

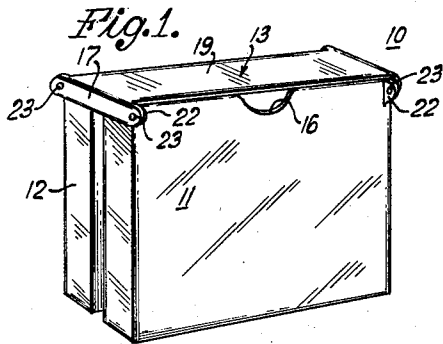
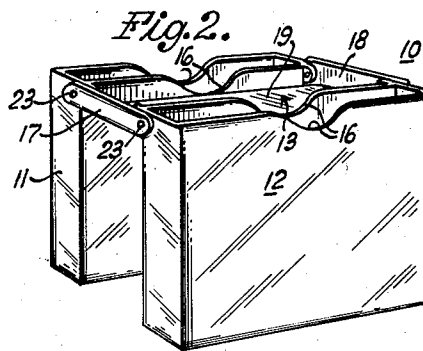
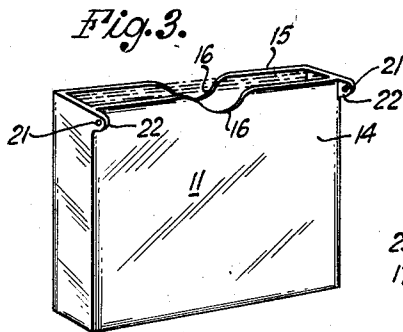
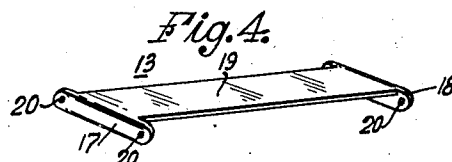
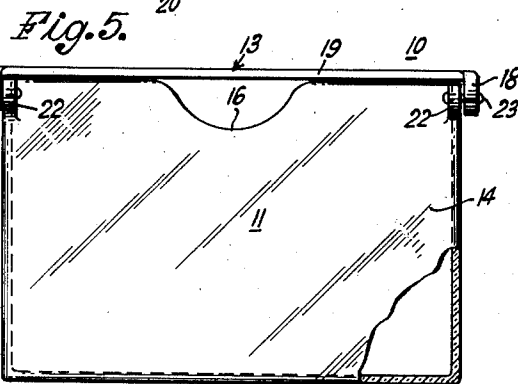
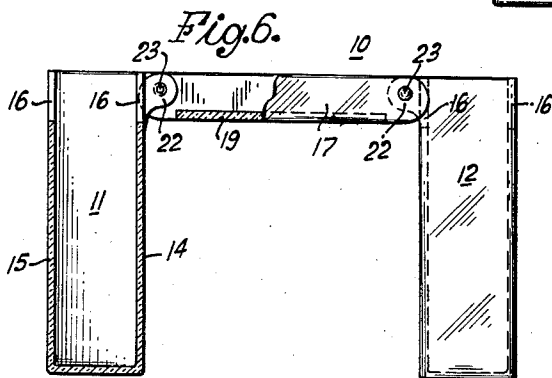
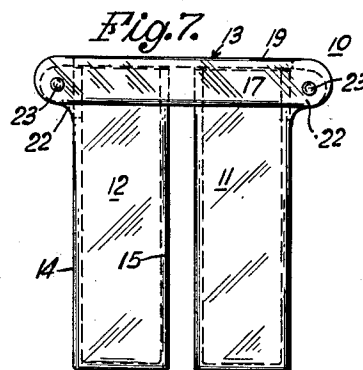
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This invention relates to card cases and more specifically to cases adapted to hold decks of playing cards.

It is an object of this invention to provide a novel and improved case for two decks of playing cards.

It is another object of this invention to provide a playing card case in which the cards are visible when the case is closed as well as when it is open.

It is still another object of this invention to provide a playing card base which can serve as a cigarette holder while the cards are being used.

Other objects and features of the invention will be apparent from the following description and the appended claims.

In accordance with an illustrative embodiment of the invention, there is provided a card case comprising a pair of transparent card holders, each adapted to hold on edge a deck of playing cards, and a transparent top cover hinged to each holder. The holders are arranged side by side and the top cover is hinged to the top outside portion of each holder. When the case is closed the cover passes over the top of each holder but when the case is opened (by swinging one holder and the cover through a vertical arc over the other holder) the cover is suspended between the two holders. In this latter position the case serves as an ideal cigarette holder while the cards are being used for playing.

The invention will be more readily understood by referring to the following description taken in connection with the accompanying drawing forming a part thereof, in which:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a card case in accordance with this invention in the closed position;

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the same card case in the open position;

Fig. 3 is a perspective view of one of the card deck holders of the case of Figs. 1 and 2;

Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the top cover of the card case;

Fig. 5 is a side elevation view, with portions broken away, of the card case in the closed position;

Fig. 6 is an end elevation view, with portions broken away, of the card case in the open position; and

Fig. 7 is an end elevation view of the card case in the closed position.

Referring more specifically to the drawings, Figs. 1 and 2 show, by way of example for pur-

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poses of illustration, a novel card case 10 in accordance with the invention and which is suitable for two decks of playing cards. The case comprises a pair of deck holders 11 and 12 and a top cover 13 pivotally attached to these holders. Fig. 1 shows the card case in the closed position while Fig. 2 shows it opened. The members 11, 12 and 13 are all preferably made of molded or pressed clear transparent plastic material. If desired, however, the case may be made of an opaque plastic, of a light-weight or other metal, or of wood or other suitable material. The advantage of making it of transparent plastic is that the backs of the decks can be readily seen and distinguished one from the other even when the card case is in the closed condition.

Referring now to Fig. 3, the holder 11 (and the holder 12 is like it) comprises a hollow box formed by a bottom and four side walls but having an open top. The tops of the two large sides 14 and 15 have thumb spaces 16 to facilitate withdrawing the deck of cards from the holder. The holder is preferably molded in one piece although it can be made of separate pieces cemented or otherwise fastened together. The inside space of the holder is made just large enough so that a standard size deck of playing cards fits snugly therein. The height of this space is made a little bigger than the width of a standard playing card.

The cover 13, shown in Fig. 4, comprises two end pieces 17 and 18 and a central member 19. The entire cover is preferably molded as one piece. If desired, the central member can have side aprons (not shown), these aprons extending between and projecting down as far as the end pieces 17 and 18. The end pieces are provided with small holes 20 which are placed adjacent holes 21 in lugs 22 at the top of the deck holders 11 and 12, the holders 11 and 12 being pivotally fastened to the cover member 13 by means of rivets 23.

Each of the holders 11 and 12 is filled with a deck of cards while in the position shown in Figs. 2 and 6, and either the holder 11 or 12 and the top cover 13 is then swung through a vertical arc to the position shown in Figs. 1 and 7. With proper spacing of the side pieces 14 and 15 of the holders 11 and 12 the cards will stay snugly in place during this movement. To remove the cards, one or the other of the holders 11 and 12 and the cover 13 is swung through a vertical arc to the position shown in Figs. 2 and 6, the cards gripped through the thumb spaces 16 and removed from the holders. After the cards are

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taken from the case 10, it can be left on the bridge table and the holders 11 and 12 filled with cigarettes.

Various obvious changes may be made in the embodiment described above without departing from the spirit of the invention, the scope of which is indicated by the appended claims.

What is claimed is:

1. A card case comprising a pair of parallel-arranged hollow boxes comprising a bottom and four side members but having an open top, each of said boxes being of a size to hold snugly a deck of playing cards resting on their edges, and a single top cover member pivotally attached to the upper edge of each box which is most remote from the other box.

2. A card case comprising a pair of parallel-arranged hollow boxes comprising a bottom and four side members but having an open top, each of said boxes being of a size to hold snugly a deck of playing cards resting on their edges, and a single top cover member pivotally attached to the upper edge of each box which is most remote from the other box, both boxes being of a transparent plastic material.

3. A card case comprising a pair of parallel-arranged hollow boxes comprising a bottom and four side members but having an open top, each of said boxes being of a size to hold snugly a deck of playing cards resting on their edges, and a single top cover member pivotally attached to the upper edge of each box which is most remote from the other box, said top cover being of a transparent plastic material.

4. A card case comprising a pair of parallel-ar-

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5 ranged hollow boxes comprising a bottom and four side members but having an open top, each of said boxes being of a size to hold snugly a deck of playing cards resting on their edges, and a single top cover member pivotally attached to the upper edge of each box which is most remote from the other box, said top cover and both of said boxes being of a transparent plastic material.

5. A card case comprising a pair of parallel-arranged hollow boxes comprising a bottom and four side members but having an open top, each of said boxes being of a size to hold snugly a deck of playing cards resting on their edges, and a single top cover member pivotally attached to the upper edge of each box which is most remote from the other box, each of said boxes having a pair of oppositely arranged thumb spaces at the upper portion thereof to facilitate the removal of the cards therefrom.

6. A card case comprising a pair of parallel-arranged hollow boxes comprising a bottom and four side members but having an open top, each of said boxes being of a size to hold snugly a deck of playing cards resting on their edges, and a single top cover member pivotally attached to the upper edge of each box which is most remote from the other box, said top cover having a pair of end strips having holes at the extremities thereof, each hole of which is placed adjacent and forms a pair with a corresponding hole in a lug on the outer surface of one of said boxes and connected thereto by a rivet through the holes forming the pair.

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