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Subscription-Book.

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Fig. 1.

Vol. 27 No. 2	James Green Lincoln Mass.	2-28	Vol. 27 No. 2	Thomas Rodney Lowell Mass.	2-28
Vol. 27 No. 3	Robert Potter Lincoln Mass.	2-28	Vol. 27 No. 3	Emerson Roberts Lowell Mass.	3-28
Vol. 27 No. 4	Charles Braun Lincoln Mass.	4-28	Vol. 27 No. 3	Edward L. Hooker Lowell Mass.	3-28
Vol. 27 No. 4	Timothy C. Lovel Lincoln Mass.	4-28	Vol. 27 No. 4	Lucius Gray Lowell Mass.	4-28
Vol. 27 No. 4	Susan Jenkins Lincoln Mass.	4-28	Vol. 27 No. 5	C. W. Yellowstone Lowell Mass.	5-28
Vol. 27 No. 5	Herbert Grace Lincoln Mass.	5-28	Vol. 27 No. 8	Geo. J. Ringbrey Lowell Mass.	8-28
Vol. 27 No. 6	William Hagan Lincoln Mass.	6-28	Vol. 27 No. 10	Geo. D. Baker Lowell Mass.	10-28
Vol. 27 No. 9	Harold White Lincoln Mass.	9-28	Vol. 27 No. 12	Chas. H. Smithers Lowell Mass.	12-28
Vol. 27 No. 14	Fred. W. Smith Lincoln Mass.	14-28	Vol. 27 No. 15	Harold Russell Lowell Mass.	15-28
Vol. 27 No. 14	Edward Summers Lincoln Mass.	14-28	Vol. 27 No. 17	M. Shaughnessy Lowell Mass.	17-28
Vol. 27 No. 17	Frank Black Lincoln Mass.	17-28	Vol. 27 No. 19	Paul Jones Lowell Mass.	19-28
Vol. 27 No. 18	Theodore Hilton Lincoln Mass.	18-28	Vol. 27 No. 21	Harriet Mason Lowell Mass.	21-28

Fig. 3

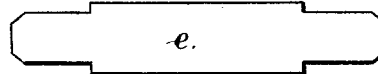
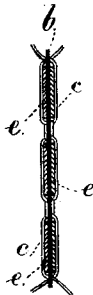


Fig. 2.



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## IMPROVEMENT IN SUBSCRIPTION-BOOKS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. **204,504**, dated June 4, 1878; application filed January 9, 1878.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, EVERETT W. PIERCE, of Bennington, in the State of Vermont, have invented an Improvement in Subscription-Books, of which the following is a specification:

Subscription-books and lists of newspapers and periodicals are subject to constant changes. These arise from the term of subscription expiring, from changes of residence, and from the addition of new subscribers. The consequence is, that these books or lists require to be frequently rewritten, involving considerable labor and risk of errors.

My invention is made to avoid these difficulties, and lessen labor in directing wrappers and in keeping accounts.

I employ a book made of sheets of suitable material, such as thick, strong paper, similar to that used for address-tags, and to these sheets two lines of cords, wire, or threads are applied, that pass through such paper and form ranges of loops on both sides of the sheets, and of a length adapted to receive the ends of movable name and address slips. By this construction of book and slips the name of the subscriber and his address can be written plainly, together with the time of subscription or the number of the paper, and placed in the book at the place appropriated to the given town, village, or county, and when the subscription is renewed the fact can be marked on the slip; or the slip can be removed when the subscription expires, so as to make room for new subscriptions, whereby the book is made perpetual, blots and erasures are avoided, as also the labor of copying and risk of errors.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a view of the book open and the slips in place, and Fig. 2 is a section through one of the leaves.

The book is of suitable size, shape, and thickness, and preferably provided with covers *aa*; and an index also may be used to show the pages apportioned to certain towns or States.

The pages *b* are of thick, strong paper; and at *cc* are lines of stitching running up and down the page, at a distance of about an inch, more or less, from the edges, and the stitches or loops are of sufficient size to admit the

ends of the address and name slips *ee*. One of these is shown separately in Fig. 3, and it is generally preferable to use one portion at one end to indicate time of commencement of subscription, and the other end portion to show the times of renewal of such subscription. These ends are formed in the shape of tongues, of a width less than the width of the central or body portion of the slip, the length of the widest or body portion thereof, which comes between the threads *cc*, being a little less than the space between such threads, thus providing the slip with shoulders, which prevent the same from being easily displaced.

The threads or cords of the lines of stitching pass through the paper, and hence each line of stitching is made up of two cords or threads; and if the page of the book is sufficiently large, there may be four or six of these lines of stitching, so as to provide for introducing two or three columns of name and address slips.

The lines of stitches passing through the sheets form loops on both sides of each sheet, so that both sides are used for the address-slips. Thus the book is very compact, and the lines of stitching are not liable to be torn out.

This book is very cheap, durable, and convenient, especially for newspaper or publication offices, or for any purpose where lists or a registry of names is to be kept subject to change or alteration.

I claim as my invention—

1. The book made with a leaf or leaves containing two or more lines of cords, threads, or wires passing through the leaf, and forming loops on both sides thereof for receiving the movable name and address slips, substantially as set forth.

2. A removable subscription-slip having the described tongues and shoulders, combined with a holder provided with loops, into which such slip is placed, substantially as specified.

Signed by me this 27th day of October, A. D. 1874.

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