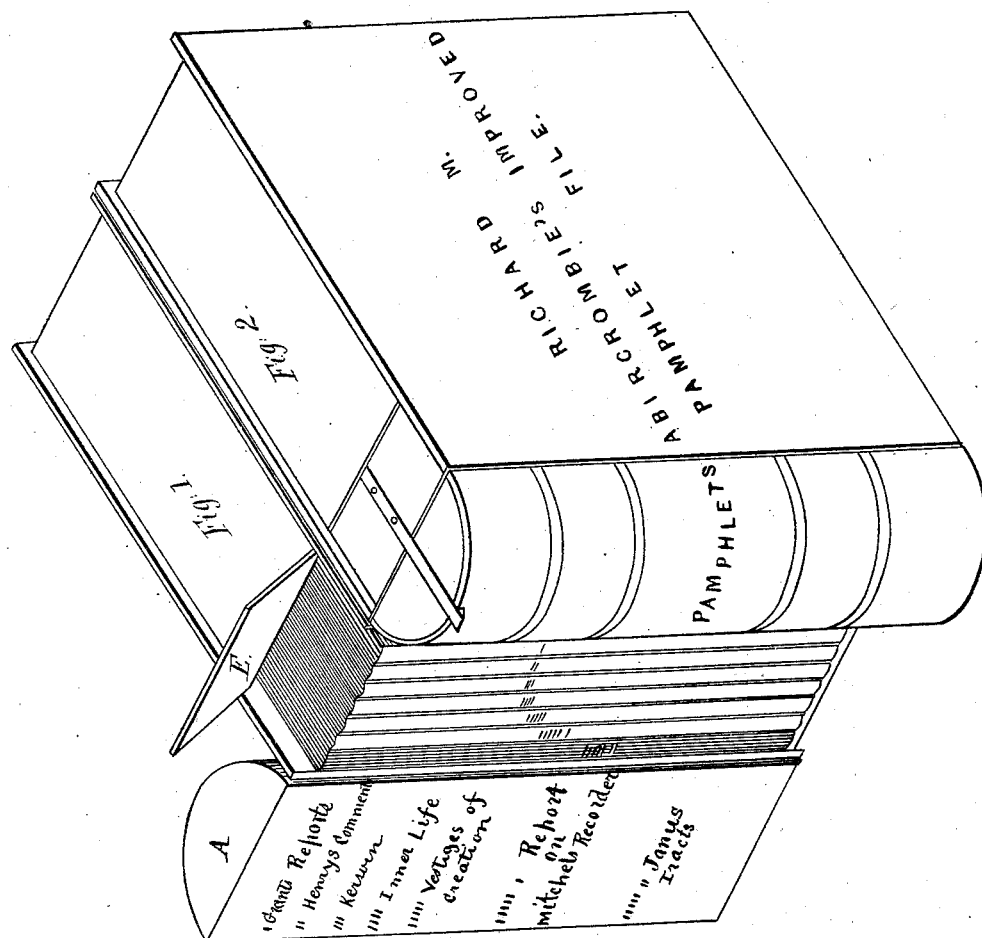


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PAMPHLET-FILE.

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To all whom it may concern :

Be it known that I, the undersigned, RICHARD M. ABERCROMBIE, of the city of Rahway, in the county of Union and State of New Jersey, have invented a new and Improved Method of Filing Pamphlets and Tracts, called "Abercrombie's Improved Pamphlet-File," of which the following is a full and exact description, reference being had to the annexed drawings, which form a part of this specification.

A large number of pamphlets (perhaps the majority of those published) are too thin to have their titles printed or written on the back, and where large numbers of them have accumulated, as is the case in the large libraries of the world, great difficulty is experienced in filing them in such a manner as to have them convenient for reference; and the object of this invention is to obviate this difficulty.

In the annexed drawings, Figure 1 shows my improved pamphlet-file as it would appear standing on the shelf of a library, the file being open and the backs of the pamphlets within it exposed to view. It consists of a box of the proper size and shape to contain a number of the pamphlets which it is desired to file. For the sake of uniformity in appearance it is made in the form of a bound book.

The cover A, which is made in appearance like the back of a bound volume, is hinged on

one side to the box or case, as shown in Fig 1, and may have a fastening or clasp on the opposite side to keep it closed, as it appears in Fig. 2. The pamphlets marked I, II, III, IIII, &c., are shown in their place in the case or file, Fig. 1. A pamphlet, however thin, may be marked on its back in the manner just described. Perfectly legible on the inside of the lid A, Fig. 1, are corresponding marks prefixed to the titles of the pamphlets contained in the case or file. On the outside of the lid or back may be marked the contents of the file in general, as shown in Fig. 2. When pamphlets are filed in the manner described, it is plain that any pamphlet in the collection may be found, taken out and read, and returned to its place without disturbing any other one in the collection, be the number ever so great. The piece E, being hinged, may be lifted, which facilitates the withdrawal of the contents of the cases.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A case for the filing, marking, and indexing, of pamphlets and tracts, constructed substantially in the manner described in the foregoing specification and the annexed drawings.

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