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CARD-RACK.

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Fig: 1.

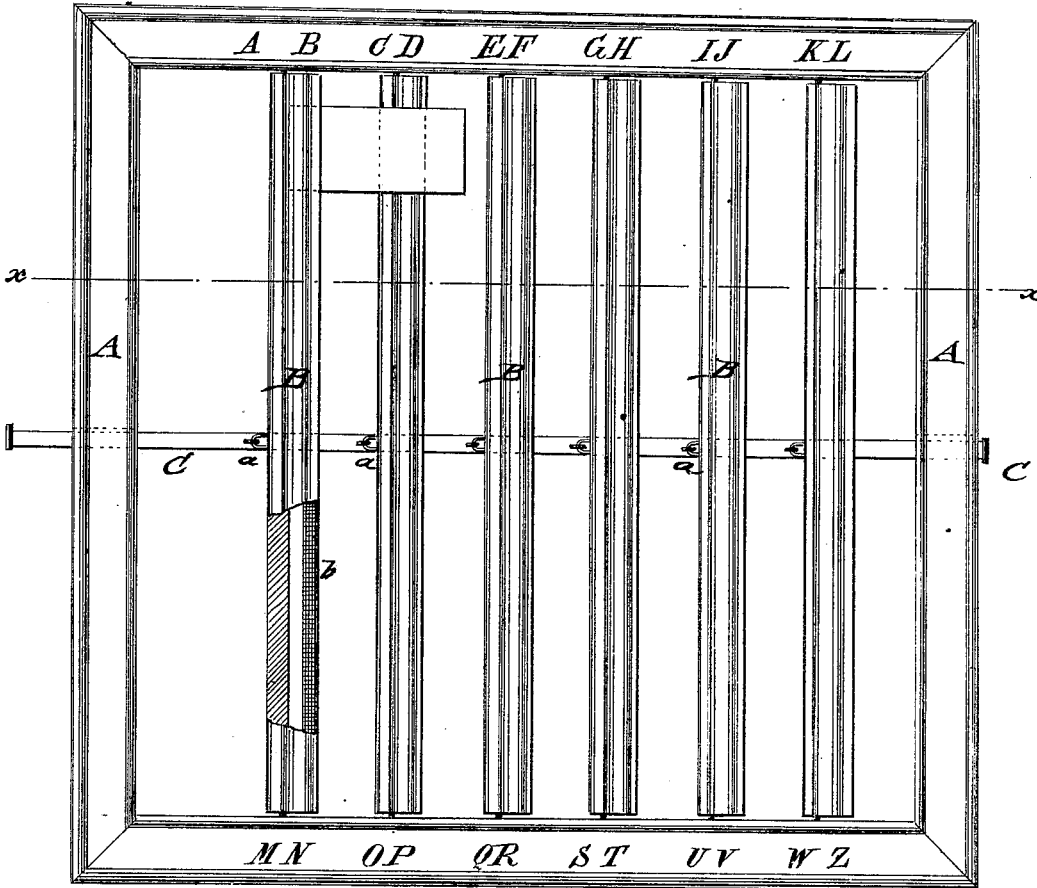
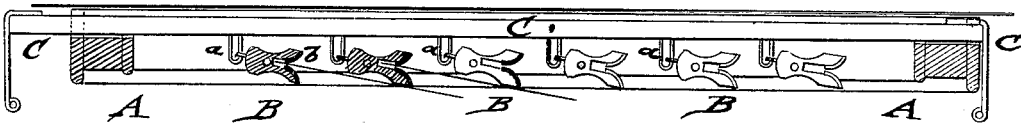


Fig: 2.



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## IMPROVEMENT IN CARD-RACKS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, FRANCIS HAYEK, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Card-Rack, of which the following is a specification:

In the accompanying drawing, Figure 1 represents a front view, and Fig. 2 a horizontal section on line *x x*, Fig. 1, of my improved card-rack.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The invention relates to an improved card-rack, in which any desired number of cards may be arranged in alphabetical and regular manner, so as to be instantly found, the rack being of compact shape and admitting the arrangement of twice the number of cards on the same space as the card-racks in common use.

The invention consists of a card-rack with a number of pivoted clamp-pieces that are connected to a slide-rod, to be thrown to one side or the other for putting in or taking off cards from the clamps.

In the drawing, A represents a frame of any suitable size and finish, to which are pivoted, either in vertical or horizontal position, a number of clamping-strips, B, which are attached at the rear part by eyes or staples *a* to a sliding strip, C, in similar manner as the slats of blinds to their rod. The sliding strip C is guided in suitable manner at the back of the frame, and provided with end buttons or handles for being readily pushed in either direction, causing thereby the swinging of the clamping-strips B in one direction or the other, to expose the cards that are placed into the recess of the clamp-pieces.

The frame A may be marked with the letters of the alphabet, as shown in Fig. 1, to facilitate the arranging of the cards on the

clamp-strips B, and also the convenient finding and taking off of any card, when looking for an address or other information.

The clamp-strips B are centrally recessed and curved outwardly at the front, to admit the ready insertion of the cards, which are securely retained by the friction with cloth or other lining *b*, that extends, however, not through the entire depth of the recesses, but only to a part of the same, so as to serve for the purpose of finding the cards, but admitting the insertion of several layers or thicknesses when several business-cards of the same firm are to be put in at one point, to be held by the spring of the wood.

As shown in the drawing, the cards whose names begin with one letter form the face, those with the next letter of the alphabet the back, on each clamp-piece, the cards of either letter being readily exposed by throwing the clamping-pieces by the slide-piece to one side or the other.

The rack forms a neat, convenient, and compact device for arranging business-cards in such a manner that they may be instantly found when required, the racks taking up less room and storing a larger number of cards than the racks hitherto in use.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

A card-rack composed of a supporting-frame, pivoted and recessed clamping-strips, and of an operating slide strip or rod connected thereto, for throwing the strips to one side or the other, substantially in the manner and for the purpose described.

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