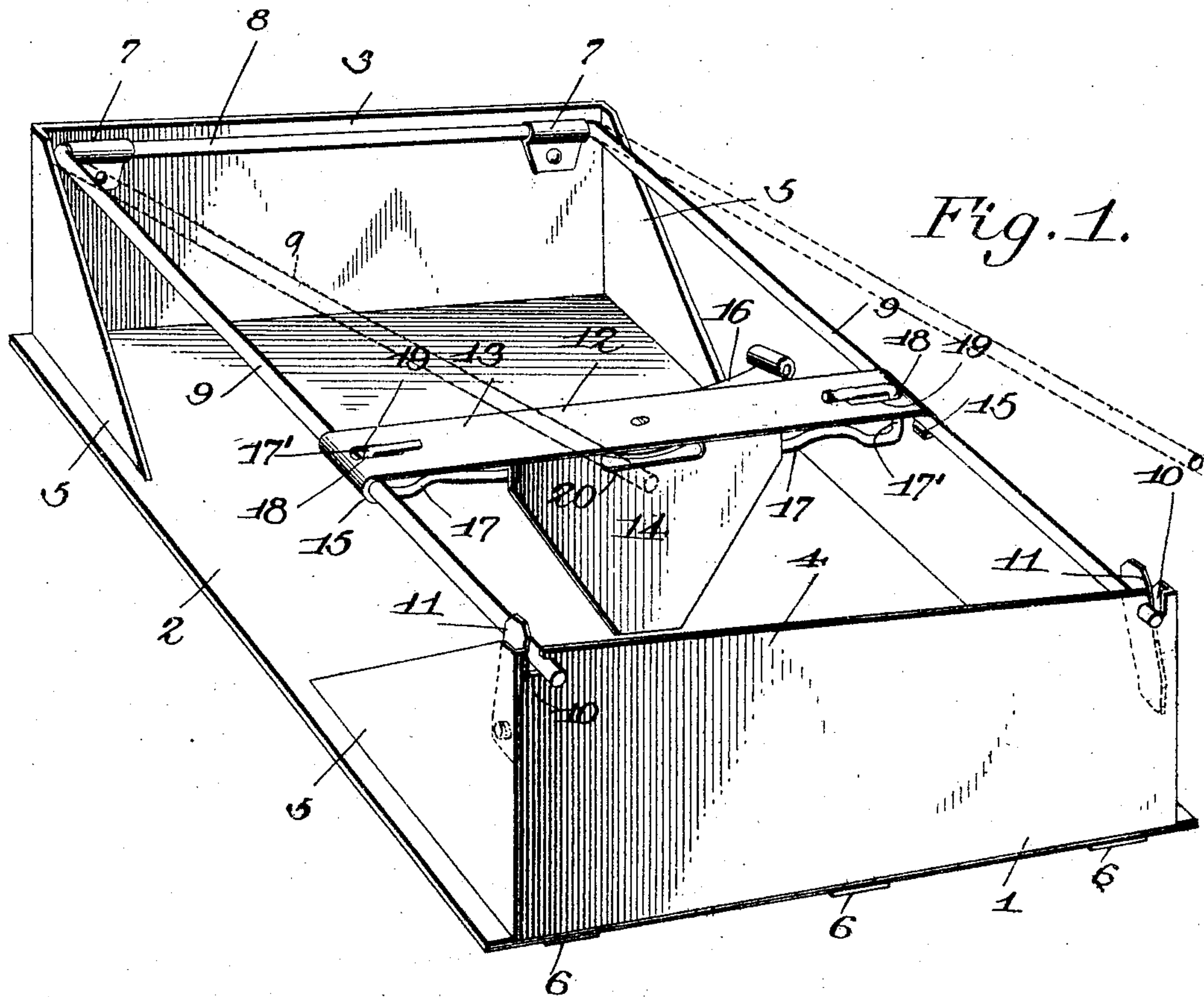


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SAMUEL C. ANDERSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Whitewright, in the county of Grayson and State of Texas, have invented a new and useful Deposit-File, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to file-boxes designed for holding bills or other papers, and has for its objects to produce a comparatively simple, inexpensive device of this character in which the papers will be securely held in compact form and may be readily released when circumstances require.

To these ends the invention comprises the novel features of construction and combination of parts more fully hereinafter described.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a file-box embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a perspective detached detail view of the pressure member of the device.

Referring to the drawings, 1 designates the file-box formed, preferably, of sheet metal and comprising a base 2 and end walls 3 4, arising from the base and braced by means of lateral inwardly-extending flanges 5, there being riveted or otherwise secured to the lower face of the base 2 a pair of longitudinal cleats 6, spaced transversely one from the other and serving to brace and strengthen the box and as a support upon which the latter may rest.

Pivoted in bearing-clips 7, secured adjacent to the upper edge of wall 3, is a substantially U-shaped member 8, composed from wire and having a pair of parallel arms 9, the forward ends of which normally engage recesses or other suitable seats 10, provided in the opposite wall 4, these arms, which constitute guide-rods, being maintained in engagement with their respective seats by means of leaf-springs 11, attached to the adjacent flanges 5. It is to be noted that by applying outward pressure upon the guide-rods 9 adjacent to the springs the latter will be compressed to permit disengagement of the guides from their seats, when the

frame 8 may be freely turned on its pivot, as indicated by dotted lines in Fig. 1.

Arranged for travel on the guide 9 is a pressure member 12, composed from sheet metal bent to produce a horizontal portion or bar 13, carrying a vertically-depending portion or apron 14, the ends of the bar being folded, as shown, to form guide-openings or seats 15 for reception of the adjacent guides 9.

Pivoted adjacent to the longitudinal center of the bar 13 is an actuating member or lever 16, to which is pivotally engaged the adjacent ends of a pair of oppositely-extended locking members or devices 17, composed, preferably, from spring-wire bent adjacent to its outer end to form engaging heads 17', designed to bear, respectively, upon the adjacent guide-rods 9, and guide portions or fingers 18, adapted to travel in longitudinal slots or ways 19, provided for their reception in the bar 13, there being provided in the apron 14 a slot or opening 20 for the accommodation of the adjacent portion of the lever 16 when turned upon its pivot. Attention is directed to the fact that the locking members 17 are each bent between its ends, as at 21, to thus render the members resilient for yieldable engagement of their heads with the guides 9.

In practice the papers, cards, &c., are placed in the box between the guides 9 and pressure member 12 and wall 4. The operating-lever 16 is then manipulated for causing the locking members to release the pressure member and permit its free movement upon the guides. The pressure member having been moved to position for securely clamping the papers between the same and the adjacent end wall of the box, the operating-lever is turned to position for moving the heads 18 into locking engagement with the guide-rods, thus fixing the member 12 against movement. At any time that it may become necessary to inspect the papers the member 12 may be released and moved from engagement therewith, or the guide-arms 9 may be disengaged in the manner heretofore explained and swung to position for carrying

the pressure member out of engagement with the papers.

From the foregoing it will be seen that I produce a simple inexpensive device admirably adapted for the attainment of the ends in view, it being understood that minor changes in the details herein set forth may be resorted to without departing from the spirit of the invention.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed is—

1. The combination with a file-box, of guide-rods associated therewith, a pressure member mounted for travel upon the guide-rods and provided with longitudinal seats, an actuating-lever pivotally connected with the pressure member and locking devices connected with and operable by the lever, said devices having heads for engagement respec-

tively with the guide-rods and portions for travel within the longitudinal seats.

2. The combination with a file-box having a pair of opposed walls one of which is provided with seats, of a pair of guide-rods pivotally connected with the other wall and adapted for engagement with the seats, springs for maintaining the arms in engaging position, a pressure device arranged for travel upon the guide-rod, and means for locking said devices against movement.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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