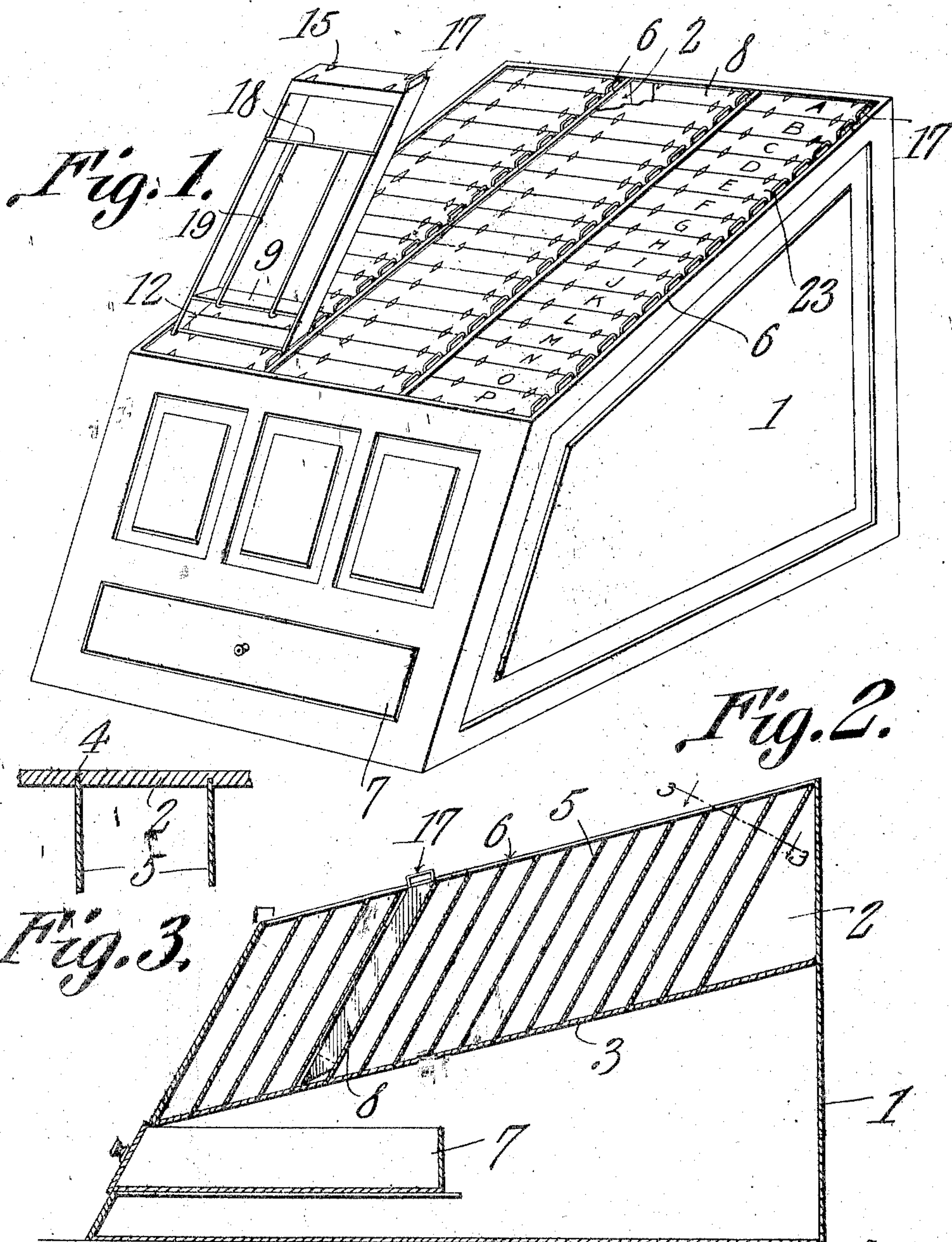


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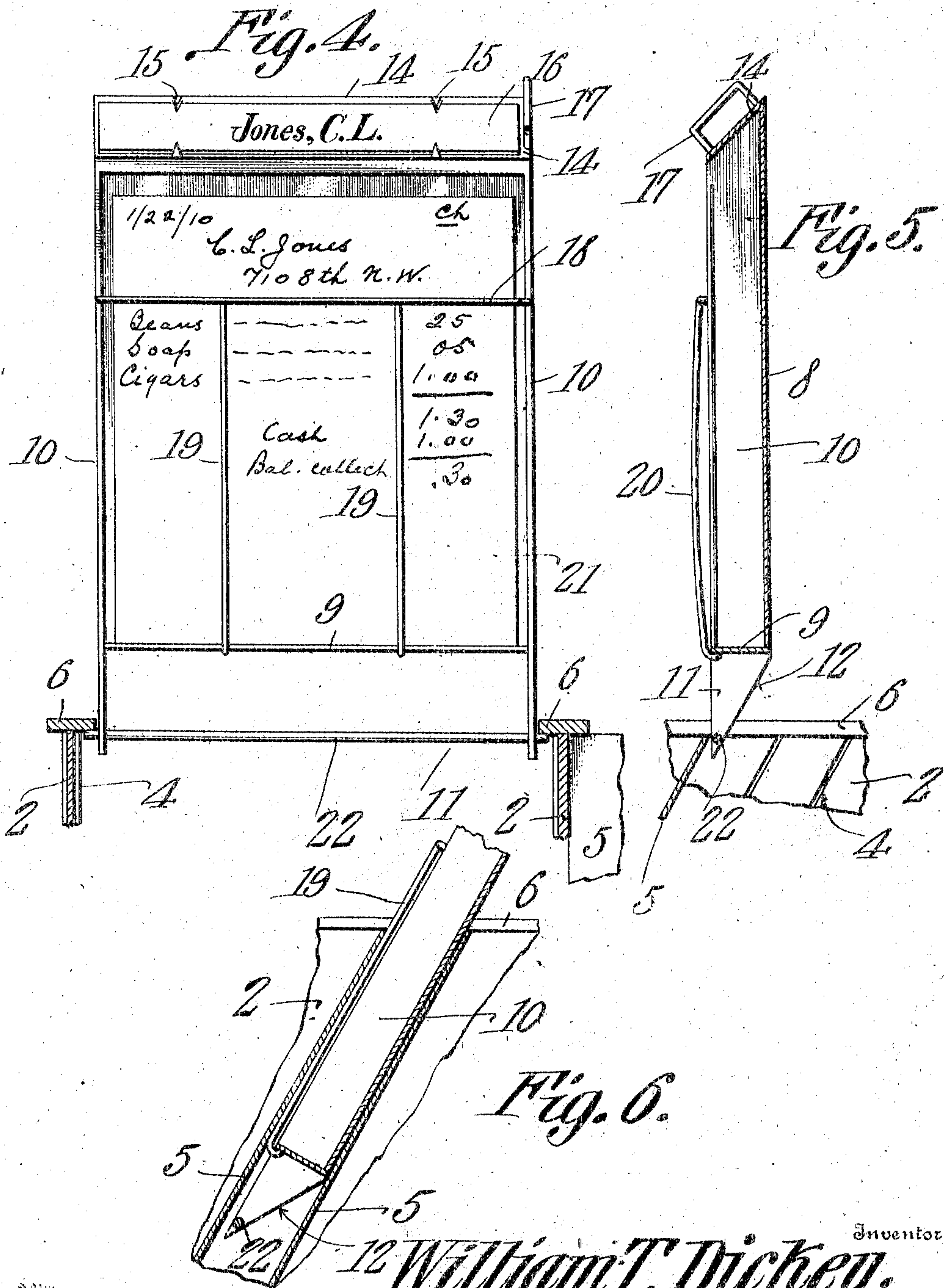
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM T. DICKEY, a citizen of the United States, residing at East Radford, in the county of Montgomery and State of Virginia, have invented a new and useful Filing-Cabinet, of which the following is a specification.

It is the object of this invention to provide a device adapted to file away, in compact, yet accessible form, those account slips which are commonly used in retail stores, a duplicate of each of which slips is commonly given to the purchaser.

With this end in view, it is the object of the invention, specifically, to provide a case of novel and improved form, and to provide a holder, adapted to be mounted in said case.

The drawings show but one form of the invention, and it is to be understood that changes, properly falling within the scope of what is claimed, may be made, without departing from the spirit of the invention.

Similar numerals of reference are employed to denote corresponding parts throughout the several figures of the drawing.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 shows the invention in perspective, one of the holders being withdrawn to its full extent from the case; Fig. 2 is a transverse section of the case; Fig. 3 is a section upon the line 3—3 of Fig. 2; Fig. 4 is a front elevation of the holder, portions of the case being shown in section; Fig. 5 is a fragmental section of one of the holders and the case, parts being shown in elevation, the cutting plane being passed at right angles to the front of the case; the view illustrating the position which the holder will assume after the same has been withdrawn as far as possible from the case, previous to the rearward tilting of the holder; and Fig. 6 is a fragmental section showing one of the holders partially inserted into the case, parts being shown in elevation; the cutting plane being passed at right angles to the front of the case.

In carrying out the invention there is provided, as a fundamental element, a case 1 which may be of any desired construction. In the present instance, the case is open on the top and is provided with a plurality of partitions 2, extended from the front of the case to the rear thereof. There may be any desired number of these partitions 2, and

they are terminated at their lower ends by an inclined false bottom 3, which slopes from the back of the case toward the front thereof. In the adjacent faces of these partitions 2, there are slots 4, inclined toward the front of the case. These slots 4 are adapted to receive partitions 5 serving to define compartments between the partitions 2. The members 5 are preferably fashioned from light sheet metal. Secured to the tops of the partitions 2 and extended at their edges beyond the partitions, are strips 6, which said strips, as hereinafter described, serve as a means for retaining the holders in place within the case. At this point it may profitably be observed that not only may there be any desired number of the partitions 2, depending upon the length of the case, but, as well, there may be any number of the elements 5, depending upon the width of the case from the front to the back thereof. A drawer 7 is shown in the front of the case, beneath the false bottom 3, and this drawer may be duplicated as many times as desired. The foregoing modifications depend merely upon the dimensions of the case 1, and a specific delineation is considered unnecessary.

Holders 8 are adapted to be inserted in the compartments defined by the members 5. One of these holders is shown most clearly in Figs. 4 and 5 of the drawings. The holder 8 is a box-like structure, open at the front, but otherwise inclosed. The side walls 10 of the holder 8 are prolonged as shown at 11 below the bottom 9 of the holder, and the rear edges of the prolongations 11 are beveled as denoted by the numeral 12 from the back of the holder toward the front thereof. The top 14 of the holder is inclined from the back of the holder toward the front, and is provided with clips 15, adapted to hold in place upon the top 14, a strip of paper or a card 16. One end of the top 14 carries a finger hold 17, whereby the holder may be lifted partially out of the case as shown in Fig. 1 of the drawing. Intermediate the top 14 and the bottom 9, a transverse wire 18 is secured to the side walls 10. From this cross wire 18 spaced, parallel spring strips 19 are extended downwardly, and arranged to engage the bottom 9. As shown in Fig. 5, these upright spring strips 19 are bowed outwardly, as shown at 20. A rod 22 connects the prolongations 11

of the side walls below the bottom 9 and outstands terminally beyond the said side walls.

The holders 8 are mounted in the compartments defined by the partition strips 5, and the strips 6 are mounted upon the partitions 2. The holders 8 may be drawn upwardly, as shown in Fig. 4, and in such case, the protruding ends of the rods 22 will engage with the strips 6, preventing the holders from being withdrawn entirely from the case. Owing to the bevel denoted by the numeral 12, the holders may be tilted rearwardly after they are withdrawn partially from the case as shown in Fig. 1. When the holders are inserted into the case, the tops 14 of the holders, will present a flush, inclined surface throughout the entire case, so that the cards 16 may readily be seen. By reason of the fact that the elements 19 are resilient, and bowed outwardly as denoted by the numeral 20, the said spring strips 19 will bear against the partition strips 5, as shown most clearly in Fig. 6, permitting the holders 8 to be partially withdrawn from the case, the engagement between the spring strips 19 and the partition strips 5 serving to maintain the holders 8 at any height to which they may be elevated.

In the practical operation of the device, the cards 16 are inscribed with the names of the patrons of the establishment, each patron having a separate holder. The patron is given his purchase slip, and the carbon copy 21 thereof is mounted in the particular holder which has been assigned to the patron. The totals may be carried forward from slip to slip, at the time the slips are introduced into the holder, the last inserted slip thus indicating the total amount of the purchaser's indebtedness. One row of holders, for instance, the right hand row 23 in Fig. 1, may be indexed with the letters of the alphabet, the said row 23 being employed to house petty accounts. The drawer 7 in the front of the case is a useful adjunct for holding writing material,

slips, previous to their insertion into the holders, and the like.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed is:—

1. As an article of manufacture, an open front holder for filing cabinets, provided with a bottom and side walls, there being a transverse member terminally secured to the side walls, intermediate the upper and lower ends thereof; and spaced springs terminally secured to said member and to the bottom, the springs being arched, to outstand beyond the contour of the holder.

2. As an article of manufacture, a box-like holder for filing cabinets, open at the front only and having its top inclined downwardly from the back of the holder toward the front thereof, the side walls of the holder being prolonged below the bottom thereof and beveled upon their rear edges, from the rear of the holder toward the front thereof; there being outstanding projections upon the prolonged portions of the side walls; and card-holding means upon the top.

3. In combination, a case open at the top and having partitions rearwardly inclined from their lower toward their upper ends; open front holders slidable between the partitions and having their tops downwardly inclined from the back of the case toward the front thereof; there being a bottom in the case adapted to receive the lower ends of all of the holders, to maintain their tops in a single plane, inclined with respect to the horizontal; the holders being cut away at their lower ends and upon their rear faces; interlocking elements upon the holders and the case to prevent the holders from being entirely withdrawn from the case; and means for holding slips upon the inclined faces of the holders.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own, I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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