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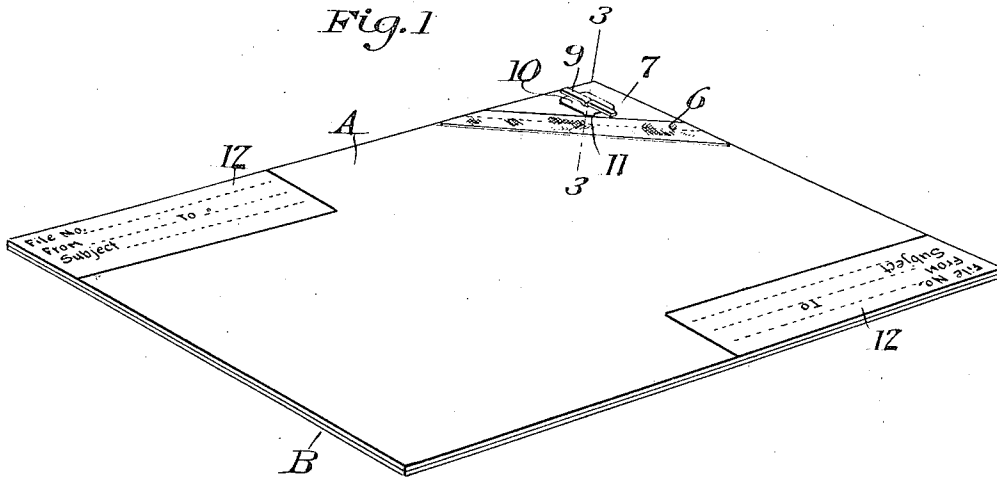
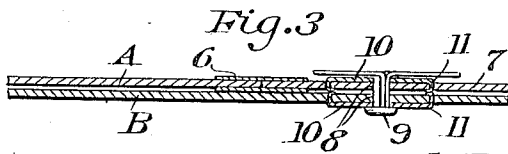
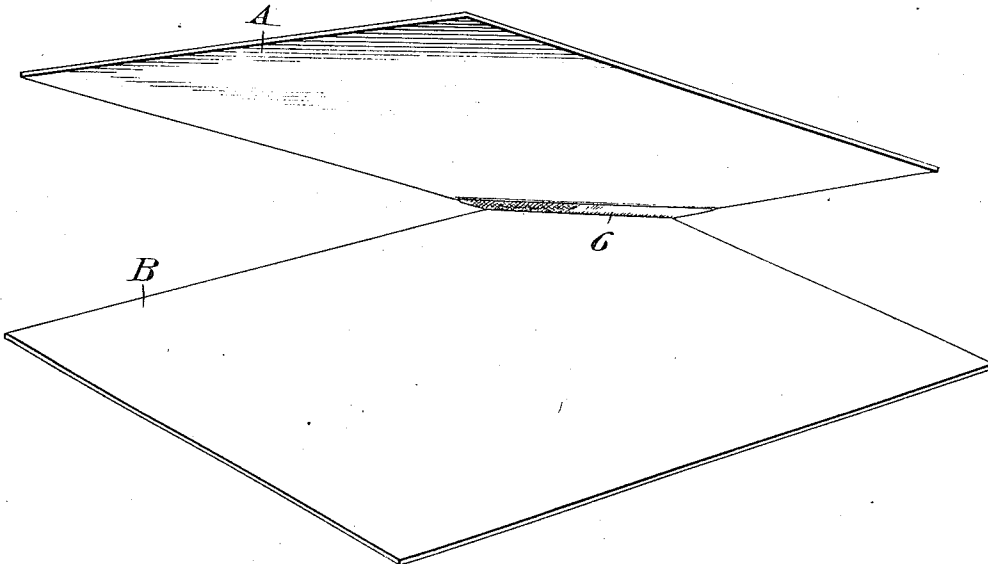


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH H. BAUGH, a citizen of the United States, residing at Wilmington, in the county of New Hanover and State of North Carolina, have invented new and useful Improvements in Letter-Files, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates to a letter file, and more particularly to the class of covers for stacked letters or correspondence.

The primary object of the invention is the provision of a file for office use wherein one section thereof is formed with a break joint so that the major portion of said section can be swung to open position for inspecting a determined letter or letters in the stack when held within the file without damage to either of the sections of the file, thereby increasing the life of the same when subjected to continuous use, as the raising section of the file is prevented from breaking or cracking resultant from constant raising of the same.

Another object of the invention is the provision of a file of this character wherein the letters or correspondence can be conveniently stacked therein or removed from the same as the occasion requires.

A further object of the invention is the provision of a file of this character which is simple in construction, novel in form, strong, durable, reliable and efficient in its purpose and inexpensive in manufacture.

With these and other objects in view, the invention consists in the construction, combination and arrangement of parts as will be hereinafter fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawing, and pointed out in the claims hereunto appended.

In the drawing: Figure 1 is a perspective view of a file constructed in accordance with the invention. Fig. 2 is a similar view with the top section raised. Fig. 3 is a sectional view on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1.

Similar reference characters indicate corresponding parts throughout the several views in the drawing.

Referring to the drawing in detail, A designates the top section, and B the bottom section of a file, these sections being preferably made from stiff cardboard so as to make the same lasting and prevent it from

buckling or wrinkling. Near the upper left corner of the top section A is a hinge joint formed from inner and outer fabric strips, respectively, so that the major portion of the top cover can be raised independent of the corner piece 7 which, together with the lower section B, are provided with registering openings for a purpose presently described. Detachably passed through the openings 8 in the corner piece and bottom section is a paper fastener 9 which is of the ordinary well-known construction, the same being also passed through the sheets of letters when arranged between the sections A and B for holding the said letters in their order of arrangement therebetween. Mounted at the outer faces of the corner piece 7 and bottom section B, respectively, to be disposed concentrically about the openings therein for the fastener 9 are escutcheon or reinforcing metallic plates 10, the spur corners 11 of which are driven or engaged in the sections A and B for the secure fastening of the same thereon. On the top section A at diagonally opposite corners thereof are fixed index slips 12 on which is written suitable indicia or data for the guidance of the user of the file in locating correspondence.

From the foregoing description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawing, the construction of the device will be clearly understood, and therefore a more extended explanation has been omitted.

What is claimed is:—

1. A file comprising a pair of relatively stiff sections, and a hinge joint on one of the sections near one corner thereof to permit the major portion of the section to be raised and lowered for accessibility to the contents between the sections.

2. A file comprising a pair of relatively stiff sections, a hinge joint on one of the sections near one corner thereof to permit the major portion of the section to be raised and lowered for accessibility to the contents between the sections, and index slips secured at diagonally opposite corners on the top section.

3. A file comprising a pair of relatively stiff sections detachably connected with each other, and a hinged joint formed on one of the sections to permit a major portion there-

of to be raised and lowered for accessibility to contents between the sections.

4. A file comprising a pair of relatively stiff sections detachably connected with each other, a hinged joint formed on one of the sections to permit a major portion thereof to be raised and lowered for accessibility to contents between the sections, and index

slips secured at diagonally opposite corners of the section having the hinged joint. 13

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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