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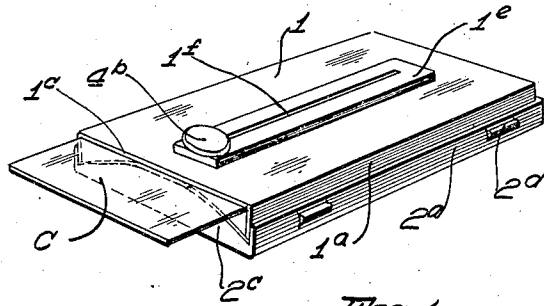


FIG. 1

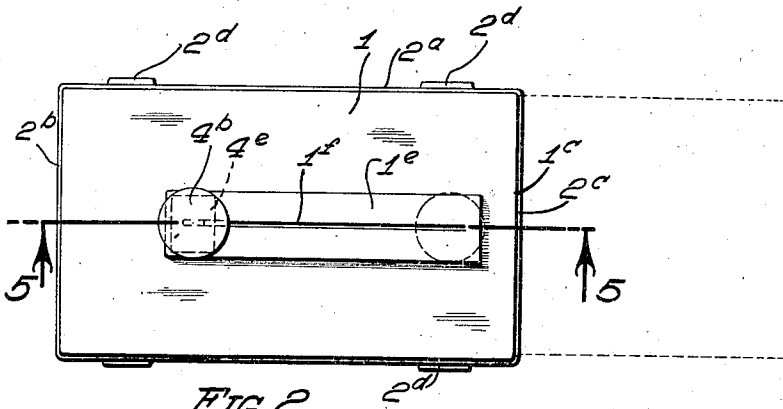


FIG. 2

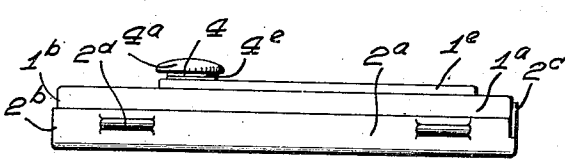


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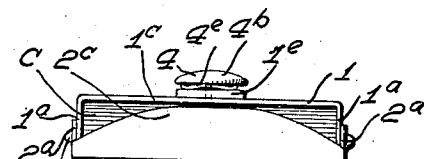


FIG. 4

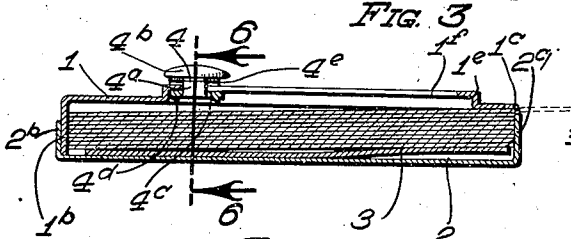


FIG. 5

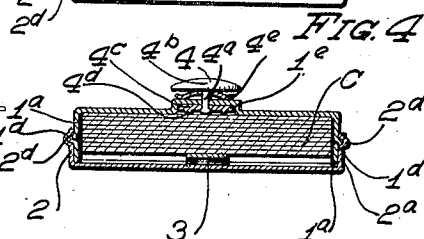


FIG. 6

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CARD-DELIVERY CASE

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Our invention relates to card cases, more particularly to calling or business card cases, and the objects of our invention are: first, to provide a device of this class which will
 5 select and deliver a single card at a time without opening the case; second, to provide a device of this class which can be operated with one hand and delivers cards consecutively one at a time; third, to provide a device of this class which holds a number of
 10 cards; fourth, to provide a device of this class which is easy to refill; fifth, to provide a device of this class which protects cards and keeps them from becoming soiled; sixth, to
 15 provide a device of this class which is economical of construction, thereby adapted to be used as an advertising means, and seventh, to provide a device of this class which is simple in construction, compact, neat in appearance, and which will not readily deteriorate
 20 or get out of order.

With these and other objects in view, as will appear hereinafter, our invention consists of certain novel features of construction, combination and arrangement of parts
 25 and portions, as will be hereinafter described in detail and particularly set forth in the appended claims, reference being had to the accompanying drawings and to the characters of reference thereon, which form a part
 30 of this application, in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of our calling card case with one card extending part way out of the case; Fig. 2 is a top or plan
 35 view of our card case; Fig. 3 is a side elevational view thereof; Fig. 4 is an end view thereof, showing the means for holding the cards and delivering one card at a time; Fig. 5 is a longitudinal sectional view of our calling
 40 card case, through 5—5 of Fig. 2, showing some of the parts and portions in elevation to facilitate the illustration, and Fig. 6 is a transverse sectional view thereof, through
 45 6—6 of Fig. 5, showing some of the parts and portions in elevation to facilitate the illustration.

Like characters of reference refer to similar parts and portions throughout the several views of the drawings.

50 The card container 1, the card container

cover 2, the card positioning member 3, and the card delivery member 4, constitute the principal parts and portions of our card case.

The card case 1 is preferably rectangular in shape with downwardly extending flanges
 55 1^a on its side and another downwardly extending flange 1^b at its rear end portion. The card case cover 2 closes the lower or open side of the card case and is provided with
 60 upwardly extending flanges 2^a at its side and another upwardly extending flange 2^b at its rear end portion. The flanges 2^a and 2^b fit over the flanges 1^a and 1^b, respectively. The side flange members 2^a are provided with
 65 small, outwardly extending lugs 2^d, the inner sides of which fit over the outer portions of similar outwardly extending lugs 1^d situated on the side flange portions 1^a, thus providing spring means for quickly separating
 70 the cover member from the card case member when it is so desired. The forward end of the card case cover opposite the end 2^b is provided with a flange 2^c which is curved at its upper edge, being considerably higher
 75 at its central portion than at its outside portion. The highest portion of the flange 2^c extends upwardly until only a space for one card is left between it and the lower side of the unflanged edge 1^c of the card case 1, as
 80 shown best in Figs. 1 and 4 of the drawings. Secured to the rear bottom portion of the card case cover is a leaf spring 3, which extends upwardly and toward the forward end of the card case cover, as shown best in Fig.
 85 5 of the drawings. On the upper rectangular portion of the card case is a raised portion 1^e, which forms a recess portion on the inner under surface of the card case 1. Said raised portion 1^e is centered on the rectangular
 90 portion of the card case 1 and extends longitudinally therewith and is provided with a slot 1^f centered on and extending lengthwise with it. Slidably mounted in the slot 1^f is a card delivery means 4. Said delivery means is provided with a shank 4^a
 95 mounted in the slot 1^f and extending on both sides thereof. At the one end is rigidly secured a button member 4^b, and on the other end thereof is secured a flat, square, card delivery member 1^c adapted to fit in the recess
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portion on the under surface of the card case 1. On the under surface of this flat, square, delivery portion 4^c are small, sharp, downwardly extending lugs 4^d, which engage the upper card positioned within the card case. Between the button and the upper surface of the raised portion 1^f is a spring, preferably a leaf spring, 4^e. This spring 4^e tends to hold the button away from the raised portion 1^f and tends to hold the delivery member 4^c within the recess portion of the under surface of the card case 1. The flat leaf spring 3, secured to the card case cover 2, holds the forward end of the card against the under surface of the card case 1, thereby placing the upper card in alinement with the hole between the edge 1^c and the upper edge of the flange 2^c. To deliver one card, the button 4^b is pressed downwardly and the delivery means 4 is slipped forwardly until the small lug 4^d engages the surface of the upper card C and directs it outwardly through the slit between the edge 1^c and the upper edge of the flange 2^c, as shown in Fig. 1 and by dotted lines in Figs. 2 and 5 of the drawings, the delivery member released, and the card may be drawn out without the lugs 1^d scratching the card. By simply pushing the delivery means backwardly without pressing downwardly, the lug portions 4^d do not engage any cards and thereby do not scratch or mar the card. Another forward movement of the card delivery means will deliver another card, and so on, until every card has been delivered from the case. It will be noted that the spring 4^e may be left off the card delivery means and the lugs 4^d beveled at their rear portions so that the card delivery means is pushed backwardly in relation to the cards, and the lugs will not tend to engage the cards. The action of the spring 3, pushing upwardly against the cards, will tend to hold the card delivery means 4^c within the under recess portion of the calling card case and tends to keep the lugs or teeth 4^d from engaging the calling cards C. The forward flanged portion 2^c, as was mentioned before, is curved at its upper surface. This is to permit free action of the delivery means when the cards are warped, and will prevent the edges of the warped cards from catching as the delivery means directs them outwardly, thereby preventing the cards from being marred or scratched by the lugs 4^d.

Though we have shown and described a particular construction, combination and arrangement of parts and portions, we do not wish to be limited to this particular construction, combination and arrangement, but desire to include in the scope of our invention, the construction, combination and arrangement substantially as set forth in the appended claims.

Having thus described our invention, what

we claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. A card holder of the class described, including a card case adapted to hold a number of cards and provided with an aperture in one end thereof adapted to permit the passage of one card at a time, resilient means for holding the upper card in alinement with said aperture, delivery means adapted to engage and deliver one card at a time, and spring means interposed between the outer surface of said casing and a portion of said delivery means tending to hold said delivery means out of engagement with said cards.

2. A device of the class described, including a card case adapted to hold a number of cards, said card case provided with an aperture in one side thereof adapted to permit the passage of one card at a time, a resilient means adapted to aline a card with said aperture, delivery means slidably mounted on said card case and provided with lugs adapted to engage the surface of one of said cards and direct it through said aperture, and spring means interposed between the outer surface of said casing and a portion of said delivery means tending to hold said delivery means out of engagement with said cards.

3. A device of the class described, including a card case adapted to hold a number of cards, said card case provided with a slotted recessed portion in one side thereof, an aperture in another side thereof adapted to permit the passage of one card at a time, a resilient means adapted to aline a card with said aperture, delivery means slidably mounted in said slotted portion of said recess portion and provided with lugs adapted to engage the surface of one of said cards and direct it through said aperture, and spring means for holding said delivery means and said lug portion within said recess portion in a disengaged position with said cards, said spring means positioned between a handle of said delivery means and the upper outer surface of said recess portion.

4. A device of the class described, including a card case, said card case being composed of two halves, means to facilitate quickly separating and securing said halves of said case, said halves of said case being constructed to form one with the other an aperture in one end thereof to permit the passage of one card at a time, resilient means secured to one-half of said case adapted to aline a card with said aperture, a slotted recess portion in the other half of said card case member, a shank means slidably mounted in said slotted recess portion, a handle secured to one end of said shank, a card delivery means secured to the other end of said shank, said card delivery means being yieldably mounted in said recess portion and provided with lugs which extend downwardly below the recess portion adapted to engage a card

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spring means for holding said delivery means
and said lug portion within said recess por-
tion in a disengaged position with said cards,
5 said spring means positioned between said
handle and the upper outer surface of said
recess portion.

In testimony whereof, we have hereunto
set our hands at San Diego, California, this
10 10th day of February, 1927.

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