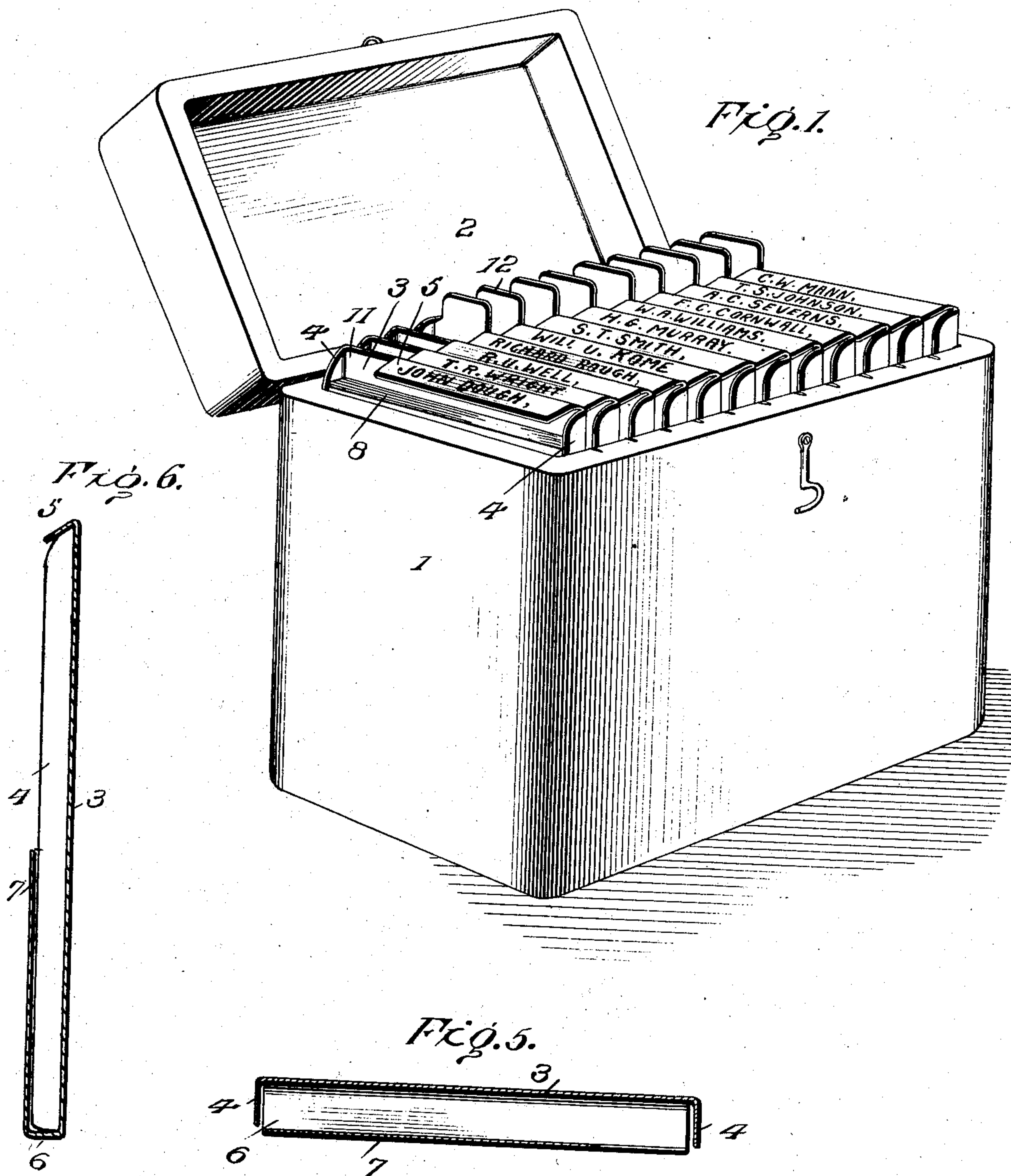


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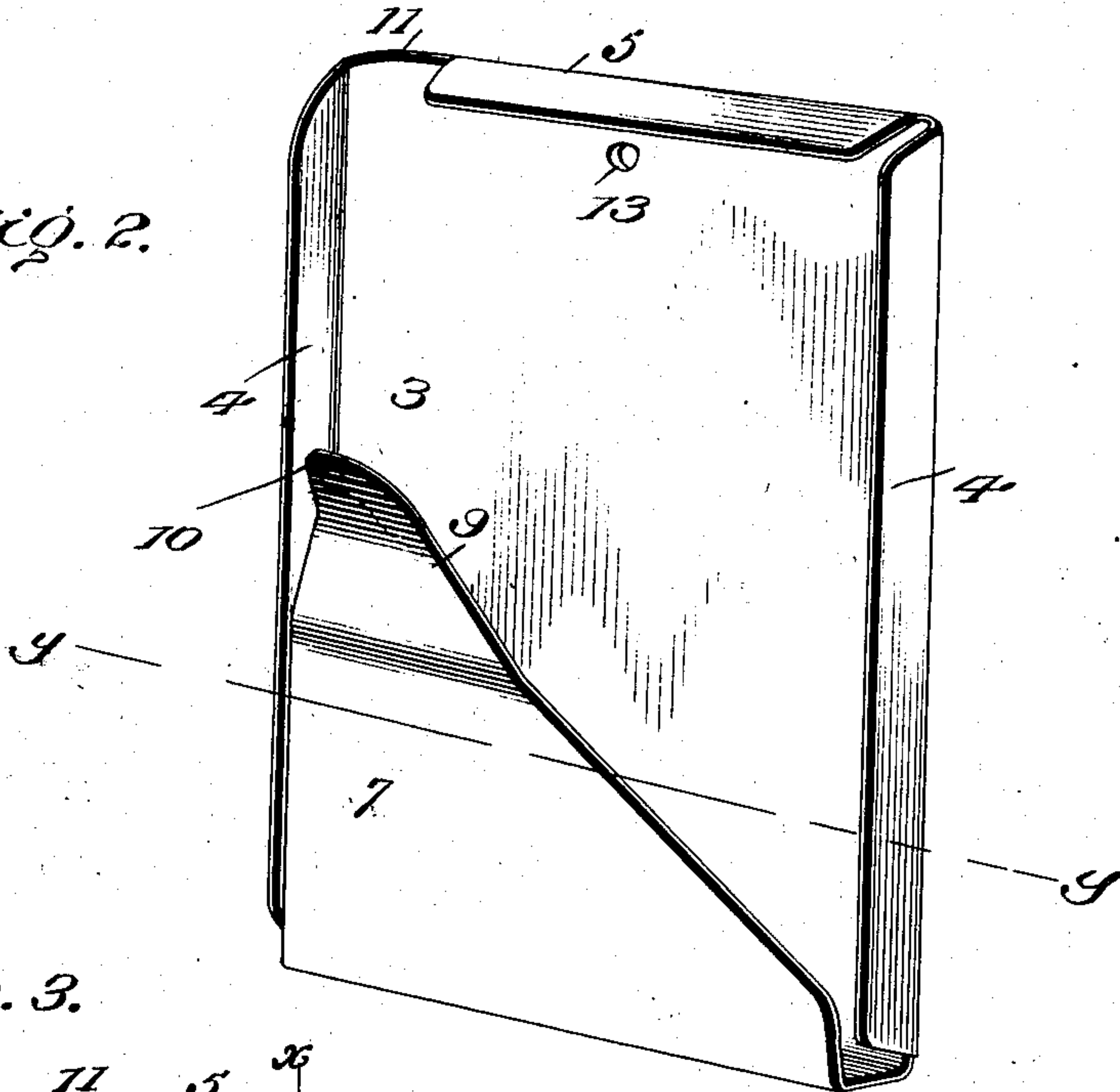


FIG. 3.

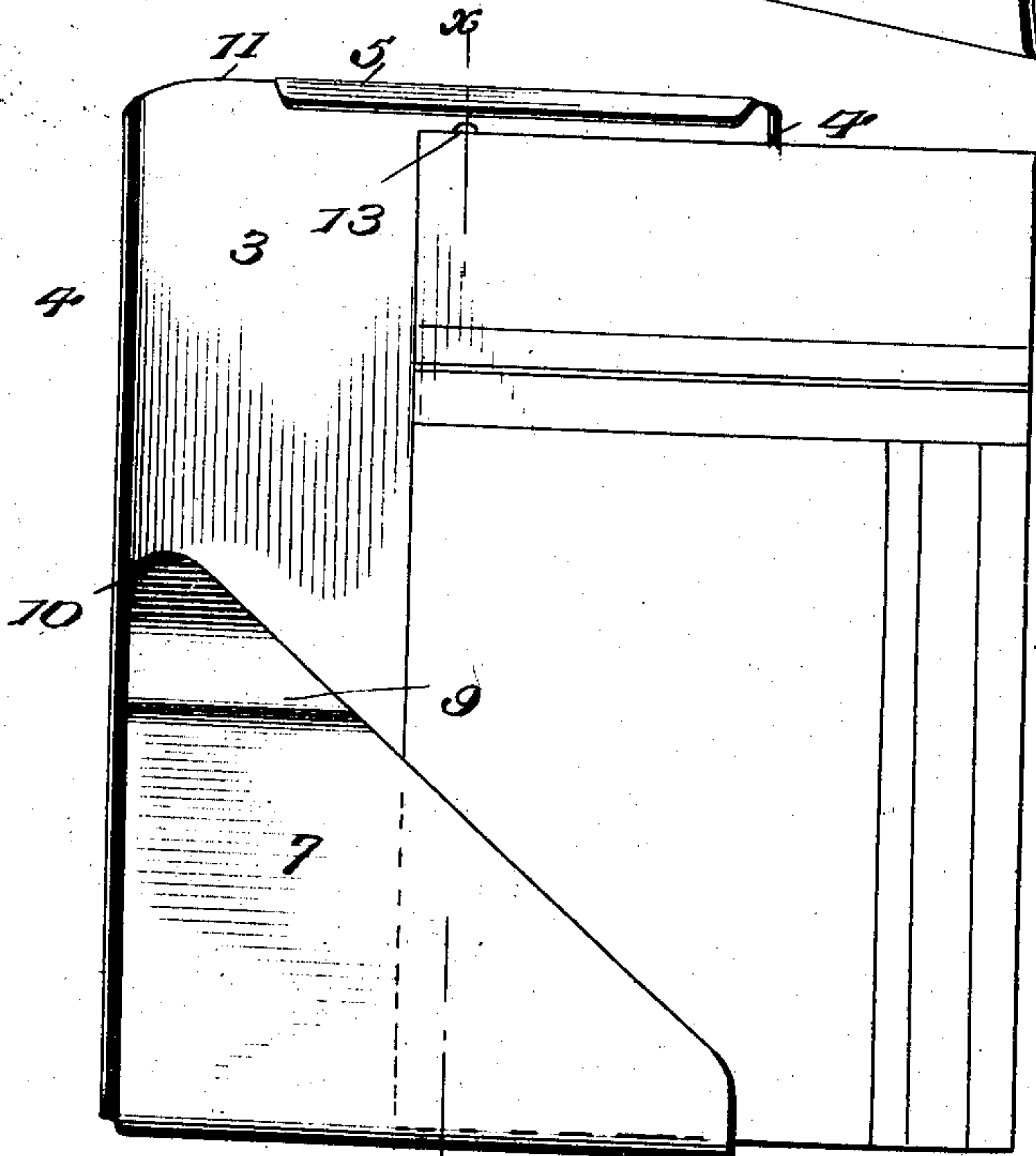
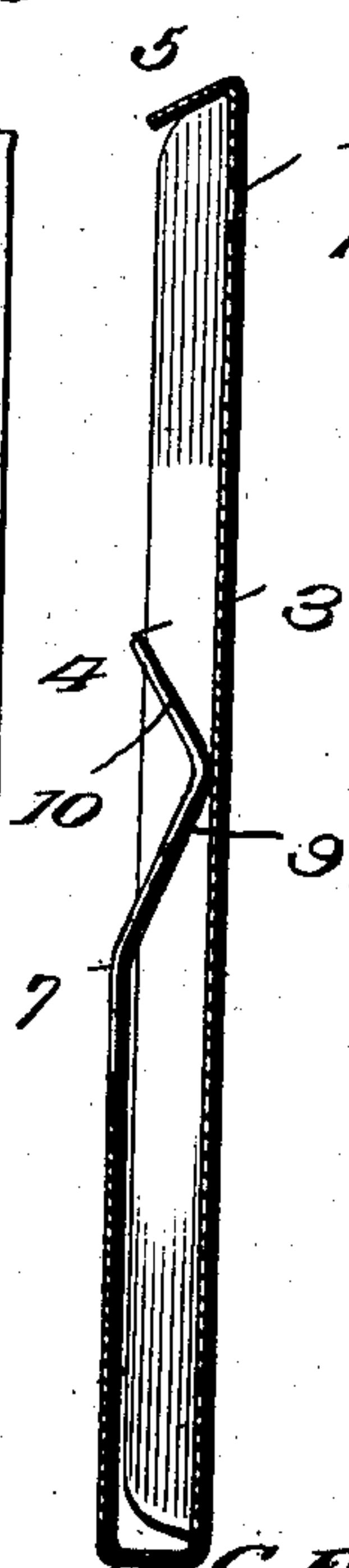


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE F. ARVEDSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Carpentersville, in the county of Kane and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bill Files and Cabinets, of which the following is a specification.

In some systems of keeping accounts and filing bills, slips or papers generally cabinets are employed and individual files or holders are placed therein in predetermined order to facilitate the finding of a particular account, paper or the like when required for reference.

The present invention has for its object to provide files or holders of novel and peculiar form especially designed for use in systems as aforesaid and which are adapted for general service for receiving bills, memorandum slips and papers designed to be filed for future reference.

For a full description of the invention and the merits thereof and also to acquire a knowledge of the details of construction and the means for effecting the result, reference is to be had to the following description and accompanying drawings.

While the invention may be adapted to different forms and conditions by changes in the structure and minor details without departing from the spirit or essential features thereof, still the preferred embodiment is shown in the accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a cabinet and files or holders therein embodying the invention, the top of the cabinet being partly open to expose the upper ends of the files or holders to show their general arrangement. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of a holder or file. Fig. 3 is a front view of a holder or file provided with bills or papers, the topmost paper or slip being drawn out part way. Fig. 4 is a vertical section of the holder on the line $x-x$ of Fig. 3, the papers or slips being omitted. Fig. 5 is a horizontal section on the line $y-y$ of Fig. 2. Fig. 6 is a sectional view similar to Fig. 4 showing the spring retainer or follower straight or flat throughout its length.

Corresponding and like parts are referred to in the following description and indicated in all the views of the drawings by the same reference characters.

The cabinet may be of any capacity, construction and design and comprises a body portion 1 and a top 2, the latter being preferably hinged to the body so as to swing open and shut. The body portion of the cabinet is subdivided into compartments to receive the holders or files. The cabinet may contain any number of holders or files according to the special use for which the device is designed.

It is to be understood that one or more cabinets may be employed in a single system in which case the holders or files will be indexed so as to run through the several cabinets or sections thereof, the latter, themselves, being indexed to enable the proper cabinet or section to

be quickly determined. The holders or files are substantially of like structure and are preferably formed of sheet material such as metal. The holders or files may be of any length, width and depth according to the size and number of papers, slips, bills or the like to be placed in position therein.

Each holder or file consists of a back 3, vertical side flanges 4, a top flange 5, a bottom flange 6 and a spring retainer or follower 7. The several parts are preferably of integral formation constituting elements of a blank which is bent into the form substantially as shown. The vertical side flanges 4 prevent lateral displacement of the papers, slips, bills or the like placed therein, whereas the bottom flange 6 supports the said papers when the holder or file is removed from the cabinet. The top flange 5 prevents vertical displacement of the papers but subserves a more important office, viz: to receive the indexing matter such as names, letters of the alphabet, numerals or the like generally employed in bill and paper files to enable a particular bill, account, slip, paper or memorandum, to be quickly found when required. The retainer or follower 7 keeps the papers 8 in place and being resilient adapts itself to the bulk of papers so as to exert a pressure thereon. The spring retainer or follower 7 is arranged so as to extend in front of the papers 8 and press them against the back 3 and is connected at one edge with one of the inclosing flanges, preferably the bottom flange 6. The retainer or follower is approximately of triangular form, one edge having connection with the bottom flange, the second edge being about parallel with a vertical side flange and the third edge extending obliquely or diagonally from the lower right-hand corner of the holder or file upward toward the upper left-hand corner thereof. The upper tapered end of the retainer or follower is free and exerts a pressure upon the papers 8 to hold them in place in the file when in position. The upper tapered end of the retainer or follower is inwardly deflected as shown at 9 and thence curved outwardly at 10 to enable a finger of the hand to engage therewith when it is required to move the retainer or follower outward either to release the papers or to admit of another paper or slip being placed in position. Inasmuch as the column for dollars and cents of account slips occupies the right-hand portion of such slips, the arrangement of the spring retainer or follower as herein indicated, admits of the figures being readily determined without necessitating the removal of a slip or paper from the holder. Moreover, a paper, slip, ticket or the like may be readily inserted between the spring retainer or follower and the right-hand side flange 4 as indicated most clearly in Fig. 3, said paper or slip being moved into position either by a tap or a gentle pressure upon the outer edge thereof as will be readily understood. A space 11 is provided between the left-hand of the top flange 5 and the left-hand side flange 4 for the introduction of a fin-

ger of the hand when it is required to remove one or more of the papers. The ends of the top and side flanges are made rounding so as not to catch the papers or slips and interfere with their removal from the holder or retard placing the same therein. In order that the names or indexing matter may be more readily ascertained, the top flanges 5 are slightly inclined. While the spaces 11 admit of the papers being initially reached, they also provide for ready removal of the holders or files from the cabinet. If desired, finger pieces 12 may project from the holders or files opposite the finger spaces 11 and provide convenient means for gripping the holders when it is required to withdraw the same from the cabinet. The finger pieces 12 form a part of the blanks from which the holder is constructed and are parts of the upper edge portion of the blanks corresponding to the top flanges.

In practice, when the holders or files of a cabinet become filled, a second cabinet may be provided and constitute in effect a section of the filing system, it being understood that as many cabinets or sections may be added as found necessary, the papers, files or the like being distributed or adjusted to accommodate the additions as made.

It is to be understood that a holder or file may be used independently of the cabinet, it being proposed to supply each customer with one to receive the bills or duplicate slips, tickets or the like when received. The holder or file may be conveniently suspended upon a nail or like part and for this purpose, an opening 13 is provided in the back 3 near the top thereof.

The form of holder or file shown in Fig. 2 is designed most especially for individual use and not in series to be arranged in a case or cabinet. The holder or file to be used in series and arranged within a case or cabinet preferably has the spring retainer or follower 7, straight or flat throughout its extent as indicated most clearly in Fig. 6, the papers being prevented from displacement by the cabinet or case in which the holders or files are placed. Moreover, the straight or flat construction of the retainer or follower admits of the papers being more quickly and easily placed in position.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new is:

1. A holder or file formed of sheet material and comprising a back, retaining flanges extended from the back one of said flanges being broken away to form a finger space, and a finger-piece extended from the back adjacent the finger space. 45
2. A holder or file formed of sheet material and comprising a back, retaining flanges extending from the back, and a follower integral with one of the retaining flanges and serving to retain the contents of the bottle against the back, the said follower being formed with an inclined side whereby the end thereof is reduced in width. 50 55
3. A holder or file for slips, papers and the like, the same comprising a back, a bottom and side flanges and a spring retainer or follower, the latter extending from the bottom flange and having its upper edge inclined from the lower right-hand corner of the holder toward the upper left-hand corner thereof. 60
4. A holder or file comprising a back, side flanges extending from the back, an end flange carried by the back and shortened to provide a finger space, and a finger piece extended from the back adjacent the said finger space. 65
5. In combination, a cabinet, a series of holders or files therefor each provided with a top flange adapted to receive indexing matter and also to retain papers and slips in place, said top flanges being slightly inclined toward their outer edges in a downward direction to facilitate the reading of the indexing matter when the holders or files are in position in the cabinet. 70
6. A holder or file formed of sheet material and comprising a back, side flanges extended from the back, a top flange carried by the back and shortened to form a finger space, a bottom flange carried by the back, and a spring follower formed in conjunction with the bottom flange, the said follower being formed with an inclined side whereby the end thereof is reduced in width. 75
7. In combination, a cabinet, and a series of holders or files designed to be arranged within the cabinet and each comprising a back and a top flange, the said top flange being adapted to receive indexing matter and being arranged at an angle to the back to facilitate the reading of the indexing matter. 80

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