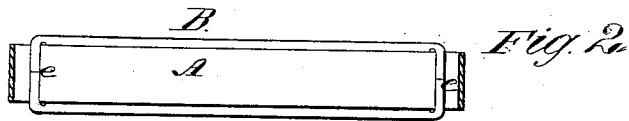
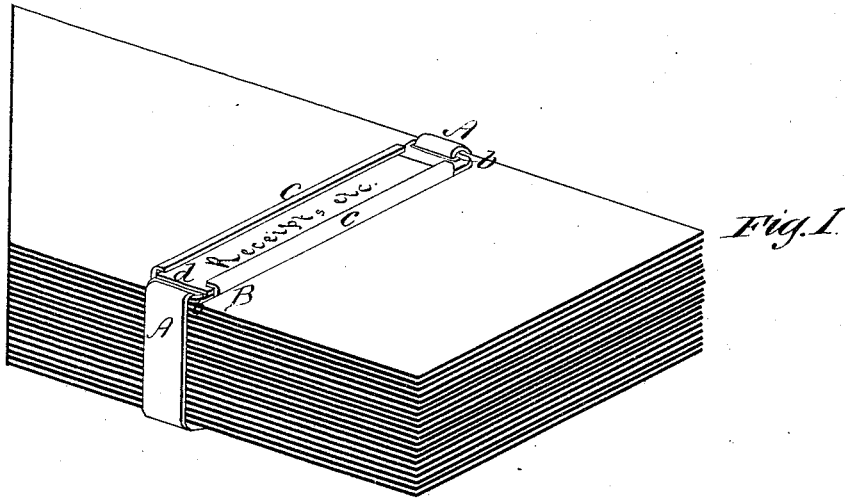


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## IMPROVEMENT IN BILL-FILES.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, Mrs. JULIA FOSTER, of Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Bill-Files; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it pertains to make and use it, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my invention. Fig. 2 is a sectional view.

The object of this invention is to furnish a convenient and simple means for indicating the general contents of a file or package of folded papers or documents of any kind; and it consists in providing the rubber band with which the package or file is bound with a flanged metallic plate, of special construction, holding a slip of paper or pasteboard, upon which is written or printed the required indorsement. The slip is detachable, so that the indorsement may be changed when desired.

Referring to the drawings, A designates an ordinary rubber band, of the kind used in binding together folded papers or documents. B is the slip-holder, consisting of a plate of metal slightly wider than the band and formed with a slot, *b*, at each end, for the passage of

the band, and flanges *c* on the edges, to hold the slip *d*. The band is passed into the slots through slits *e* in the ends of the plate, the same being sufficiently opened by springing the metal. These slits are covered by the band, which passes over the ends of and then behind or under the plate, as shown.

The plate may be easily shifted lengthwise of the band, and may be made of any desirable length, width, or shape, to suit the taste of the user or the conditions of use. Metal is suggested as the most preferable material of which to make the plate, but any other material, as wood, ivory, hard rubber, and the like may be employed.

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

As a new article of manufacture, the improved file for papers, consisting of the flanged plate C, adapted to hold the indorsement-slip *d* and having the slotted and slit ears *b* and the endless elastic band A combined, substantially as described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 24th day of May, 1876.

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