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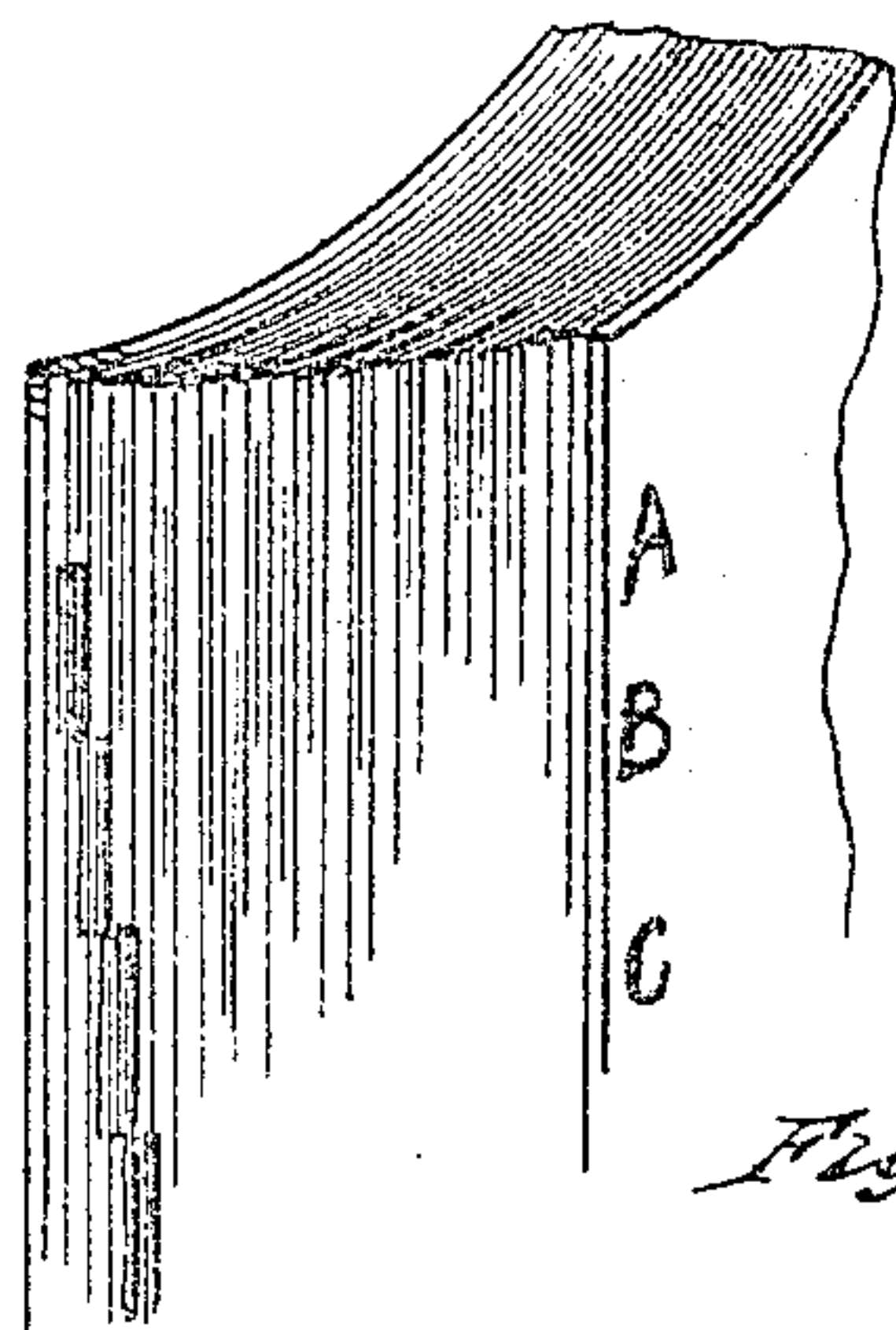
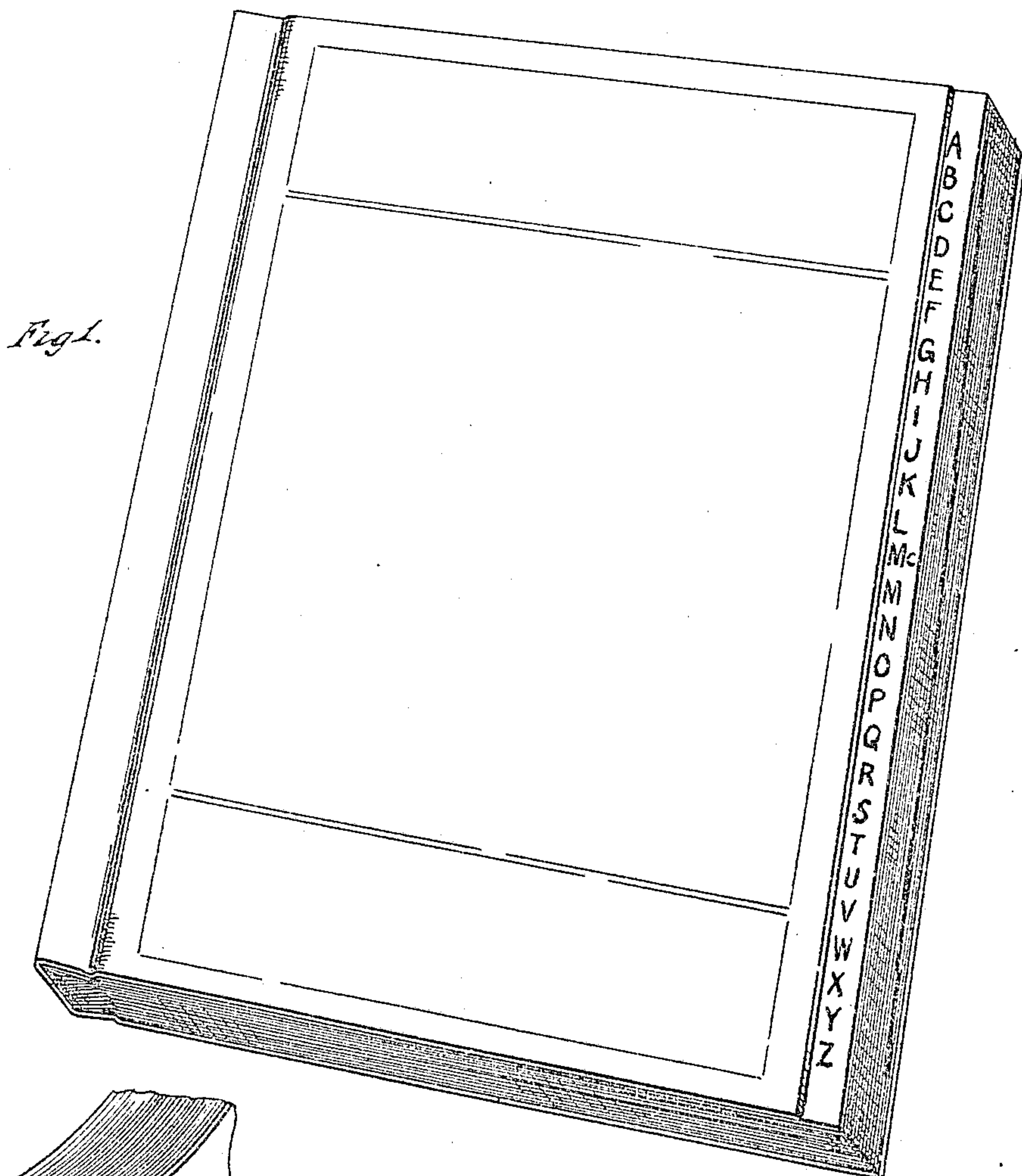


Fig. 3.

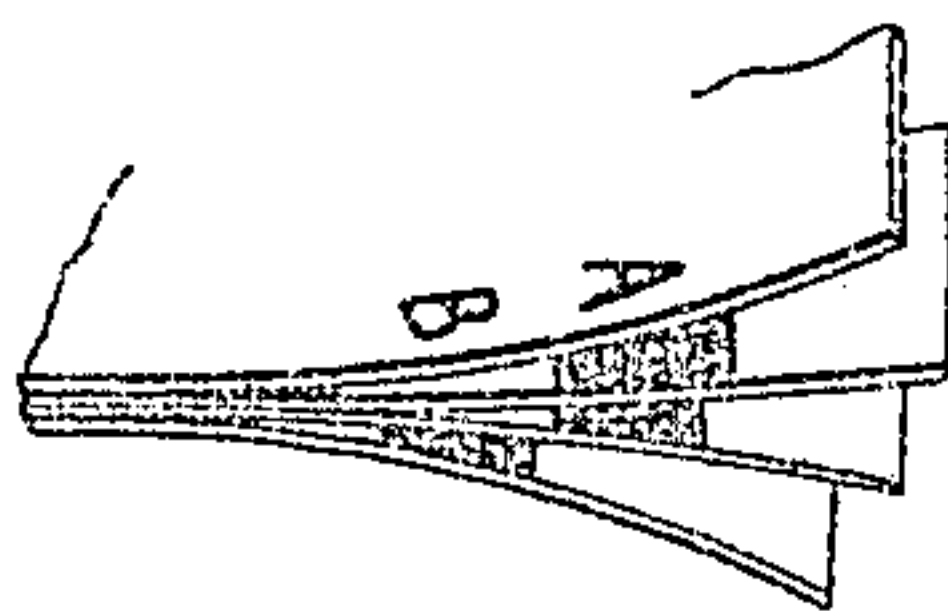


Fig. 2.

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BOOK-INDEXING.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, RICHARD C. POHL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Detroit, county of Wayne, State of Michigan, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Book-Indexing; and I 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 pertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to book-indexing.

It has for its object improved marginal indications and means for preparing marginal indications on the leaves of a book, which indications, taken in connection with characters printed along an edge of the first leaf of the book, enable the user to open the book at that part of it where the matter he desires to refer to is contained.

Another feature of improvement relates to the spacing or defining character of the index, which points out or indicates at once the limits of specific parts of the book—as, for example, if the index be alphabetical and the entire book be divided into portions, each one of which is allotted to a single letter of the alphabet. The indicating-marks, which are on the edge of the book, define the boundaries of the portion allotted to that letter. A clear understanding of this will be made apparent by the description which follows.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective representation of a book indexed and marked according to this invention. Fig. 2 is a perspective showing the margins of a few of the leaves of the book. Fig. 3 shows a book with the index characters on the back fly-leaf.

The drawings illustrate a book divided into sections, of which each section is devoted to subjects which may be referred to under an indicating alphabetical character. The leaves of the book included in each section are provided on the margin and for a space back from the margin with imprints of a color that contrasts with the color of the paper of the book. This imprint is made at a point along the edge and properly located between the

top to the bottom thereof to be opposite the proper indicating alphabetical character on the margin of the first page of the book. The number of the leaves in each section may vary from the number of leaves in any other section or may be equal thereto, as the necessities of the work require. The imprint is preferably made on both sides of the paper.

The distinguishing color extending across the edges of all the leaves of a section indicate at once the limits of the section, and because the distinguishing color is printed back from the margin along the surface of the page, as well as at the extreme edge, the limits and extent of the section becomes still more apparent and well defined when the user bends the book and causes the shifting of the leaves in the process of opening the book.

The imprint of the color upon the book is accomplished at the same time with the print of the page by inserting printing-blocks at the proper places to make the necessary imprint, and this may be done with sufficient accuracy, so that when the book is trimmed after binding the imprint is exposed without further labor. Consequently the cost of producing a book indexed in accordance with this invention is merely nominal and requires neither handling of the book or any other imprint than that made in the process of printing the book itself.

I am aware of the patent, No. 404,294, issued May 28, 1889, to William M. Lester, in which he showed and described a method of indexing books by "marking on the combined edges of the leaves configurations having a width corresponding to the combined widths of the leaves comprising the subject-matter of a section of the book," but this required additional operation after the book was bound, and it produced only a very slight indicating-mark which was upon the extreme edge of the leaf and which became indistinct as the leaf was bent and which, moreover, in actual use was with great difficulty confined to the exact limits desired, either being made too wide, if the subject contained few leaves, or too narrow if it contained many leaves, whereas with the invention herein described the

limits of the indicating-imprint are always exact and the imprint becomes more apparent and pronounced as the leaves are bent.

What I claim is—

- 5 1. An index for books, having in combination with indicating characters on the free edge of the fly-leaf, imprints on each of the leaves of a section devoted to a subject and extending to the margin thereof, each imprint
10 being in the same location on its page that the indicating character therefor occupies on the fly-leaf, substantially as described.
2. An index for books having in combina-

tion with indicating characters on the fly-leaf, imprints on each side of each of the leaves of 15 a section devoted to a subject and extending to the margin thereof, each imprint being in the same location on its page that the indicating character therefor occupies on the fly-leaf, substantially as described. 20

In testimony whereof I sign this specification in the presence of two witnesses.

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