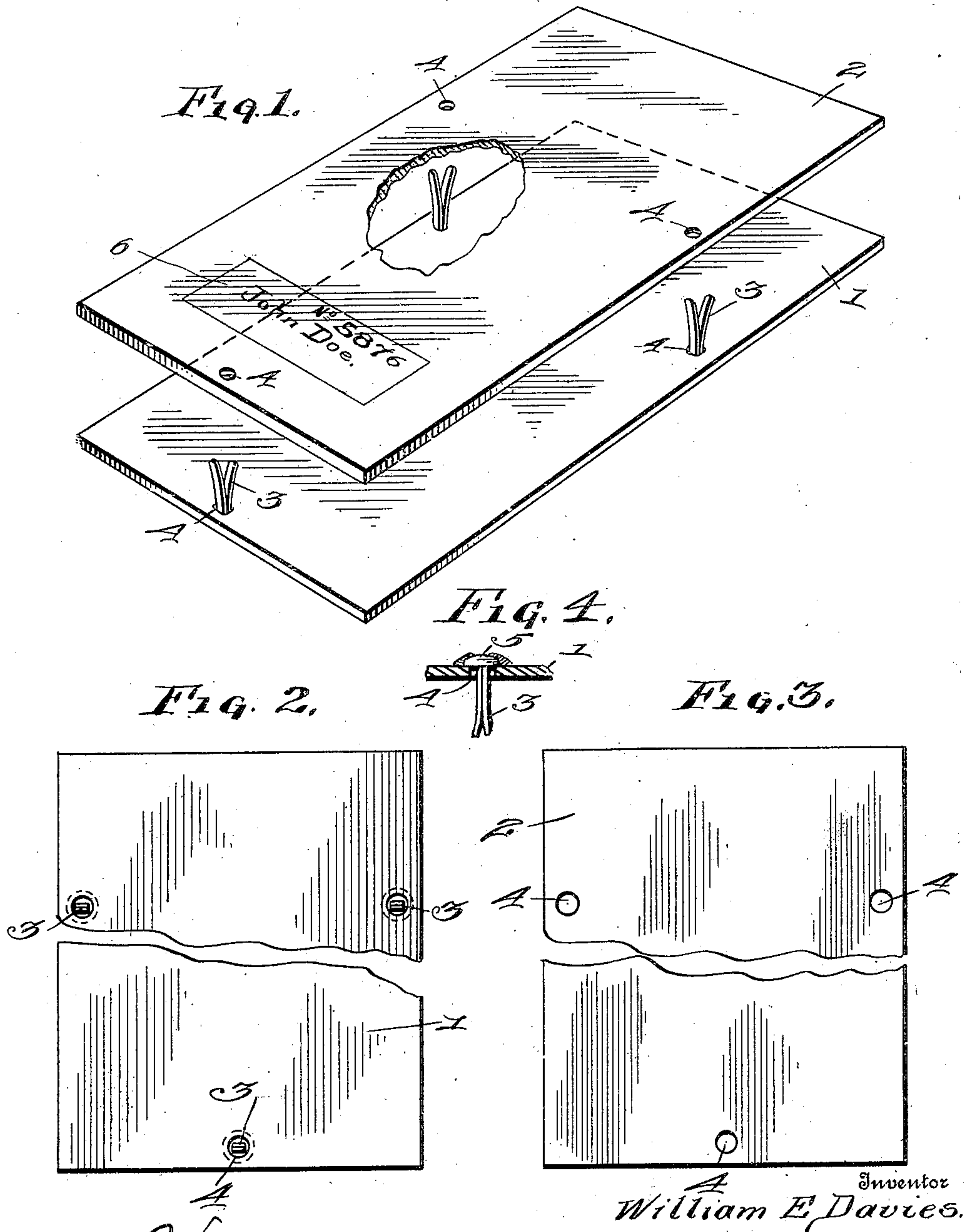


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM E. DAVIES, citizen of the United States, residing at Butte, in the county of Silverbow and State of Montana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Files for Papers, of which the following is a specification.

The present invention relates to an improved file for papers and the like and has for its object to provide a novel device of this character which will serve both to protect the papers from injury and prevent disarrangement thereof, and which will entirely eliminate the necessity for employing rubber bands or like members which are more or less objectionable owing to the fact that in some climates they undergo very rapid decomposition.

The invention further contemplates a paper file which is simple and inexpensive in its construction and is so designed as to admit of the papers being quickly removed from the file or placed therein.

For a full understanding 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, in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a paper file embodying the invention, the protective sheets being separated and a portion of one of the sheets being broken away. Fig. 2 is a plan view of one of the sheets, portions being removed. Fig. 3 is a similar view of the opposite sheet. Fig. 4 is a detail view through one of the sheets showing the manner of applying the fastening members thereto.

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.

A paper file constructed in accordance with the present invention consists essentially of a pair of thin sheets of aluminum, card board or like material between which the papers are inserted, means being provided for holding the protective sheets together so as to prevent loss or disarrangement of the papers from the file.

Specifically describing the present embodiment of the invention, the numeral 1 designates one of the protective sheets, and 2 the opposite protective sheet, the said sheets being of a corresponding shape and of such a

size as to receive the papers to be filed between them.

One of the sheets is provided with flexible tongues 3 which are designed to be inserted through openings in the opposite sheet and to have the extremities thereof bent to hold the two sheets together. As shown on the drawings each of the sheets 1 and 2 is provided with a series of three openings 4, one of the openings being located at an intermediate point in one end of the sheet while the two remaining openings are disposed along the longitudinal edges of the sheet toward the opposite end thereof. The tongues 3 project through the openings 4 of the sheet 1 and are carried by heads 5 which are soldered or otherwise rigidly connected to the outer face of the sheet. If found desirable the ordinary paper fastenings commonly found upon the market may be utilized for this purpose.

When the file is in use the papers or members to be retained are inserted between the sheets 1 and 2 and the tongues 3 carried by the sheet 1 inserted through the openings 4 of the sheet 2 and subsequently bent to lock the sheets 1 and 2 together. In a reverse manner it will be obvious that by straightening the tongues the sheets can be easily separated and access had to the papers held between the same. It is also contemplated to mark each of the files with the necessary data and for this purpose a slip of paper or like material may be posted or otherwise secured to one of the sheets as indicated at 6.

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

The herein described paper file comprising a pair of protective sheets formed of stiff material and having a corresponding shape and size, each of the sheets being provided with an opening in one end thereof and also with a pair of openings disposed along the edges of the sheet, heads permanently attached to the outer face of one of the sheets, and flexible tongues carried by the heads and projecting through the openings of the sheet, the said tongues being adapted to detachably engage the openings in the opposite sheet to hold the sheets together.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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