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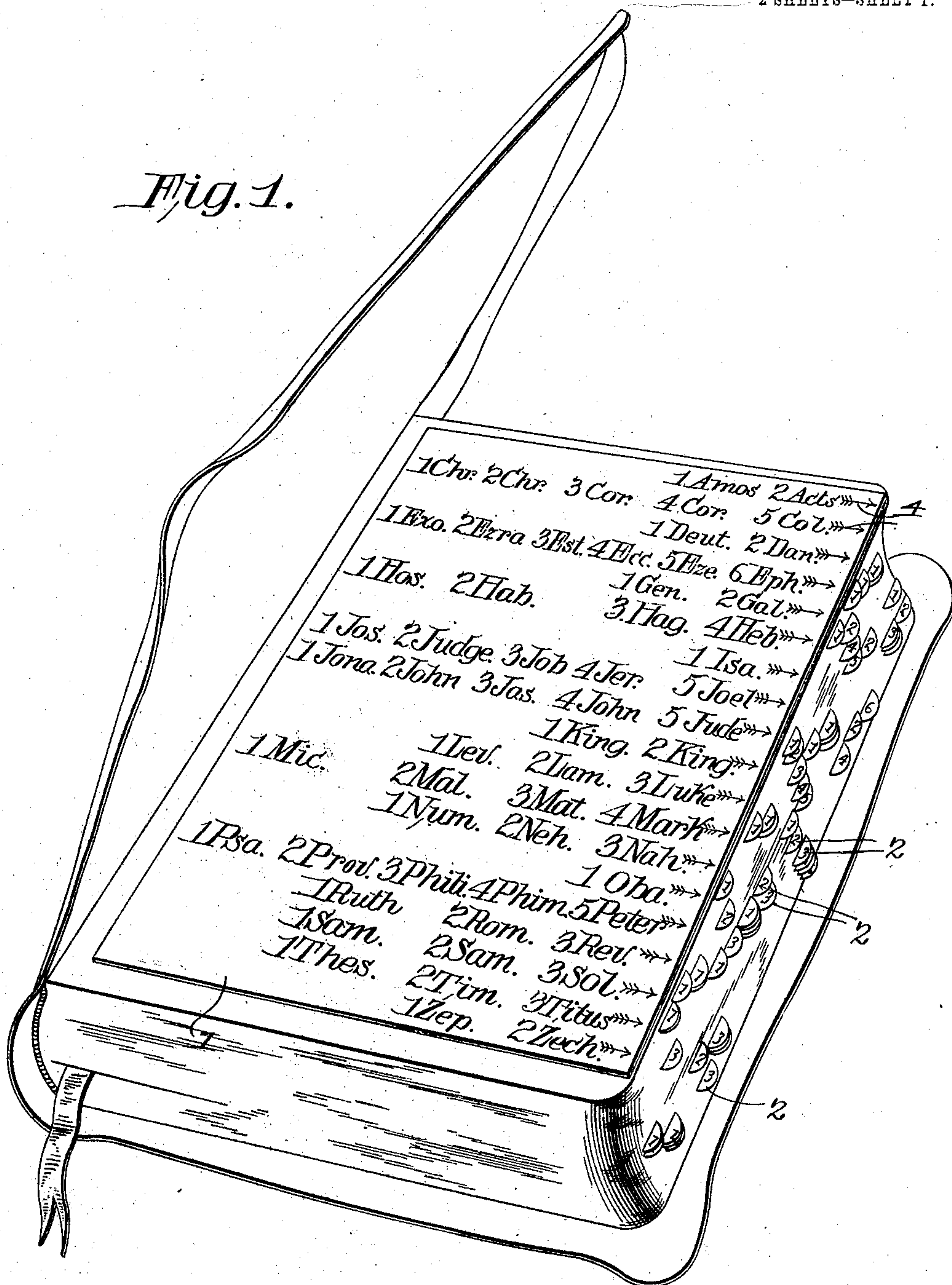
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Fig. 1.



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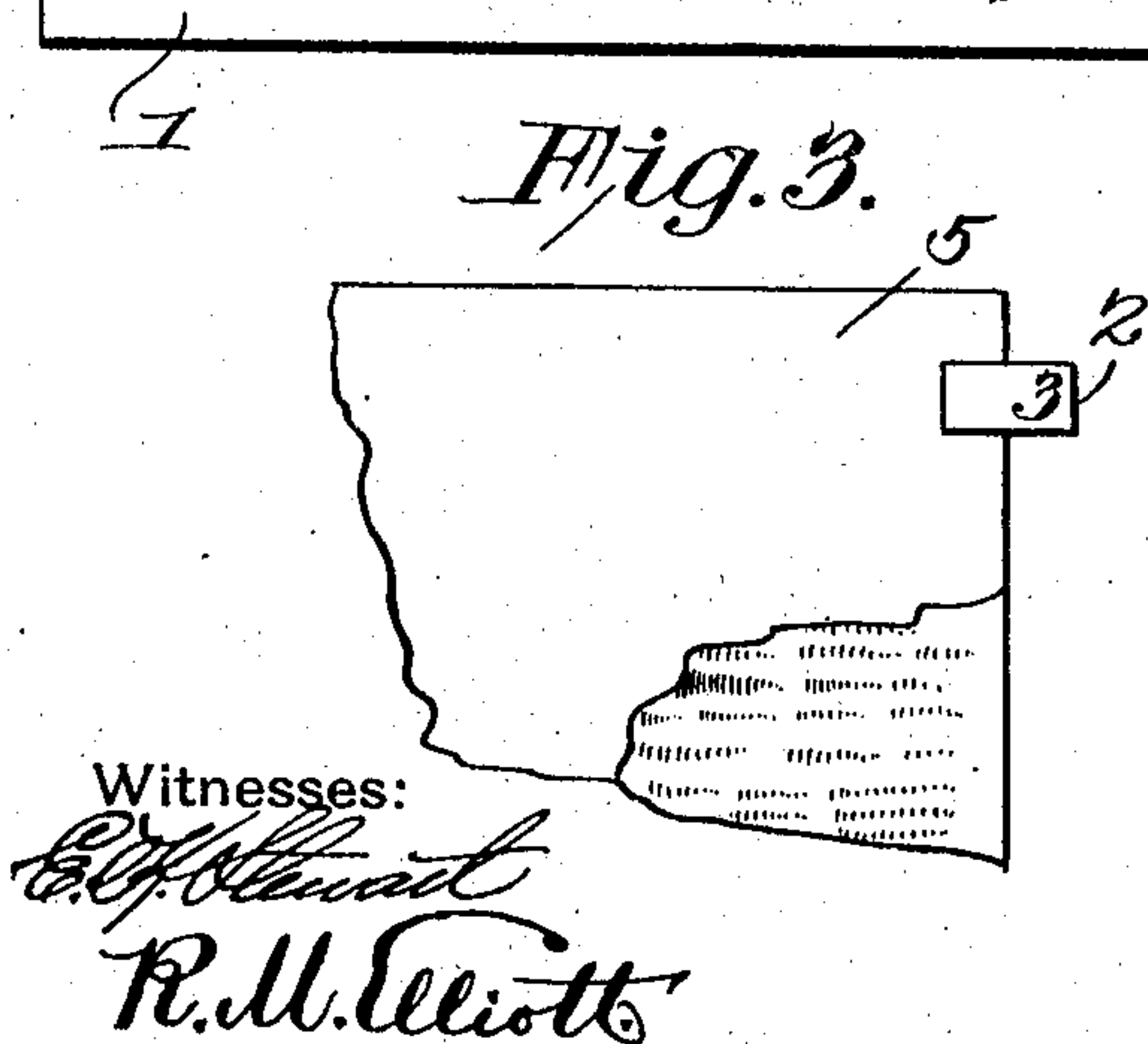
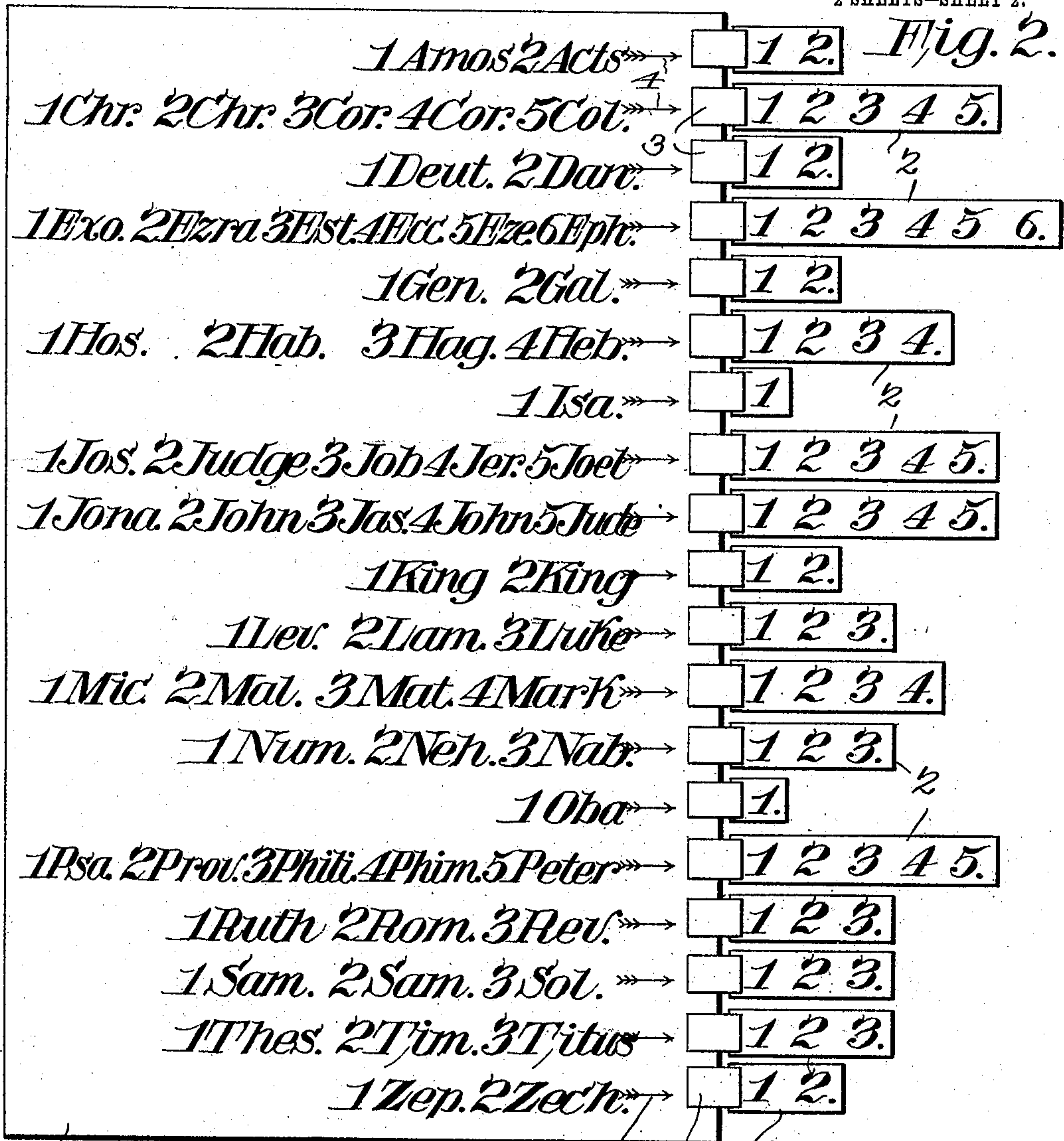
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES D. THRELKELD, a citizen of the United States, residing at Piggott, in the county of Clay and State of Arkansas, have invented a new and useful Book-Index, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to indexes to be used in connection with the Bible, dictionaries, account-books, and any other character of book to which particular reference is made and the contents of which are capable of being indexed and arranged into heads or chapters.

The object of the invention is to adapt the index to be combined with a book already printed, and, further, to provide an index in which the finding of any desired chapter or book may readily, quickly, and with certainty be accomplished.

With the above and other objects in view, as will appear as the nature of the invention is better understood, the same consists in a novel form of book-index, as will be hereinafter fully described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, and in which like characters of reference indicate corresponding parts, Figure 1 is a view in perspective of a Bible, exhibiting the index of the present invention combined therewith. Fig. 2 is a view in plan, exhibiting the index as it appears when sold as an article of manufacture. Fig. 3 is a fragmentary detail view showing the manner in which the index is combined with the books of the Bible.

The invention resides in an index-sheet 1 and a plurality of tabs or indices 2. As shown in Fig. 2, which exhibits the index-sheet as it appears when sold as an article of manufacture, the tabs 2 are connected with the index-sheet 1 by fasteners 3, which may be strips of paper which are slightly attached to the index-sheet and the tabs by an adhesive, the connection being such as to permit of the separation of the fasteners from the index-sheet and the tabs when the parts are to be combined with the book. Of course it will be understood that this system of indexing may be combined with a Bible or other book at the time it is printed; but the invention is adapted more particularly to be applied to Bibles already printed and that are devoid of any ready form of index for finding any book desired.

A feature in this form of the invention that is different from those in common use is the manner of arrangement of the books upon the index, they being arranged in line, the books within each line commencing with the same letter and the lines being arranged alphabetically. In addition there is a designating-symbol combined with each of the books which corresponds with a similar symbol upon the tab. Thus in the Bible there are two books beginning with the letter "A"—namely, "Amos" and "Acts of the Apostle;" five beginning with the letter "C"—namely, "First and Second Chronicles," "First and Second Corinthians," and "Colossians;" two beginning with the letter "D"—namely, "Deuteronomy" and "Daniel"—and so on throughout the entire number of the books. In combining these designating-symbols with the book, which symbols in this instance are the numerals, the books of the Old Testament will be numbered first, so that under "A," "1" designates "Amos" and "2" "Acts." Under "C," "1" designates "First Chronicles," "2" "Second Chronicles," "3" "First Corinthians," "4" "Second Corinthians," and "5" "Colossians," and so on. The tabs when detached from the index-sheet, are divided into sections, having one figure on each, and at the book of "Amos" will be pasted the tab bearing number "1," at "Acts" the tab bearing "2," at "First Chronicles" the tab bearing "1," at the "Second Chronicles" the tab bearing "2," at "First and Second Corinthians" tabs bearing "3" and "4," and at "Colossians" the tab bearing "5." In alignment with each of the printed rows bearing the names of the books will be a suitable indicator, such as an arrow 4, and all the tabs under each of the letters of the alphabet will be arranged in alinement along the edge of the leaves, so that by observing the arrow and glancing down the edge of the leaves the thumb may be readily inserted over the tab opposite the book desired, whereupon the leaves may be opened at that point. The tabs may, as stated, be secured directly to the page of the Bible; but as a matter of further improvement it may be preferred to attach them to blank leaves 5, as shown in Fig. 3, one of each of which will be pasted to or otherwise combined with the first page of each book. These blank pages will not only assist in finding the desired place, but will

provide a ready means of receiving annotations or any other data that it may be desired to spread upon the leaves.

The index-sheet will usually be secured to one of the blank pages at the front of the Bible; but, if preferred, it may be pasted or otherwise secured at the front of the Bible as a separate page.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed is—

1. As a new article of manufacture, an index-sheet bearing the names of the books of the Bible arranged in lines, the books within each line commencing with the same letter, and the lines being arranged alphabetically, and tabs weakly combined with the sheet and bearing symbols.

2. As a new article of manufacture, an index-sheet bearing the names of the books of the Bible disposed in lines arranged in alphabetical order, the books within each line commencing with the same letter and each book having a symbol beside it, and tabs weakly combined with the sheet and bearing symbols identical with those thereon.

3. As a new article of manufacture, an in-

dex-sheet bearing the names of the books of the Bible disposed in lines arranged in alphabetical order, the books within each line commencing with the same letter and each book having a numeral beside it, the numerals being in sequence, and tabs weakly combined with the sheet and bearing numerals identical with those thereon.

4. A Bible having combined with it an index-sheet bearing the names of the books thereof disposed in lines arranged in alphabetical order, the books within each line commencing with the same letter and each book having a numeral beside it, the numerals being in sequence, and tabs having numerals corresponding with those on the sheet and suitably located to indicate the different books of the Bible and in line with the rows of book-names on the sheet.

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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