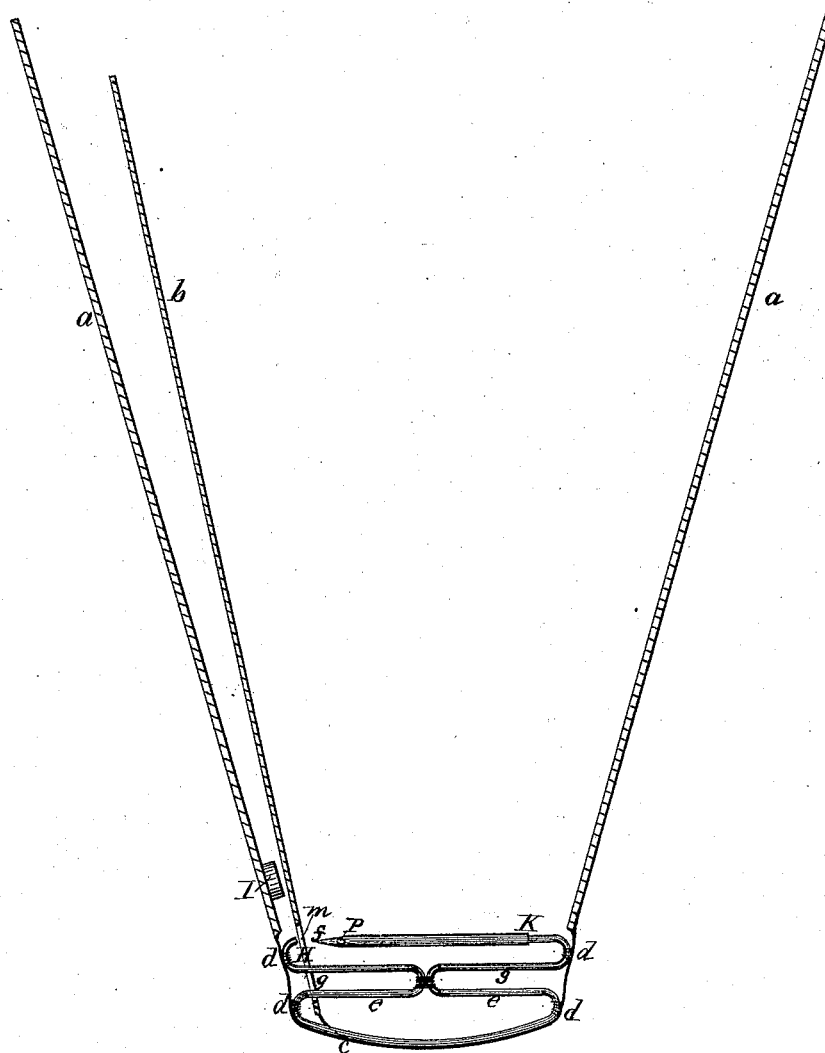


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## IMPROVEMENT IN TEMPORARY BINDERS FOR LETTERS, PAPERS, &c.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, HENRY H. HALL, of Brooklyn, Kings county, State of New York, have invented certain Improvements in the Mode of Binding or Filing Letters and other papers for preservation and reference, of which the following is a specification:

The improvement consists of prepared empty book-covers, within which are to be placed letters and other papers to be held in place on wires and preserved for future reference; the object being to do this expeditiously and without injury to the paper, which is accomplished by simply closing the cover after placing the paper to be filed inside.

Let *a a* represent a pair of book-covers with the fly-leaf *b*, which is fastened at *c* and at other points in same line, to the other end of the book, and hinged as an ordinary book-cover.

Within the recess at the back of the book are fastened at the sides *d d d d* one, two, or more wires, *e e*, of suitable size, at proper distances apart to hold securely any sized sheet or piece of paper which is to enter on the pointed ends *f*, which terminate on a line parallel to the left cover, and near enough to it to admit of only space for fly-leaf and paper to be filed.

The wires or holders *e e* are bent to the form shown, that they may be more securely and simply fastened to the book, and to afford a bed or rest, *g*, for the papers when they are about entering on the points. That portion of the wires at *g* passes through a slot in the fly-leaf at *m*.

The fly-leaf *b* is made of binding-board or other suitable material with some elasticity and weight. When it is turned to the left of an upright position, in the act of opening the book by the left, the paper to be filed is placed on the right-hand face of the fly-leaf, and between it and the points of the holders, resting on the wires at *g*. The fly-leaf is then released simultaneously with closing the book from the left, and its weight or elasticity throws the paper on or against the points of the holders, the cover, assisted by the knobs or projections

I I, at the same time forcing the papers onto the holders or wires, which pass through an opening in fly-leaf at *m*, clearing their points for more.

The cover may be made to effect the same objects prescribed for fly-leaf; but the latter is better to co-operate.

I I are knobs or projections, which may be placed either on the fly-leaf or on the cover acting with it, or on both.

Each wire or holder *e e* is made so that it can be parted and reunited at K, where the union is made by screw or socket joint. This is to facilitate the removal of any desired paper, or to put on the holder any paper that may have been omitted from its proper place.

The socket is preferable, and should be on the opposite ends of the pointed pieces.

When the holders are full to their capacity, they can be disconnected and the papers retained on them until prepared tapes or wires are inserted in the socket ends, and pushed through, displacing carefully the wires belonging in the book, and thus securing the papers in their same rotation on the substituted holders. The pieces or holders thus displaced are returned to their places in the book.

Another mode of transferring the papers from the holders, whether to put the papers away for preservation or to get at a desired paper, is by means of the perforations P near the points of the holders; or notches or depressions would answer the purpose.

Small wires or cords may be run through these perforations, or attached otherwise, and the papers may be removed to these permanent holders by sliding the papers onto them.

Having thus set forth the nature of my invention, what I claim as new is—

The cover or leaf *a*, provided with the projections I, in combination with the fly-leaf *b* and the holders *e e*, having jointed and perforated points, all substantially as specified.

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