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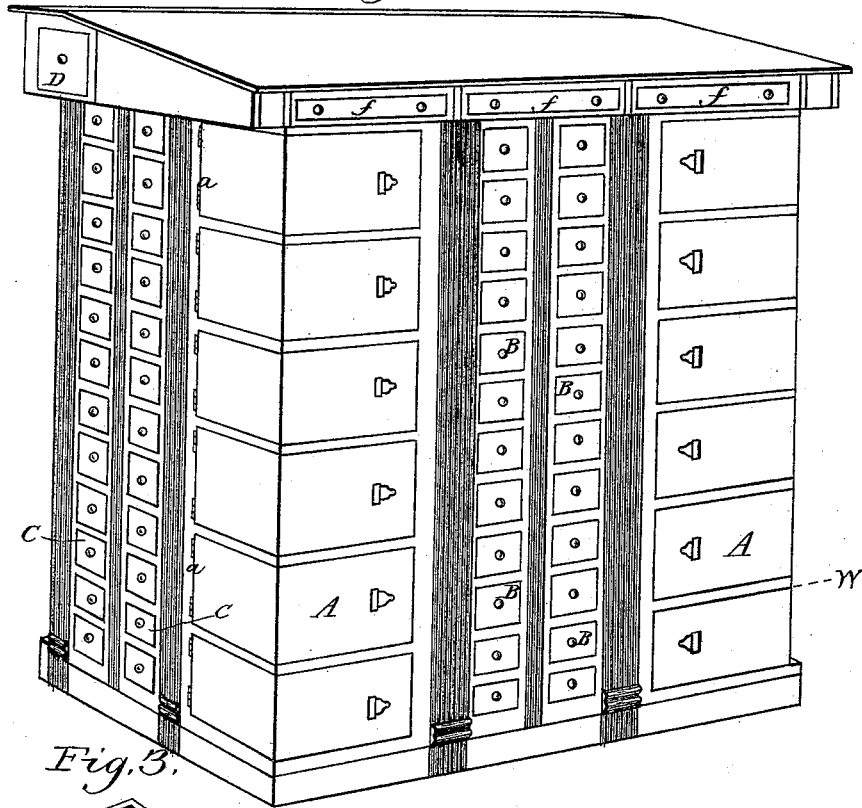


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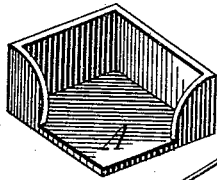
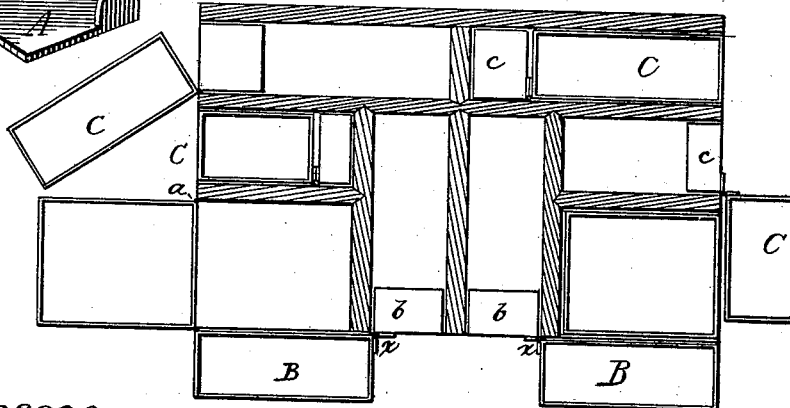


Fig. 2.



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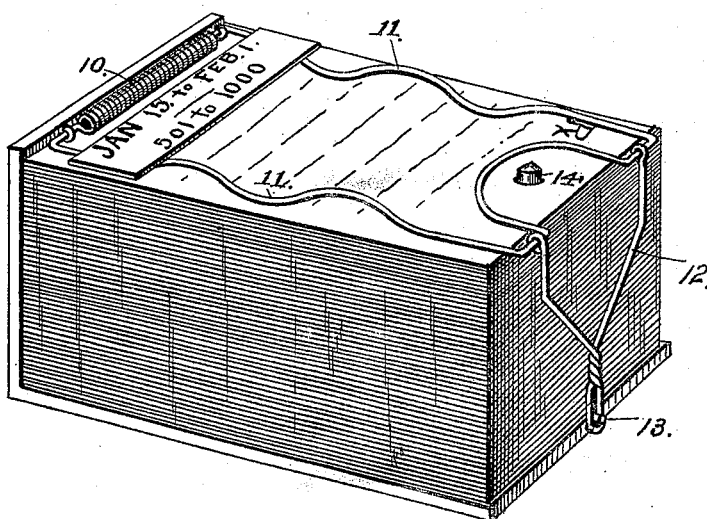
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES B. CRUCIAL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Fargo, in the county of Cass, North Dakota, have
5 invented a new and useful means for filing physicians' prescriptions, which I denominate "The Druggist's Prescription Desk and File," of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a desk containing
10 a series of compartments adapted to a systematic filing of physicians' prescriptions.

The object of my invention is to supersede the present custom of pasting physicians' prescriptions in blank-books for preservation
15 and reference by furnishing druggists and apothecaries with a facile, convenient, and systematic means for filing them. I attain this object by the mechanism illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

20 Figure 1 is a perspective view of the desk; Fig. 2, a longitudinal section of the desk at *w*, Fig. 1; Fig. 3, a perspective view of a file case or drawer, and Fig. 4 a perspective view of a file-form enlarged.

25 Similar letters refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

A A, Figs. 1, 2, and 3, represent two series of file-cases situated one at each front corner of the desk, and each large enough to contain
30 several file-forms. They are hinged at their outer and rear corners and adapted to swing outward, so that when open they stand parallel to the front of the desk. *a* shows the point or corner at which they are hinged.

35 B B, Figs. 1 and 2, are two series of drawers occupying the middle front of the desk. They are represented as drawn out or open in Fig. 2. When opened, they swing to the right and left, respectively, and lie against the front
40 of the desk and parallel to it. They are hinged at *x x*, Fig. 2, to movable forms or dummies *b b*, which move inward or outward, as required, when the drawers are manipulated. They are provided with stops which slide in
45 slots in the frame of the desk, and which permit the drawers to be drawn outward to their full length and no farther. They (the stops and slots) are not shown in the drawings. Each drawer in these two series is designed
50 to carry two file-forms.

C C, Figs. 1 and 2, are two series of draw-

ers at each end of the desk. They, like those at the middle front of the desk, are hinged to dummies *c c*, which move inward or outward
as their corresponding drawers are drawn out 55 or pushed in. They are so hinged that each drawer, when open, lies against the end of the desk and parallel to it. In Fig. 2 they are represented one as partially swung around after having been drawn out, the other closed. 60 Each of the drawers in the rear row is designed to carry three file-forms, while each of those in the front row carries but two. The dummies to which these drawers are hinged, like those at the front, are provided with
65 stops, which traverse slots in the partitions of the desk and prevent them from being drawn out beyond a definite point.

The top of the desk is inclined in front and flattened in rear. Under the flattened part
70 and corresponding with it in width is a large drawer *D*, Fig. 1, at each end of the desk. One of them, preferably the one to the right, is adapted to carry an ink-well, a paste-bowl, brush, pens, and stamp for numbering pre-
75 scriptions, while the one to the left carries file-forms for filing physicians' vouchers for the sale of liquors in States where prohibition laws exist, and records of the sale of poisons. These drawers, like those described above, 80 are hinged to dummies and adapted to swing forward to the ends of the desk and parallel to them.

fff, Fig. 1, are three small shallow drawers, divided into small compartments and adapted
85 to contain the various labels used by druggists. They are not hinged to dummies, but arranged like the drawers of an ordinary desk.

Fig. 2 is a horizontal section of the desk at
90 *w*, Fig. 1. It illustrates the relative depth and length of the desk, the number and position of the file cases or drawers, and their relative situation when open or drawn out.

Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the file case or drawer. When a file case or drawer is
95 open and in position, the back end and front side appear cut down from the right and left corners to the lower margin of the drawer. The object of so depressing one side and one
100 end of the drawer is to enable the druggist to examine the prescriptions on file without removing the file-form from the drawer. This

he could not do in a deep and small drawer made in the usual style. All of the drawers in the desk here described are made with the depressed side and end, as illustrated in the figure, with the exception of the three small drawers *fff*, Fig. 1.

Fig. 4 is an enlarged view of a file-form. The usual size of prescription-blanks is three and one-half inches by five and one-half inches. The file-forms here described are slightly larger, say, four inches by six inches. The frame of these forms consists of a thin bottom of this size, and one end corresponding in height to the depth of the drawer.

On the upper portion of the end of the file-form is secured a coiled spring 10, connected with a wire frame 11, which is adapted to pass over and form a clamp for the prescriptions, said frame 11 having a link or pendant 12 hinged or pivotally hung to its front and adapted to engage a pin 13 on the front of the bottom of the frame to hold the wire frame down upon the prescriptions. From this description it will be seen that when the loop or pendant is released from its engaging-pin 13 the spring 10 exerts its power to raise the wire frame and permit any one or more of the prescriptions to be removed. A thin metallic slip with curled edges on its sides is fastened across the top of the wire frame 11. This is designed to receive a paper card on which is inscribed the number of the file, the dates of the first and last prescriptions and their numbers. The file-form is also provided with a needle or shaft 14 upon which the prescriptions are filed. By placing the file-needle in the position here indicated any prescription in the body of the file may be fully exposed by revolving those above it half-round on the needle. These file-forms are designed to be used only when a sufficient number of prescriptions have accumulated to fill a form. A temporary file is provided for daily use, and periodically the prescriptions are transferred to the forms.

I claim as my invention—

1. In a druggist's prescription desk and file, in combination, the desk with a series of file-cases at each front corner, each case hinged

at its side and rear corner to the frame of the desk, thereby adapting it to be swung outward, so that when open it will stand parallel to the front of the desk, two rows of drawers or file-cases at the middle front of the desk hinged to movable forms or dummies and when drawn out adapted to be swung around to the front of the desk and parallel to it, one or more rows of file-cases at each end of the desk hinged to movable forms or dummies and when drawn out adapted to be swung forward so as to lie against the corresponding end of the desk and parallel to it, and a large drawer or file-case at each end of the desk situated directly under the flattened surface of its top and hinged to a movable form or dummy in such manner that it may be swung around parallel to the end of the desk, all substantially as described.

2. A druggist's prescription desk and file having drawers mounted therein and adapted to be drawn in and out, and a form or dummy hinged to said drawers movable therewith and adapted to hold the drawer when open, substantially as herein described.

3. A druggist's prescription desk and file having drawers mounted in its sides and front, in combination with hinged drawers at the corners of the front adapted to swing outward and each having one of its ends and sides cut away, substantially as herein described.

4. In a druggist's prescription desk and file, the independent file-form having a bottom and end, a spring-actuated wire frame forming the top of the file-form, a pendant or loop loosely hung upon the front of the wire frame and adapted to engage a pin on the bottom of the file-form, and a needle or shaft upon which the papers are filed, substantially as herein described.

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

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