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Postal-Card File.

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FIG. I.

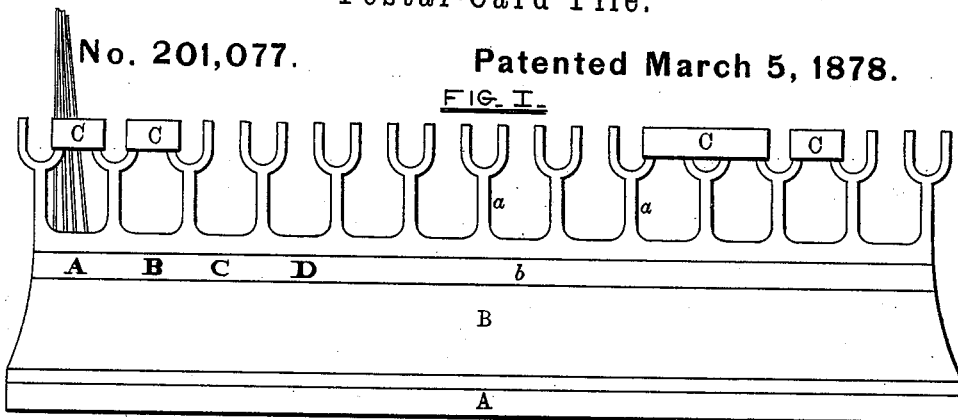


FIG. II.

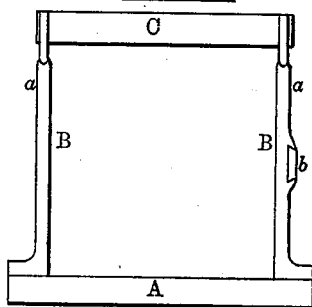
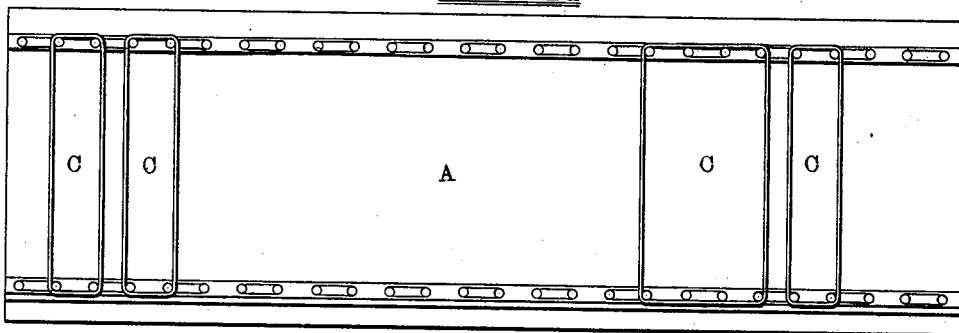


FIG. III.



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## IMPROVEMENT IN POSTAL-CARD FILES.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ASHER WIEL, of the city of Baltimore and State of Maryland, have invented a certain Improved Device for Separating Postal Cards, &c., into classified packages for filing, of which the following is a specification; and I do hereby declare that in the same is contained a full, clear, and exact description of my said invention, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

This invention relates to a device to be used to hold or retain in separate or isolated packages postal cards, work-tags, checks, and other similar articles requiring classification under initial letters, dates, or private marks, and which furnishes means for clamping or holding the said cards, &c., as classified when the same are removed from the device to be filed for future reference, as will hereinafter fully appear.

In the description of the invention which follows, reference is made to the accompanying drawing, forming a part of this specification, and in which—

Figure I is a side view of the device, showing postal cards in one of the pockets or division thereof. Fig. II is an end view of the invention, and Fig. III a plan of the same.

Similar letters of reference indicate similar parts in all the views.

A is the base of the device, and B B are side plates, attached in any suitable manner to the said base, and provided at their upper edges with pins *a*, forked at their extremities, as shown. The forked ends of the pins *a* are used to support the elastic bands C, which are stretched across the device to form pockets, into which postal cards, &c., are placed. The pockets may be made of any desired width by

including within the bands any number of the pins *a*. Different-sized pockets are shown in the drawings.

The device is provided with indicating marks, numbers, or letters, whereby the postal cards, &c., may be located under their proper heads in isolated packs; and the preferable method of marking the device is by means of a removable marked strip, *b*, which is slid into a groove in one of the side plates, as shown in the drawing.

Upon the pockets being filled, or upon the expiration of the period indicated by marks representing the pockets, the elastic bands are removed from the pins and allowed to clasp the cards, &c., inclosed thereby, after which the packs of cards are removed from the device and filed.

This invention will be found to be useful in business-houses receiving large numbers of postal cards, and in factories where tags or checks are used to classify certain products which are known by particular heads or numbers, and in the latter case serves to simplify the usual method of keeping memoranda.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and wish to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

A device for the purpose herein specified, consisting of the base A and pins *a*, connected thereto, in combination with the removable elastic bands C, substantially as shown.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name this 29th day of October, A. D. 1877.

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