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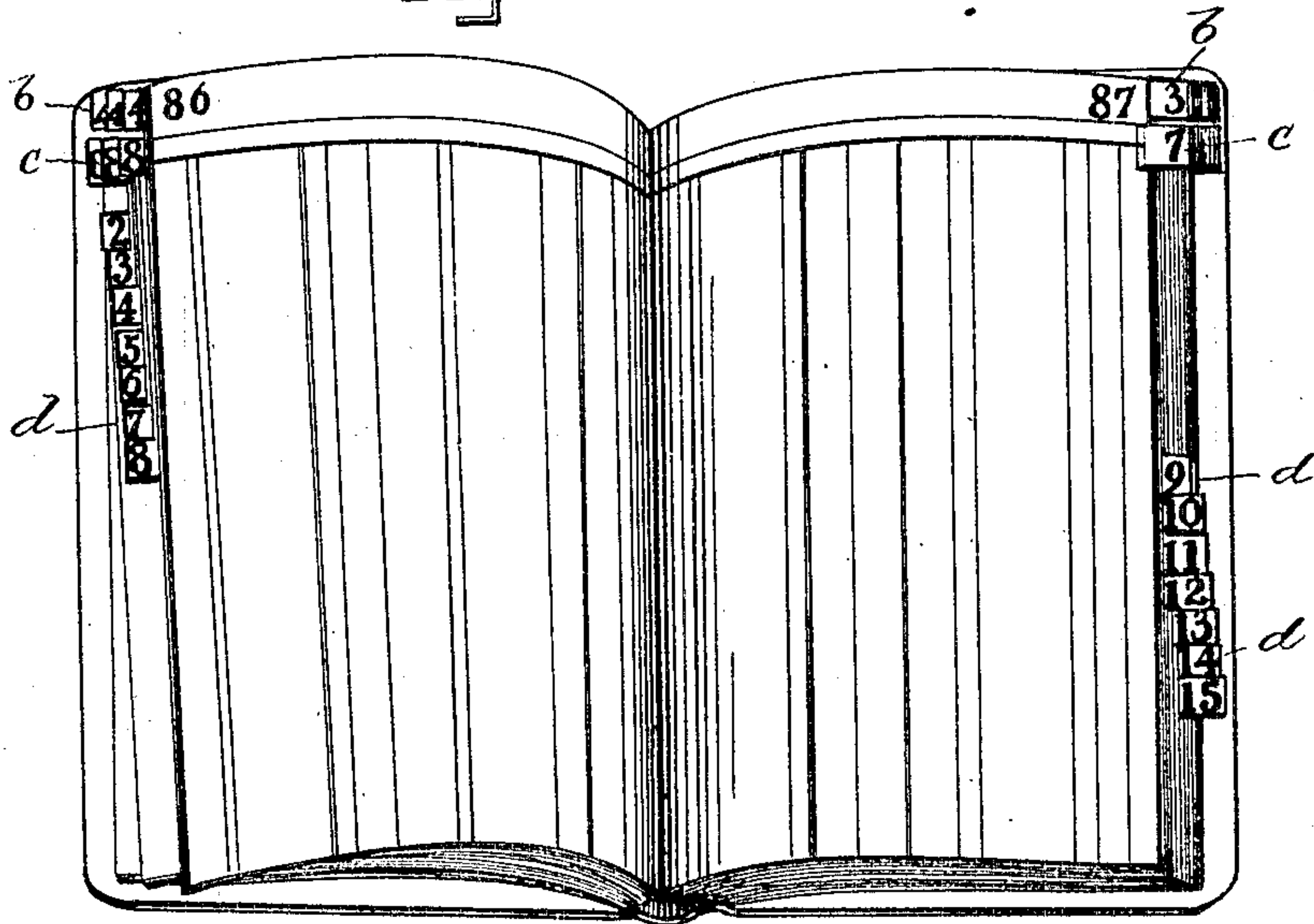


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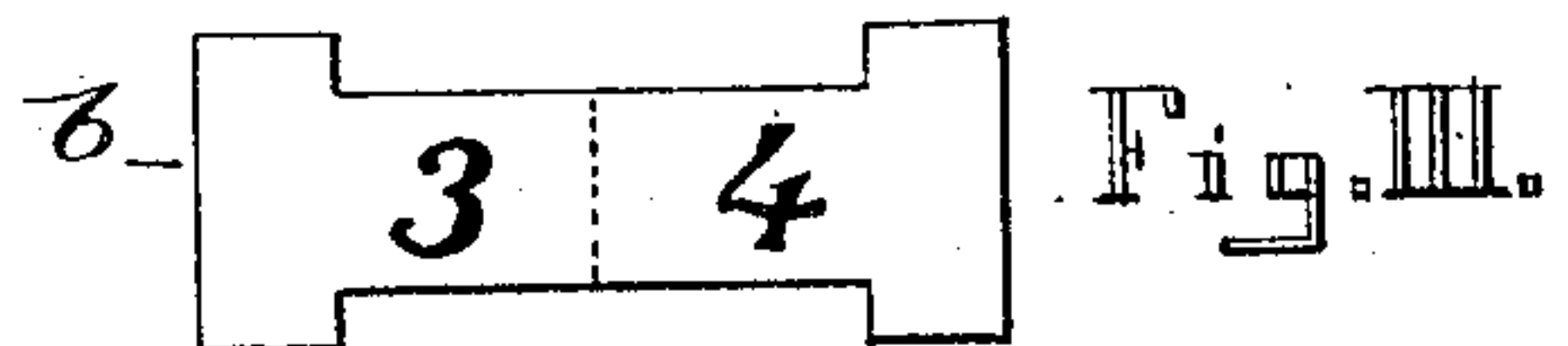
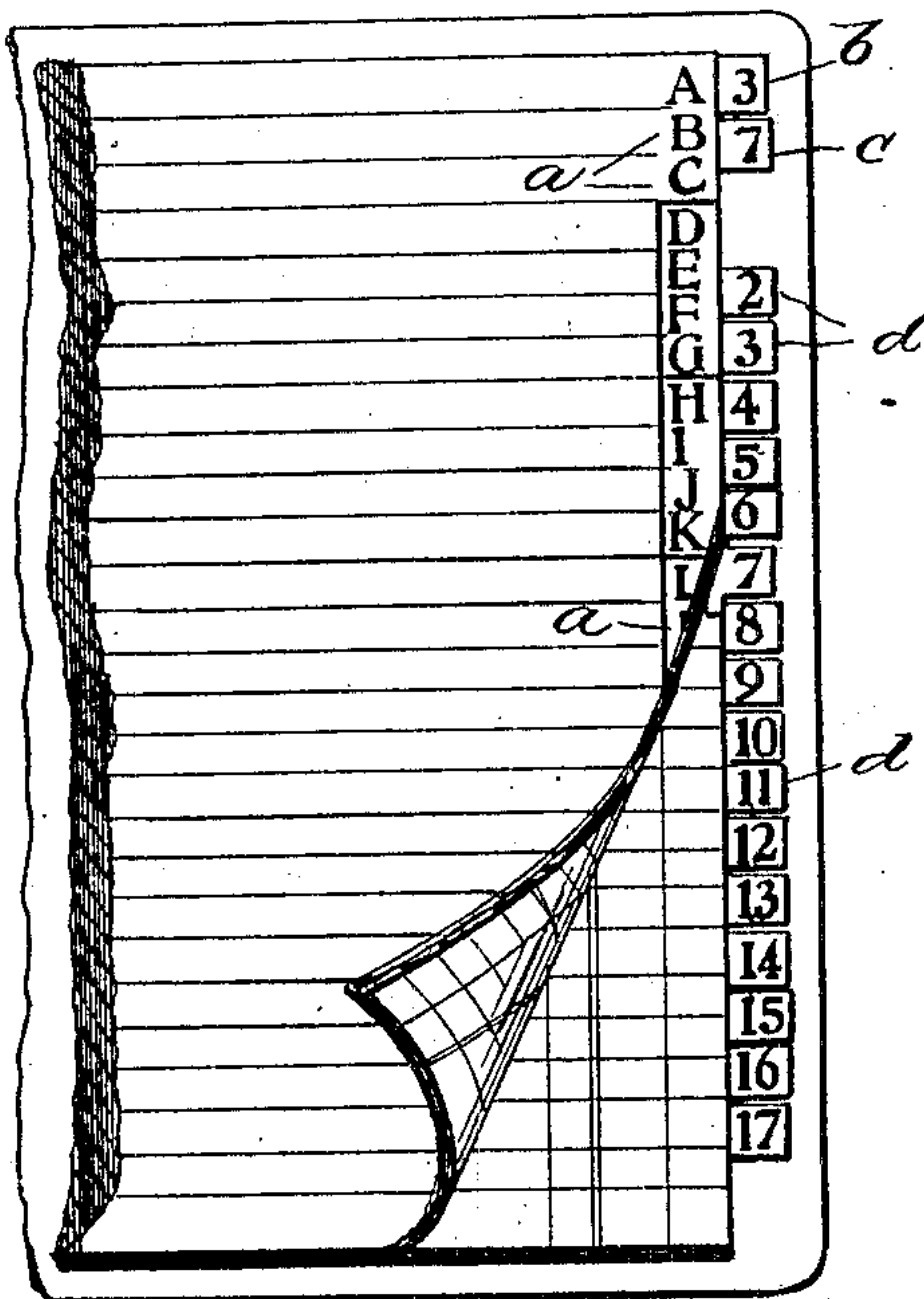


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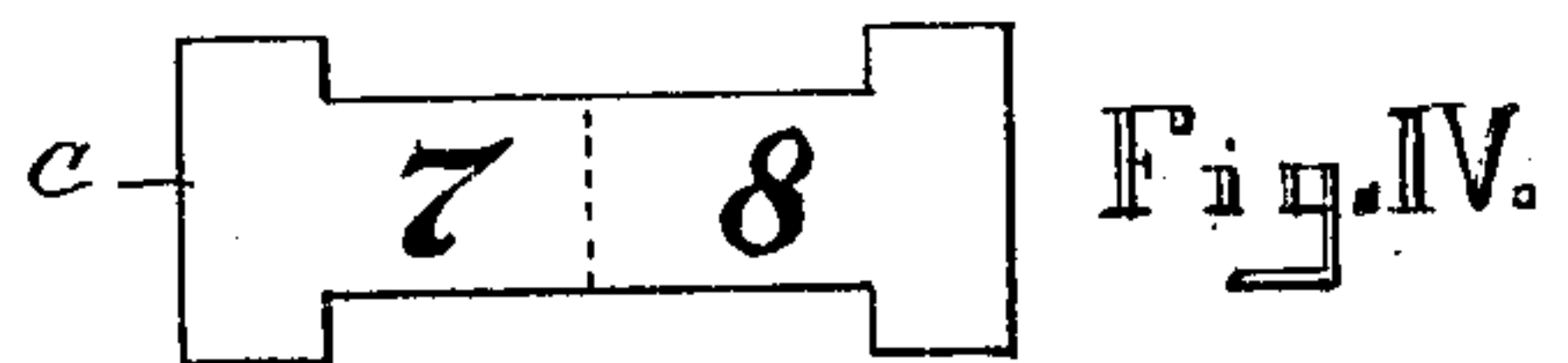


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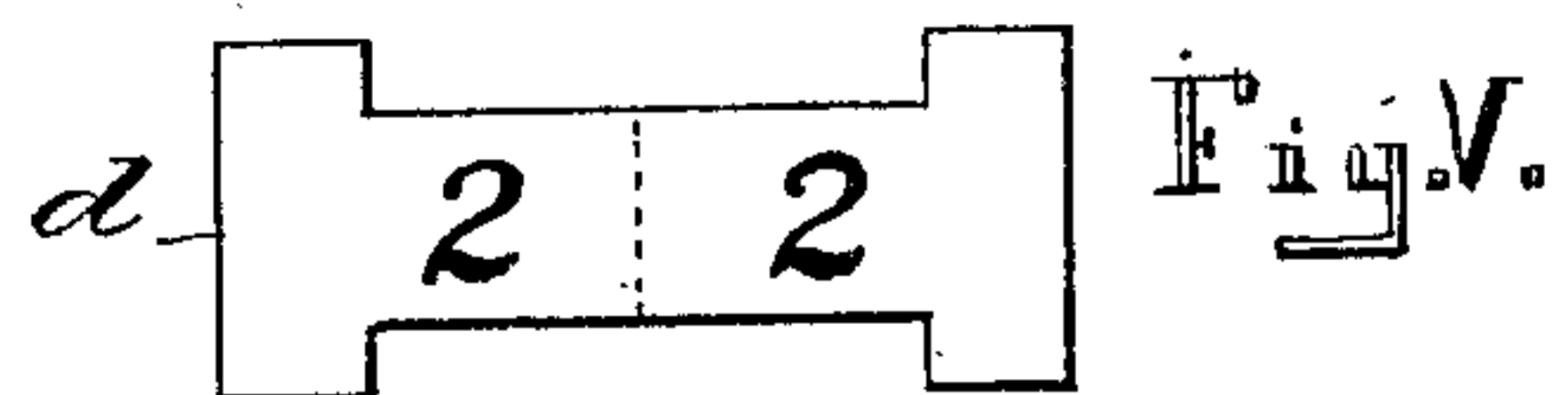


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM H. ROBERTSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Rector, in the county of Clay and State of Arkansas, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Indexes for Books, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in indexes for account or other books, the object of the invention being to provide a novel arrangement of index-tabs which will facilitate the finding of any specific page without encumbering each leaf with a specific index-tab, as will be hereinafter set forth.

In the drawings forming a part of this specification, Figure 1 is a perspective view, showing a book indexed in accord with my invention and opened at pages 86 and 87. Fig. 2 is a detail view showing the alphabetical index and index-tabs, for a book having 180 pages. Fig. 3 is a plan view of the unit-tabs that are secured to each third and fourth page. Fig. 4 is a plan view of the unit-tabs that are secured to each seventh and eighth page, and Fig. 5 is a plan view of one of the decimal-tabs.

My invention has for its object to reduce the number of index-tabs, the tabs being so numbered and spaced that they will provide a simple and efficient means for finding quickly a particular page, whether such page is with or without a tab.

An account or other book to which my invention is applied may have the usual alphabetical-index *a*, and beyond the column of letters constituting the alphabetical index the pages are consecutively numbered. Throughout the book each leaf that carries the unit-numbers 3 and 4, as pages 23 and 24, have attached near the upper margin of the page an index-tab *b*, having thereon unit-numbers 3 and 4, and below this series of tabs the leaves having the unit-numbers 7 and 8; as pages 27 and 28, have attached thereto index-tabs *c* having thereon numbers 7 and 8.

The decimal-leaves, as pages 20, 30, 40 and so on, have attached to their margins tabs *d*, such tabs having the same numbers on each side, for instance on the leaf consti-

tuting pages 19 and 20; a tab bearing the figures 2—2 would be attached, and the next tab which would be numbered 3—3 will be secured to the leaf numbered 29 on one side and 30 on the other side. When the leaf numbered 99 and 100 is reached the tab will carry the numbers 10—10. The tabs *d* are attached to each consecutive tenth page and are arranged one below the other.

In use a person by reference to the alphabetical-index ascertains the number of the page upon which the matter desired may be found, for instance page 86, and by lifting the leaf carrying tab *d* numbered 8 the book may be opened at leaves 80 and 81, the tab *c* numbered 7 being raised exposes the page numbered 86.

It will be noted that the leaves which bear the unit-numbers 1 and 2, and 5 and 6 are not provided with tabs of any character, the unit-tabs being only attached to pages which have thereon the unit-numbers 3 and 4, and 7 and 8, and it will be observed that the tabs *d*, are carried by the leaves which are numbered 9 and 0, as 79 and 80.

The manner of indexing set forth reduces the number of tabs, as the decimal-tabs indicate the decimal-pages and the page to the right thereof, the first unit-tab 3, marks the third page and the second page to its left, likewise the tab for the fourth page on the left hand side of the book exposes page 5, page 6 is before the page bearing the tab numbered 7, and the ninth page on the right hand side of the book carries the decimal-tab which indicates the ninth unit-page and the decimal-page, and when the decimal-page is opened the first unit-page will be to its right.

This invention is especially applicable to ledgers and other account books, though it is obvious that it may be applied to books generally.

Having thus set forth my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:—

An indexed book having numbered pages, consisting of a series of unit-index-tabs attached to the upper portion of the vertical margin of all the leaves that carry the numbers ending in 3 and 4, a like series of unit-index-tabs attached to the pages that carry

numbers ending in 7 and 8; such tabs being
attached to their respective pages in a line
immediately below the line of the tabs that
are numbered 3 and 4, and a series of deci-
5 mal-index-tabs attached to the decimal
pages, substantially as shown and for the
purpose set forth.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature,
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