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Fig. I.

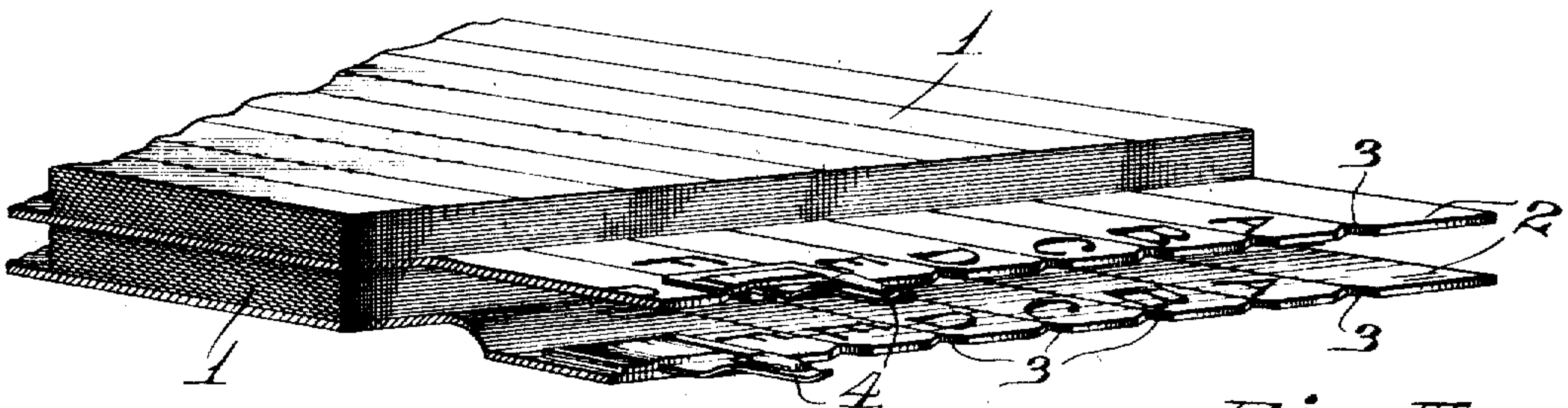


Fig. IV.

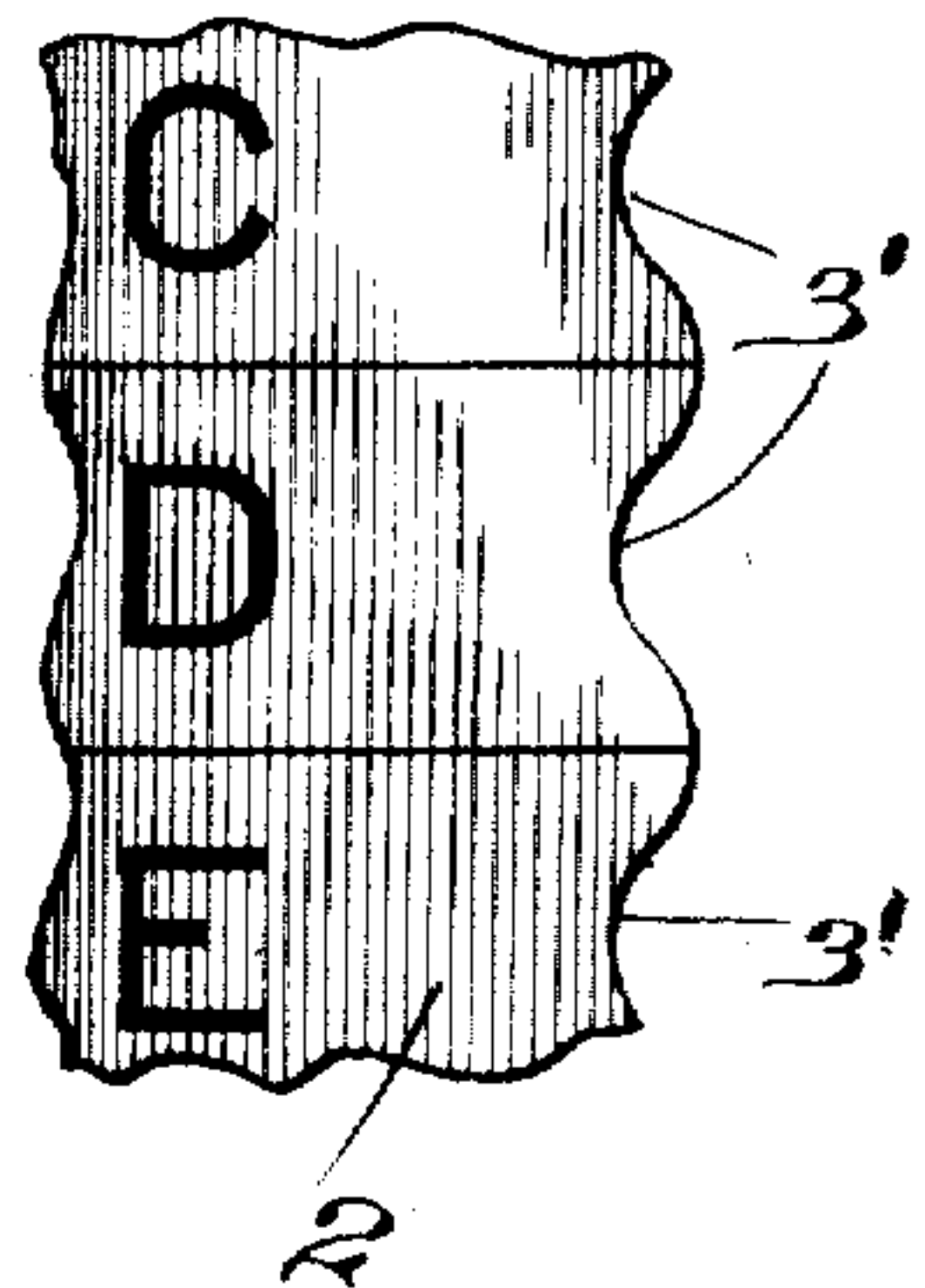
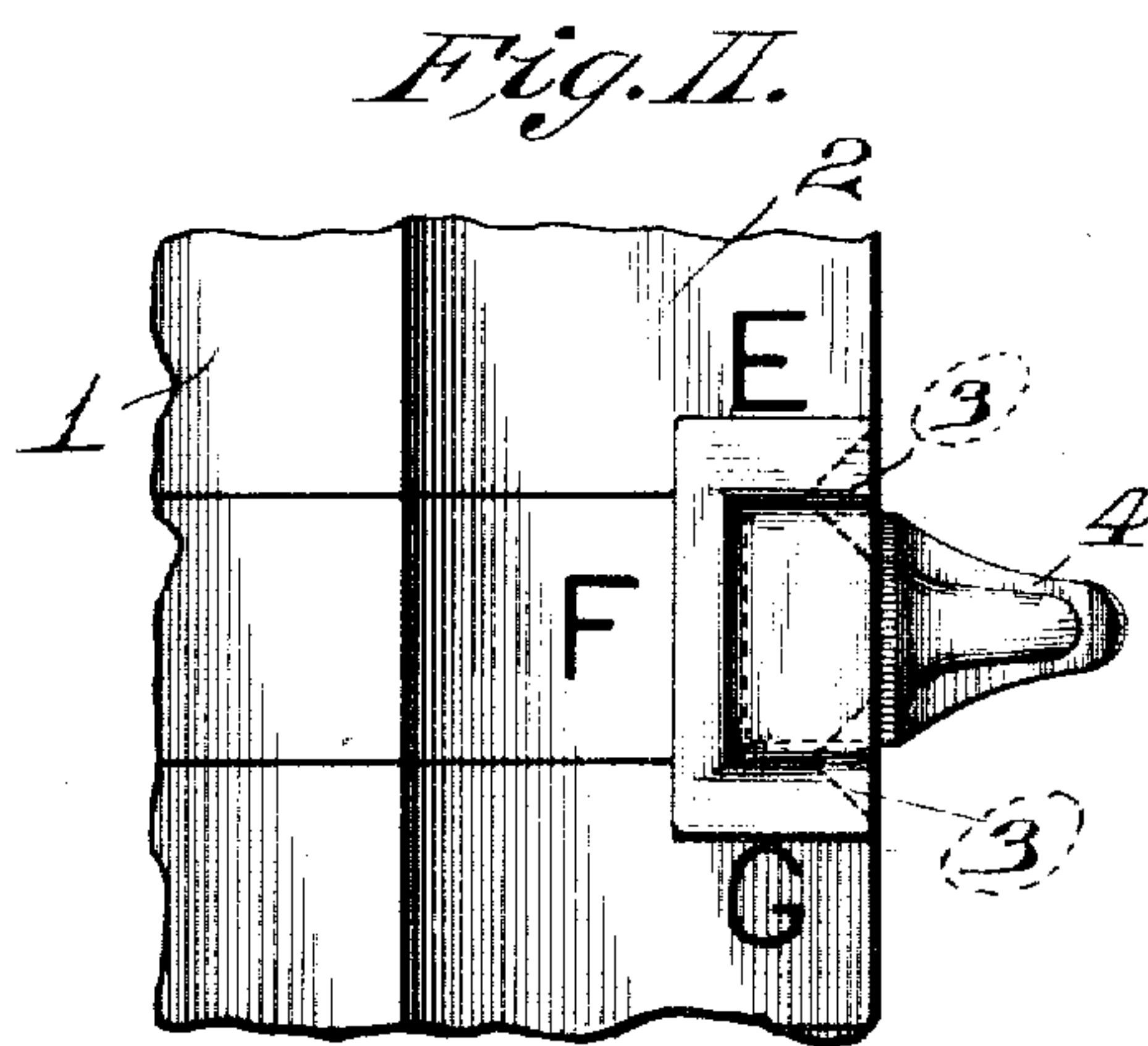


Fig. III.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EUGENE DAVIS, a citizen of the United States of America, residing in Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Books, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, forming part of this specification.

My invention relates to novel forms of index sheets for books, such as loose leaf ledgers and it has for its object to provide index sheets that may be readily examined when the book containing them is in a closed as well as when it is in an open condition, and also to provide for the user of the book locating any particular point in the index sheets with the least possible difficulty without the necessity of turning the sheets of the index.

Figure I is a perspective view of a fragment of a book with my index sheets therein. Fig. II is a face view of a fragment of one of the index sheets and one of the tabs carried thereby. Fig. III is a section taken through one of the tabs used upon the index sheets. Fig. IV is a face view of a fragment of one of the index sheets of a modified form.

1 designates the sheets of a book which may be bound together in any desirable manner.

2 designates the index sheets. These index sheets are of greater dimensions than the book sheets, as illustrated in Fig. I, so that they project beyond the edges of the book sheets to be exposed to view when the book is in a closed condition. By extending the index sheets beyond the edges of the book sheets I also provide for the application of tabs to said index sheets in a manner to provide clearance between the tabs on different index sheets and prevent the tabs from lying between the book sheets when the book is closed. The various index sheets bear similar characters or signs and are provided at their edges with guide marks, preferably produced by notching the sheets, that are arranged in alinement with each other, transversely of the book and throughout the entire set of index sheets, thereby making it possible for the user of the book to trace a

distinct course leading from a certain character on any particular index sheet to a corresponding character upon any other underlying index sheet without the necessity of first turning to the underlying index sheet. The index sheets are provided with letters or other symbols disposed at intervals thereon and opposite to which the guide marks referred to are placed and inasmuch as the guide marks are placed correspondingly opposite these symbols in the various sheets it is possible for the user to readily trace a course from a symbol that is in the plainest view to a corresponding symbol upon another index sheet which is not in as plain view as the one from which tracing is started. The guide marks referred to may be produced by notching the index sheets as seen at 3, Figs. I and II, or they may be produced by making the edges of the index sheets of waving form, as seen at 3', Fig. IV.

I preferably use upon the index sheets metal tabs 4 having finger hold portions which are concave on one side and convex on the other, thereby providing a shape of tab that is very readily grasped between the fingers of a person's hand and held between the fingers while the index sheets are being turned in the book.

I claim:

1. In a book, the combination of book sheets, and index sheets distributed throughout the book between series of the book sheets projecting beyond the edges of said book sheets and each of which bears characters similar to those upon the other index sheets; said index sheets being provided with guide marks located opposite the characters thereon and so disposed in each index sheet as to be in alinement with the complementary guide marks on the other index sheets, substantially as described.

2. In a book, the combination of book sheets, and index sheets distributed throughout the book between series of the book sheets projecting beyond the edges of said book sheets and each of which bears characters similar to those upon the other index sheets; said index sheets being provided with guide notches located opposite the characters thereon and so disposed in each index

sheet as to be in alinement with the complementary guide notches on the other index sheets, substantially as described.

5 3. In a book, the combination with a plurality of book sheets, of a plurality of index sheets; said index sheets having metal tabs attached thereto, each tab being provided

with a finger hold concave on one side and convex on the other, substantially as set forth.

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