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Letter-File.

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Fig. 1.

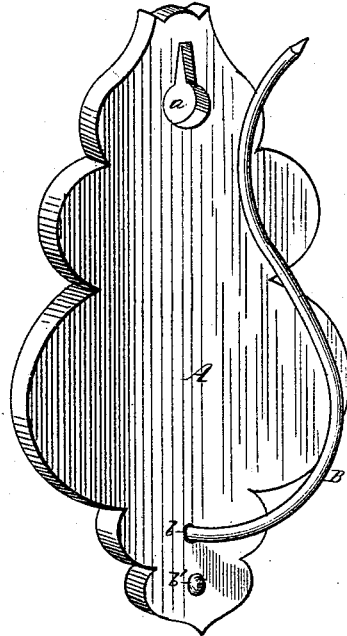


Fig. 2.

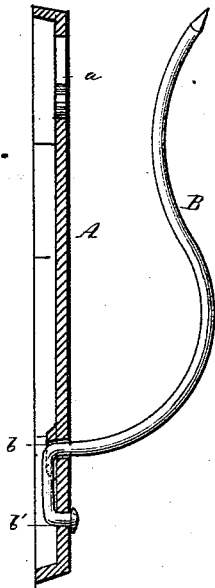
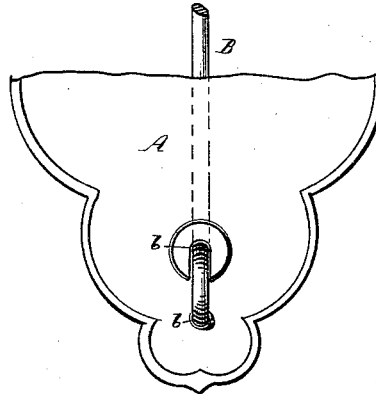


Fig. 3.



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IMPROVEMENT IN LETTER-FILES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Beit known that I, HENRY D. WOODBRIDGE, of Newark, in the county of Licking and State of Ohio, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Letter-Files, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to that class of files which are constructed with a curved wire prong for holding the letters, bills, receipts, &c., and are adapted to be hung on the wall like a bracket, the wire prong being secured to a metal plate for suspending it. Files of this character as now ordinarily constructed have been found to be quite defective by reason of the fact that the mode of securing the wire prong to the back plate is usually imperfect, that said prong very soon gets loose, and is then liable to turn upside down with its load of bills, which are thus apt to become disarranged and scattered and lost.

The object of my invention is to so connect the wire prong to its back plate that it cannot possibly turn.

To this end it consists in passing the end of the prong through the plate, returning it through another hole, and then riveting or otherwise fastening the returned end.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my letter-file. Fig. 2 is a vertical section thereof, showing the wire prong as applied to the back plate. Fig. 3 is a plan view of the rear side of the back-plate.

The same letters of reference indicate like parts in all the figures.

A is the back plate, of metal or other suitable material, having formed near the upper end thereof a slot, *a*, wide at the bottom and narrowing toward the top, to adapt it to easily pass over a nail or screw-head and be securely held thereon. Near the lower end this back plate A is provided with two holes, *b* and *b'*, of a size just sufficient to allow the wire prong B to pass through and fit tightly therein. Having put the end of the prong through the hole *b*, it is then bent down and returned through the hole *b'*, and headed up or riveted on the face of plate A.

It will be seen that by this arrangement the wire prong will be effectually prevented from turning.

Instead of riveting the returned end, it may be secured in any other preferred manner.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A file for letters, bills, receipts, &c., composed of a back plate and a wire prong secured thereto with one end, by passing it through the plate and then returning it through another hole for fastening it, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to the foregoing specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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