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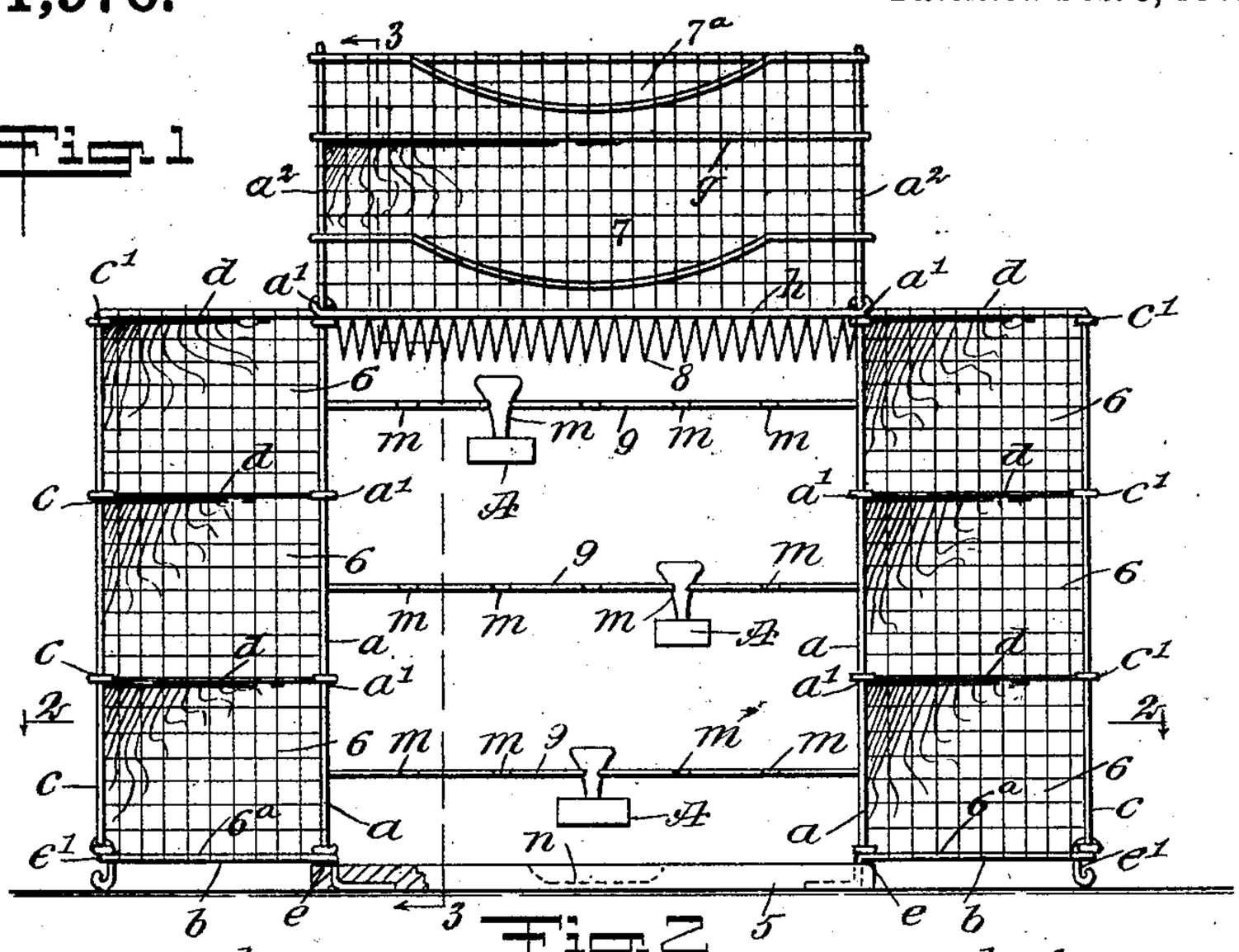
Fig. 1



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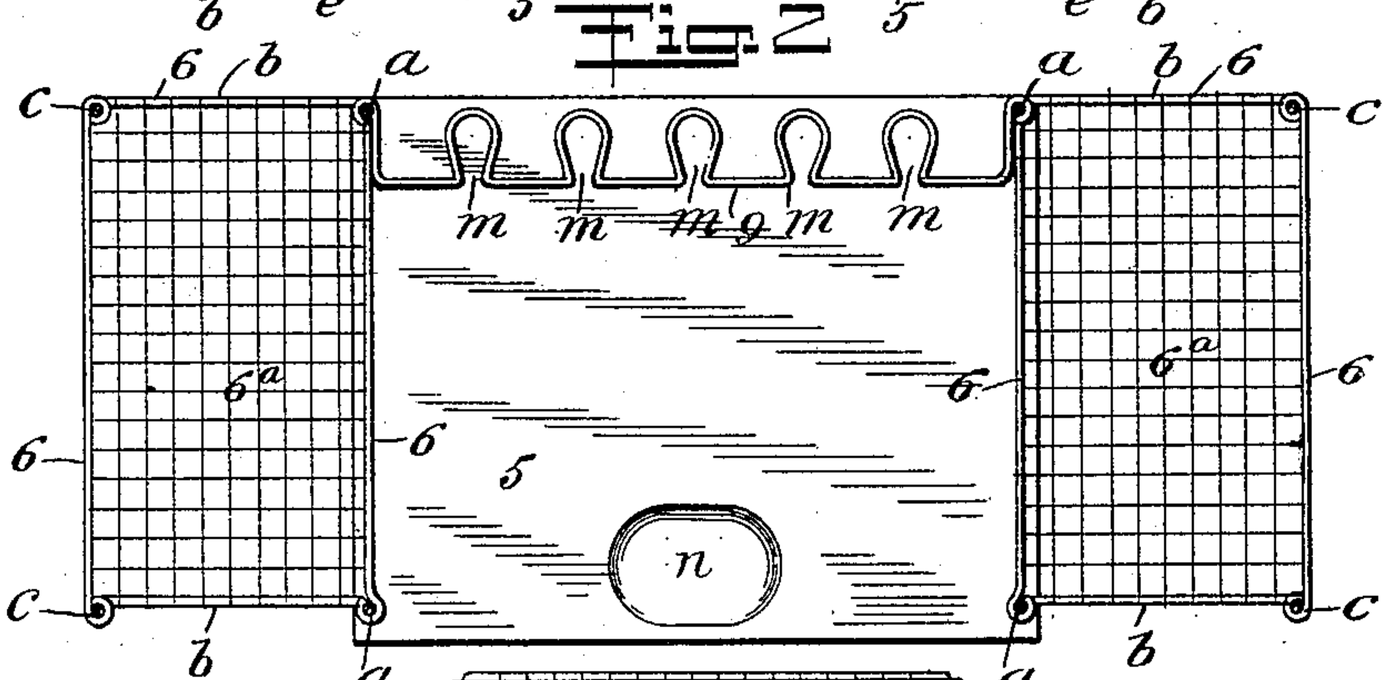

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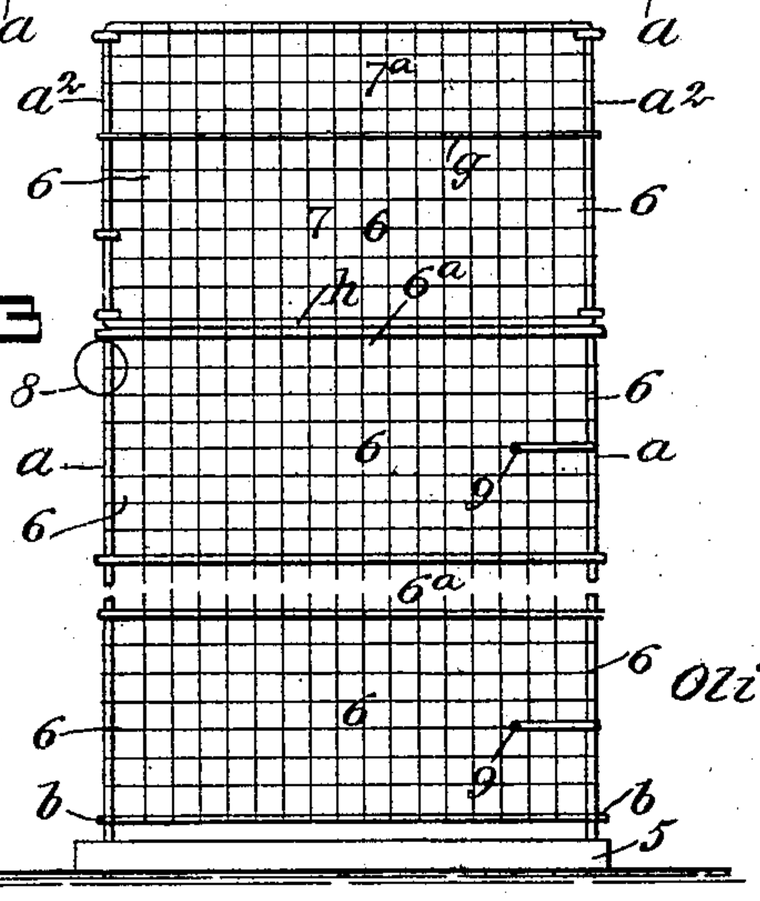

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, OLIVER M. HARDING, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Winona, in the county of Montgomery and State of Mississippi, have invented a new and Improved Combined Rack and Holder, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The purpose of this invention is to provide novel details of construction for a combined rack and holder, which afford a compact, neat filing cabinet which is portable, that may be placed upon a table or desk for convenient service, which will afford separate receptacles for letters, stationery materials and other desk furniture, and furthermore, which will provide separate supports for rubber stamps that may be part of the desk equipment.

The invention consists in the novel construction and combination of parts, as is hereinafter described and defined in the appended claims.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views.

Figure 1 is a front elevational view of the improvement; Fig. 2 is a sectional plan view of the same substantially on the line 2—2 in Fig. 1; and Fig. 3 is a vertical transverse sectional view, substantially on the line 3—3 in Fig. 1

5 indicates a baseboard, which consists preferably of a hardwood planchet, having a rectangular defining edge and a lateral extent somewhat greater than the breadth thereof between its front and rear edges.

At each corner of the baseboard 5, a post *a* preferably formed of wire rod material is erected therefrom in a vertical position, and from the lower ends of the posts *a*, horizontal bottom bars *b* are outwardly extended in the same plane, thus disposing a pair of spaced parallel bottom bars of wire rod material at each side edge of the baseboard 5. The bottom bars *b* are of an equal length, and at their outer ends are all bent upward at right angles to the bottom bars, thus producing corner posts *c* that are of an equal height with each other, but are somewhat shorter than the posts *a*, as shown in Fig. 1. The vertical posts *a* and *c* are stiffened laterally by securing the ends *a'*, *c'* of horizontal stretcher bars *d* thereon at two points which are equally distant from the bottom bars *d* and from each other, and at the upper ends of the posts *a*, *c*, similar horizontal stretcher bars are secured thereon by their ends as is also shown at *a'*, *c'*. Upon the posts *a*, *c*, at each side edge of the baseboard 5, reticulated walls 6 are secured by their edges, and similar walls 6 are formed or secured on said posts at the rear end of the structure.

Reticulated horizontal walls 6^a are formed or secured at their edges upon the bottom bars *b* and stretcher bars *d*, thus producing wire woven bottoms for the three upright receptacles at each side edge of the bottom board 5, and the reticulated side and end walls 6 may also be formed of wire woven material.

There are reinforcing wire clips *e* formed or secured on the lower ends of the posts *a*, which have interlocking engagement with the perforated corners of the baseboard 5, which render the connection between said parts very substantial, and similar clip bands *e'* that also afford short feet are secured at the lower, outer corners of the lowermost receptacle, where the bottom bars *b* are joined to the posts *c*. The four posts *a*, which project above the posts *c* form corner posts a^2 for two rectangularly-walled wire woven trays 7, 7^a, that are disposed one above the other, and are divided by a bottom wall *g* of woven wire material, a like bottom wall *h* being provided for the lower tray 7.

Upon the posts *a*, at the forward side of the structure, and preferably near the bottom wall *h* for the lower tray 7, a resilient wire coil 8 is secured by its ends in taut condition, this coil being designed to serve as a holder for pen handles and pencils that may be conveniently pressed upward between the turns of the wire coil.

Across the open space above the baseboard 5, a plurality of hanger bars 9 are arranged in a tier, horizontally and parallel with said baseboard, by an attachment of their ends upon the rear posts *a*. Each hanger bar 9 is formed of heavy resilient wire rod material, bent into open ring clasps *m* that are spaced apart, these clasps being adapted for a convenient insertion of the handles of ordinary rubber stamps A, which will hang pendent therefrom.

In the baseboard 5, near its front edge, an open recess *n* is formed, that will conveniently hold pens for use as may be required.

It will be noted that the improvement may be so proportioned in size that it will not cover much space on a desk or writing table, and from its novel construction, affords ample space on the baseboard 5 for the reception of ink wells, a calendar, pin tray, and other necessary desk furniture.

The receivers at each side of the base board 5, afford pigeon holes for the reception of documents, or letters, which may be conveniently arranged for reference, and the trays 7, 7ª, may be used for holding letter paper, envelops, or other writing materials.

The skeleton construction of the device renders it light, and affords means for the removal of dust therefrom by the use of an ordinary feather brush; and as the metal work may be bronzed, or otherwise coated for its ornamentation, a neat, strong, shapely and inexpensive rack and holder device is provided for the purpose specified.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent:

1. In a device of the class described, a base board, a tier of receptacles secured at each side edge of the base, and a tray connecting the upper inner edges of said tiers.

2. In a device of the class described, a base board, a tier of receptacles connected with each side edge of the base, and a tier of trays supported one above the other on the inside edges of the upper receptacles of each tier.

3. The combination with a rectangularly-edged baseboard, of two similar tiers of receptacles respectively secured at the side edge of the bottom wall for the lower receptacle of each tier upon a corresponding side edge of the baseboard, and a tray mounted upon the side edges of the uppermost receptacles of the spaced tiers of said receptacles.

4. The combination with a rectangularly-edged baseboard, of two tiers of receptacles open at one end of each receptacle, each tier disposed at a side edge of the baseboard, and two trays positioned one above the other and supported at the opposite ends thereof upon the upper receptacles of each tier.

5. In a device of the class described, a base, rods extending upwardly from each corner of the base, receptacles connected with the rods and supported thereby at each end of the base, said rods extending above the receptacles, and trays supported between the rods above the base.

6. In a device of the class described, a base board, a tier of receptacles secured at each side edge of the base, a tray connecting the upper inner edges of said tiers, and hanger bars extending between the tiers, each bar being provided at intervals with open clamping rings for the purpose set forth.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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