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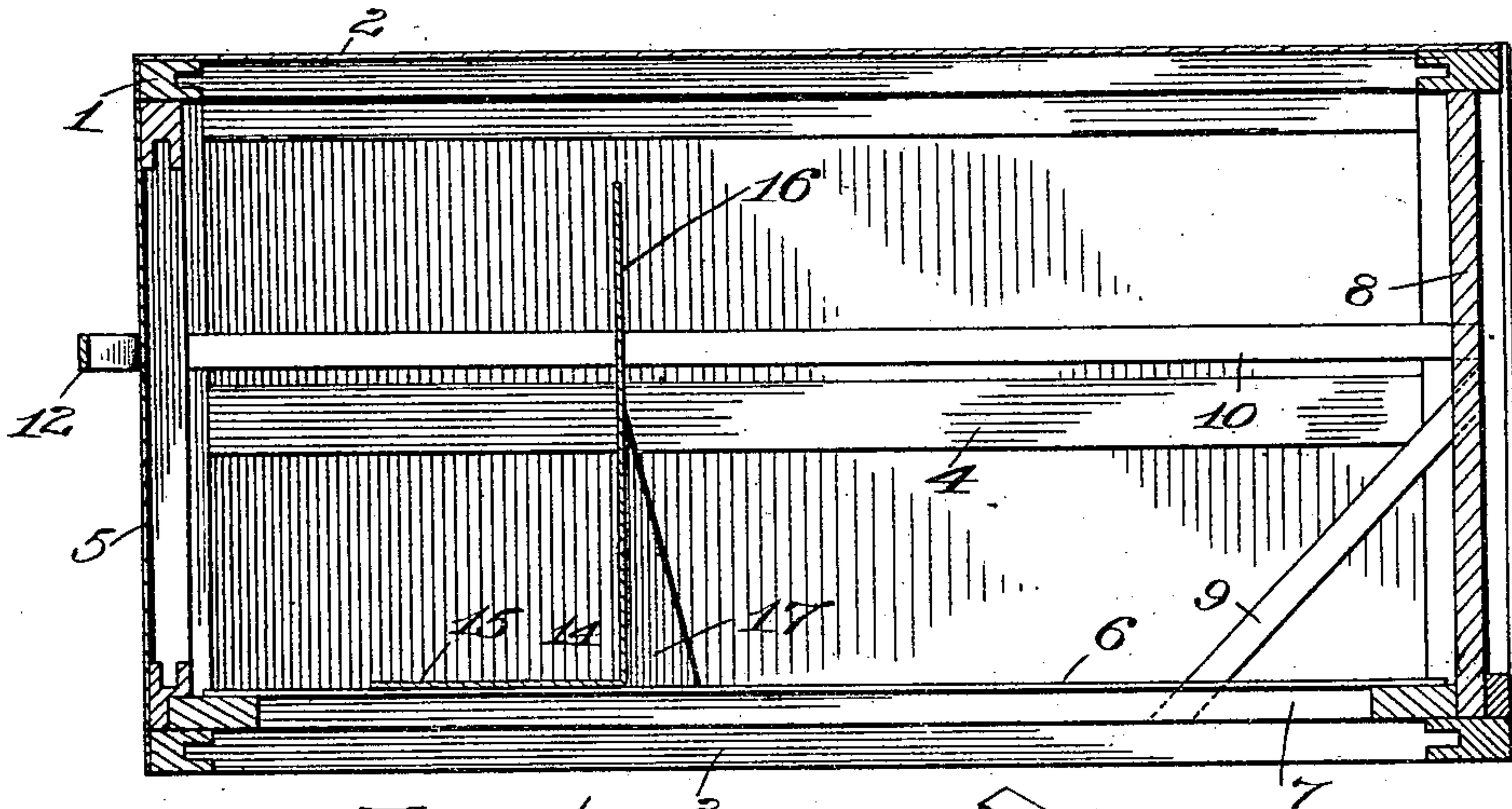


Fig. 1.

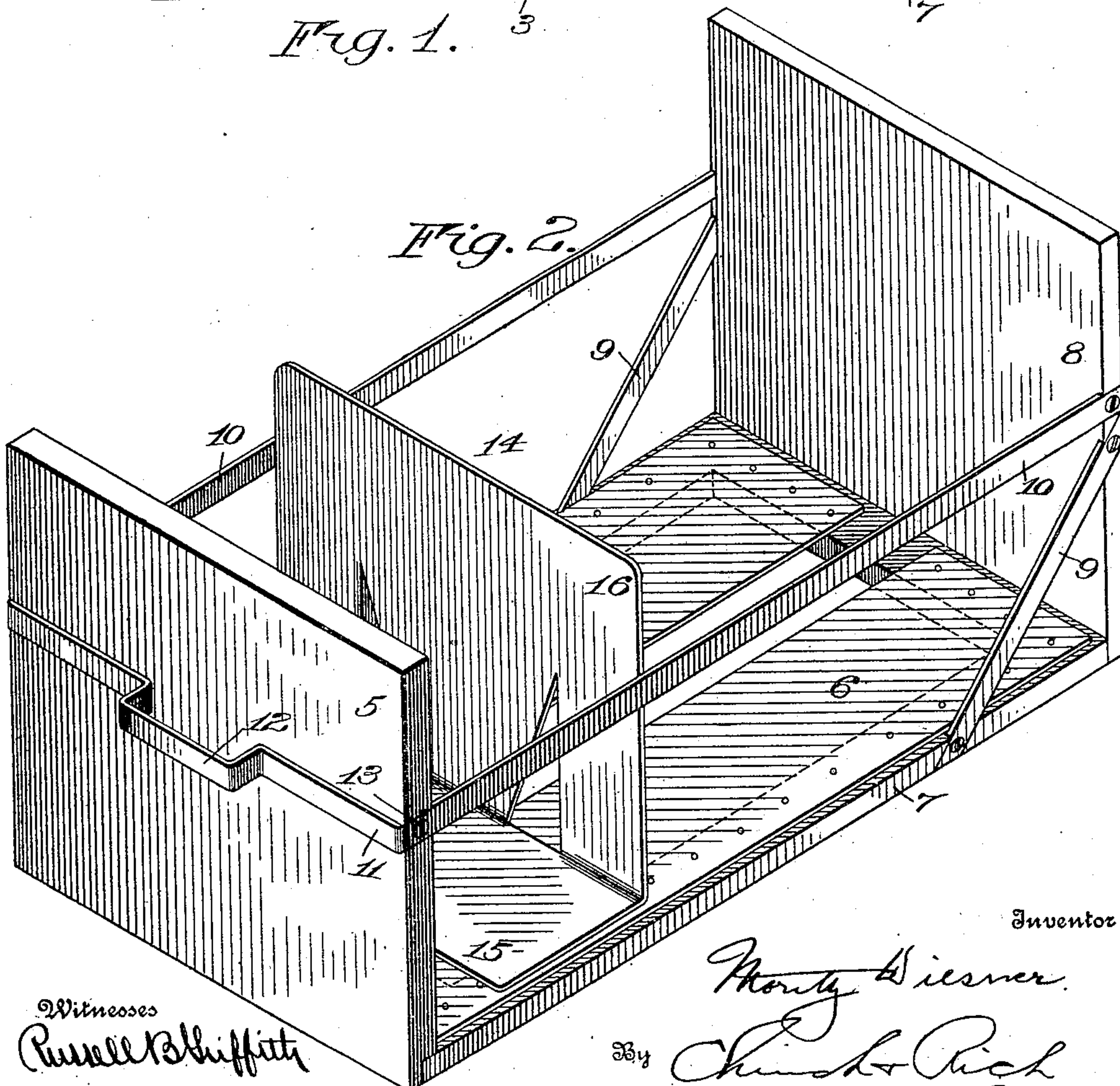


Fig. 2.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MORITZ WIESNER, of Rochester, in the county of Monroe and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Filing-Receptacles; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, and to the reference-numerals marked thereon.

My present invention relates to paper filing receptacles, and especially to that type which provides for what is known as the "vertical" system of filing, embodying generally a drawer or container approximating in dimensions the size of the papers, folders or packages which it is intended to accommodate and fitted with a follower for holding the same compactly and in a substantially-vertical position whereby they are maintained readily accessible for reference purposes, and it has for its object to provide a device of this nature which can be cheaply manufactured, and which while strong and serviceable for general purposes, will be more particularly adapted, because of the low price at which it can be sold, to the filing or storage of such papers or documents as must be available for only occasional reference.

To these and other ends the invention consists in certain improvements and combinations of parts, all as will be hereinafter more fully explained, the novel features being pointed out in the claims at the end of the specification.

In the drawings: Figure 1 is a central longitudinal vertical section of a filing case constructed in accordance with my invention, and Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the drawer or receptacle detached.

Similar reference numerals in the several figures indicate similar parts.

In a business establishment, the disposition of letters, receipts and similar papers which it is necessary to preserve, but which are seldom in demand, is apt to become a serious problem, as they accumulate rapidly and would entail great inconvenience were it attempted to appropriate the expensive office furniture usually provided for current correspondence to such uses. In view of this need for a cheap, yet serviceable and slightly container, I prefer to construct my device as shown in the drawings wherein reference numeral 1 indicates a light rectangular framework which is covered with heavy cardboard 2 to form a box or casing, the cardboard being sufficiently resistant for ordinary protection, and may be grained or covered with grained paper resembling wood, upon the exterior, if it is desired to enhance its appearance. The longitudinal portions 3 of the framework at the bottom of the case form slides upon which the drawer operates, and the front and rear ends are connected midway of the sides

by strips 4 which act as guides for the drawer, as well as serving to strengthen the frame.

The front and bottom portions 5 and 6 of the drawer are also of frame construction, suitably connected, the former being faced with the cardboard or other covering used on the case, while I have found that strips 7 of similar material disposed longitudinally of the bottom form ample support for such contents as the drawer is adapted to receive. The back 8 I prefer to form in a solid piece fitting tightly the interior of the case, the upper edge bearing at its corners upon the adjacent portions of the frame of the latter whereby the drawer, when partially withdrawn, is held in a substantially upright position. However, the strain thereby imposed upon the joint between the bottom and back portions of a heavily laden drawer would be great and would tend to produce a distortion of the parts, which tendency I prevent by the employment of diagonal braces 9 as an additional connection between the two, the rigidity thereof being further assured through the support contributed by the devices about to be described.

In so light a construction as the one described, it is desirable that a rigid connection be made between the front portion of the drawer to which the handle is attached and the rear wall or back in order that the strain imposed by withdrawal or insertion may be communicated to and equally borne by both, and this I accomplish, at the same time providing side rails 10 to prevent lateral displacement of the contents, through the use of a continuous metal band 11 having its ends secured at the sides of the back wall and extending across the front on the outside where a portion is bent into a loop to form a handle 12. It is secured at the forward end by screws 13 at the sides of the front wall and mortised to lie flush with its surface as are also the connections with the back to avoid projecting parts. The securing devices are therefore concealed when the drawer is closed producing a neat and attractive appearance from the exterior.

The follower 14 may be cheaply constructed by stamping and punching from thin sheet metal, the sheet being bent at right angles to form a supporting base 15 and upright 16, from which latter the triangular ears 17 are punched to extend rearwardly upon the opposite side from the base, but having their bottom edges in the same plane therewith to prevent tilting of the follower in that direction.

Filing devices embodying my improvements may be constructed in a variety of sizes or forms to suit the nature of their intended contents and the cases may be conveniently stacked one upon the other to accommodate a great quantity of papers with economy of space and at small expense.

I claim as my invention:

1. In a filing receptacle, the combination with a casing and a drawer adapted to operate therein embodying front and back walls and side rails constituting the side portions of said drawer and formed of a continuous band of material extending across the face of the front wall and having its ends secured in rear thereof, of a handle on said band for operating the drawer in the casing.
2. In a filing receptacle, the combination with a casing and a drawer adapted to operate therein embodying front

and back walls and side rails constituting the side portions of said drawer and formed of a continuous band of material extending across the face of the front wall and having its ends secured in rear thereof, of a handle on the front wall of the drawer formed by a loop in said band for operating the drawer in the casing.

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