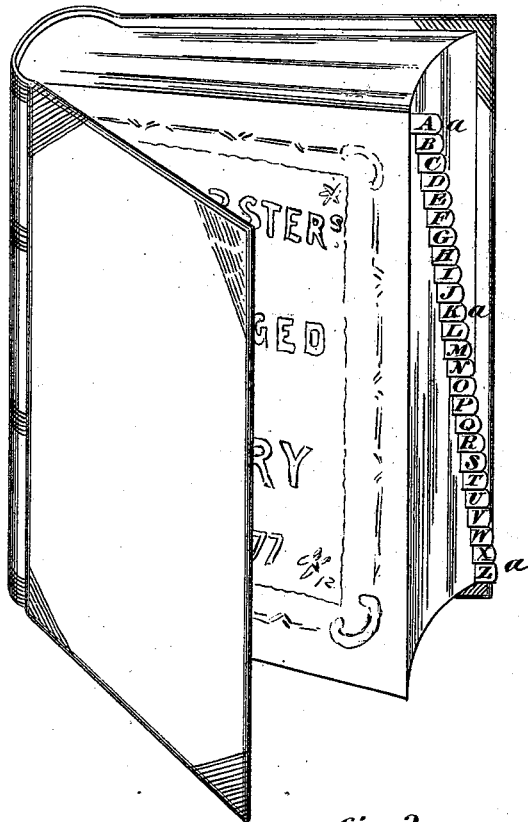


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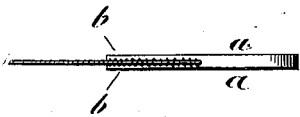
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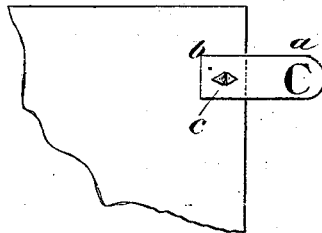
*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 3.*



*Fig. 2.*



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## IMPROVEMENT IN INDEX-TAGS FOR BOOKS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ELIDA MARIA CAPEN, of Charlton Depot, in the county of Worcester and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and Improved Index-Tag for Books, of which the following is a specification:

The object of my invention is to furnish tags for the leaves of dictionaries and other books requiring to be alphabetically indexed; and the nature of my invention consists in a metal tag which is split lengthwise, so as to form two clamping-jaws, that are caused to gripe the edge of the leaf of a book by means of a prong or rivet, as will be understood from the following description.

In the annexed drawings, Figure 1 shows a book with my improved tags applied to its leaves. Figs. 2 and 3 show the construction of the tag.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The letter *a* designates my improved tag, which is an elongated flat piece of metal having one end rounded. This rounded end of the tag is solid, and the solid portion terminates in a split portion, forming two clamp-

ing-jaws, *b b*, which are perforated to receive a split rivet, *c*.

The inner surfaces of the jaws *b b* are serrated or roughened like a file, so that when the jaws are pressed in contact with the edge of a book-leaf, and secured by means of a prong, *c*, which projects from one jaw, and is bent down over or upon the other, a very firm attachment of the tag to the leaf is made, and there will not be any strain on the prong or rivet *c* in using the tag. Consequently there will be no liability of tearing the paper.

The letters may be stamped, engraved, or printed on the tags.

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

As a new and improved article of manufacture, the metal tag for the leaves of books, formed with serrated jaws *b b* and a prong or rivet, *c*, substantially as specified.

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