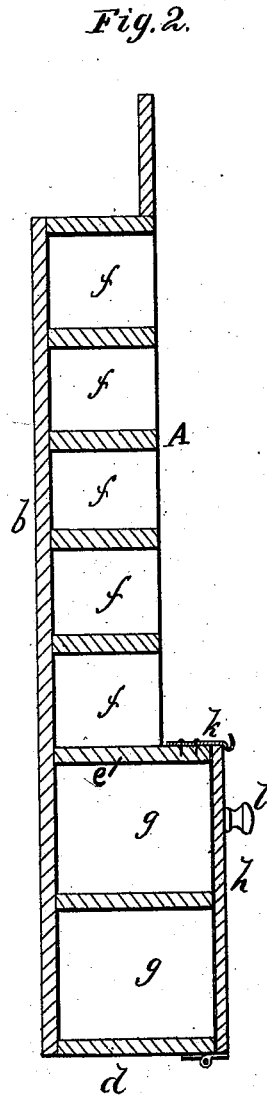
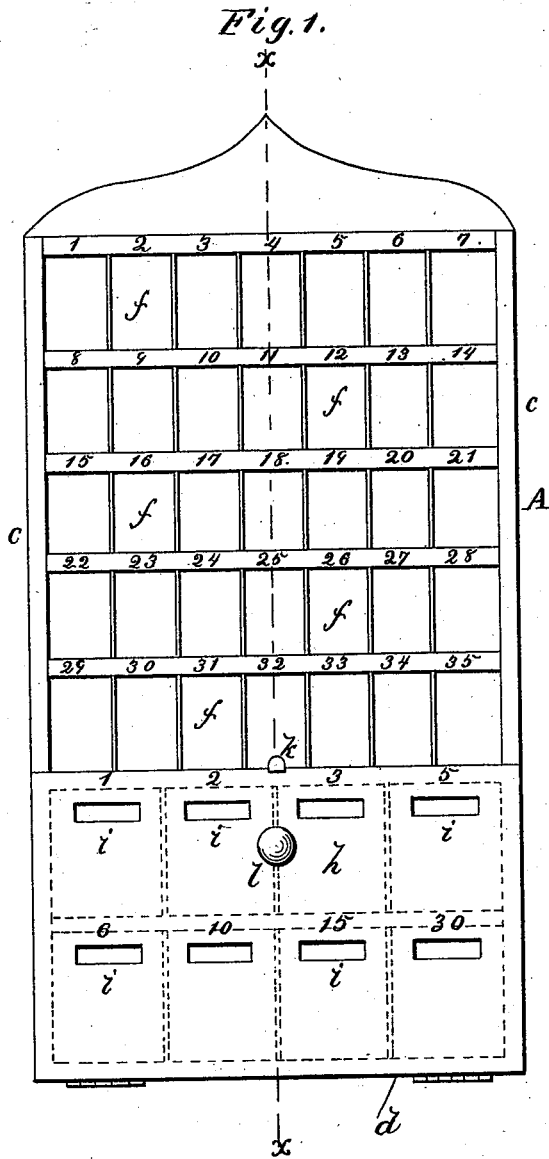


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IMPROVEMENT IN POSTAGE-STAMP-RECORDING CABINETS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HOLLIS THOMPSON TAGGART, of Emporium, in the county of Cameron, State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and Improved Postage-Stamp-Recording Cabinet, of which the following is a specification:

The object of my invention is to facilitate the keeping of a record in post-offices of the stamps canceled from time to time, and the invention is especially useful in post-offices where the pay of the postmaster is regulated by the number of stamps canceled.

My invention consists in a case or cabinet divided into two main parts, each of which parts is subdivided into small pigeon-holes.

The pigeon-holes in one part of the cabinet are numbered consecutively from 1 upward, and are intended as receptacles for cards numbered correspondingly. The receptacles in the other part of the cabinet are numbered to correspond with the different denominations of stamps issued by the Post-Office Department.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a front elevation of the recording-cabinet, and Fig. 2 is a vertical section of the same at the line *x x*.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

A represents an upright case, having a back, *b*, sides *c*, and bottom *d*, that rests upon the floor or other support. *e* is a cross-partition dividing the case into an upper and lower part.

The upper part of the case A is divided by cross and vertical partitions into small receptacles or pigeon-holes *f*, that are numbered, as shown, from 1 upward, in consecutive order. The lower part is similarly divided into receptacles *g*; but they need not necessarily be as numerous as the receptacles *f*. The spaces or receptacles *g* are numbered corresponding to the different denominations of stamps used in the post-office. They are shown marked for the stamps generally used in a fourth-rate office, and the cabinet shown is intended for such an office.

I prefer that the upper part of the cabinet, containing the receptacles *f*, be open, and the lower part, containing the receptacles *g*, be

covered by a hinged cover, *h*, as shown. The cover *h* is provided with slits *i* in front of the spaces *g*, which slits are marked with numbers corresponding to those spaces. *k* is a catch for holding up the cover *g*, and *l* is a knob to open it with.

The above-described cabinet is to be used as next mentioned.

A number of small cards are to be provided and placed in the receptacles *f*, the cards having upon them numbers corresponding to the space in which they are placed. When a certain number of stamps are canceled, a card is taken from the space *f* of the same number, or two cards the sum of whose numbers is equal to the number of stamps canceled, and the card or cards are then placed in a space, *g*, through the opening *i*, which is marked with the denomination of the canceled stamps. For instance, if twenty two-cent stamps be canceled, a card numbered 20 will be taken out from the top and slipped into the lower space marked 2; or if forty three-cent stamps, then two cards, numbered 30 and 10, respectively, will be put in the space *g*, marked 3. In this manner a record of the stamps canceled from time to time may be kept accurately without loss of time, and the full account made up at the close of the day or when there is leisure to do so.

The relative positions of the receptacles *f* and *g* are immaterial to my invention, and may be varied according to convenience. The number of receptacles in each part of the cabinet will be according to necessity.

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

The postage-stamp cabinet consisting of the pigeon-holes *g*, closed by the door *h*, which is provided with slots *i*, corresponding to the said pigeon-holes and numbered according to the different denominations of stamps, in combination with the pigeon-holes *f*, substantially as and for the purpose described.

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