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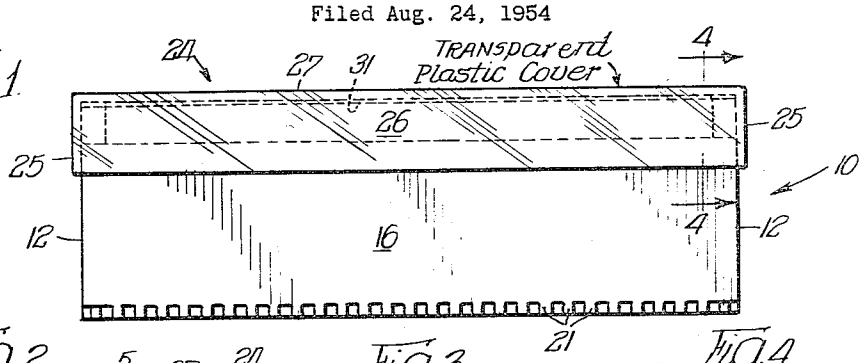
Fig. 1



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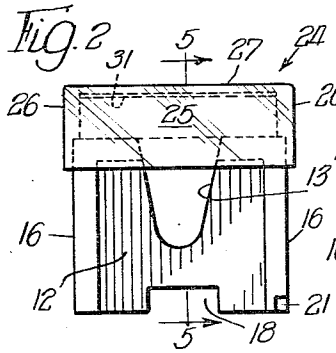

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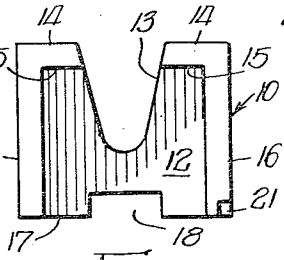

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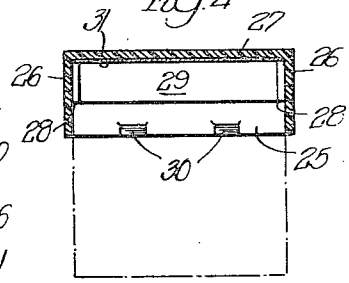

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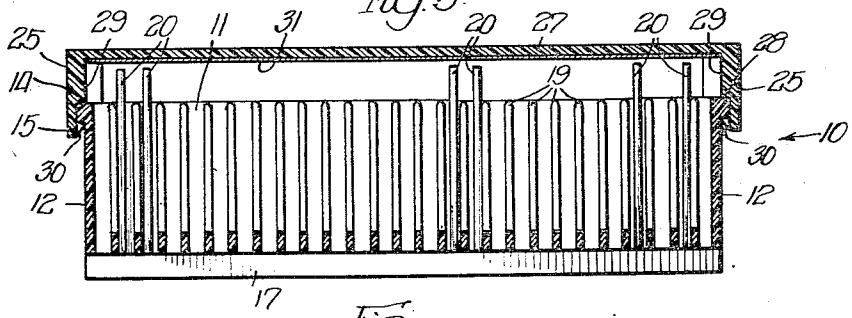

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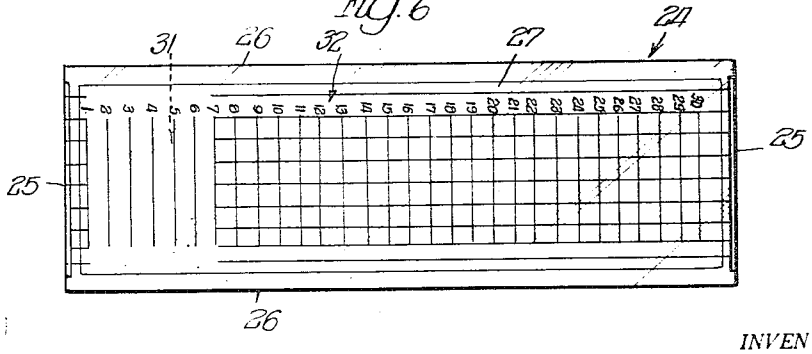

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This invention relates generally to means for carrying stereopticon slides and it has particular relation to the provision of a construction that facilitates the storing of such slides.

Transparencies are mounted in various types of frames having overall dimensions of, for example, 2" x 2". The assembly is called a slide and it can be viewed by various devices. One such device is a stereopticon projector. For convenience of handling the slides, they are preferably mounted in a tray or magazine which can be positioned in a slide changer such as shown in Bennett et al. Patent No. 2,590,492, issued March 25, 1952, and from and to which the slides are withdrawn and replaced for viewing purposes.

Among the objects of this invention are: To provide snap acting means for holding a cover on the tray; to limit the extent that the cover can telescope over the tray so as to avoid touching the upper edges of the slides which project above the tray; and to provide simple and efficient means on the cover for indicating data respecting the slides in the tray.

Other objects of this invention will, in part, be obvious and in part appear hereinafter.

This invention is disclosed in the embodiment thereof shown in the accompanying drawing, and it comprises the features of construction, combination of elements and arrangement of parts which will be exemplified in the construction hereinafter set forth and the scope of the application of which will be indicated in the appended claims.

For a more complete understanding of the nature and scope of this invention, reference can be had to the following detailed description, taken together with the accompanying drawing, in which:

Figure 1 is a view, in side elevation, of a tray having a cover constructed in accordance with this invention positioned thereon;

Figure 2 is a view in end elevation of the assembly shown in Figure 1, the view being taken looking from left to right;

Figure 3 is a view in end elevation, similar to Figure 2, but showing only the end of the tray;

Figure 4 is a vertical sectional view taken generally along the line 4—4 of Figure 1, the outline of the tray being shown by broken lines;

Figure 5 is a vertical longitudinal sectional view of the tray and cover taken generally along the line 5—5 of Figure 2; and

Figure 6 is a top plan view of the cover showing how the indicia bearing strip can be mounted on the underside.

Referring now particularly to the drawing, it will be observed that the reference character **10** designates, generally, an elongated tray having an open top **11**, and end walls **12** provided with U-shaped openings **13** and having upwardly facing shoulders **14** at the upper edges of the end walls **12** and downwardly facing shoulders **15** opposite the shoulders **14**. The tray **10** preferably is

formed of molded plastic, such as a phenolic condensation product, and may be of the form shown in the Bennett et al. patent above referred to. It will be noted that the tray **10** has side walls **16** and a bottom wall **17** in which there is a longitudinally extending groove **18**. Formed integrally with the side walls **16** and the bottom wall **17** are septums **19** which serve to separate the several slides, a few of which are indicated at **20** in Figure 5. Along the lower edge of one of the sides **16** rack teeth **21** are formed for cooperation with a pinion which, when rotated, serves to move the tray **10** along the slide projector to permit the next slide to be shown.

It is desirable to enclose the open top **11** of the tray **10**. For this purpose a transparent plastic cover, shown generally at **24**, is provided, and as shown in Figures 1, 2, 4 and 5 of the drawing, it is arranged to be telescoped with the tray **10**. The cover **24** is a one piece molded product and includes end walls **25** which overlie the end walls **12** of the tray **10**. The cover **24** also includes side walls **26** which overlie the side walls **16** of the tray **10**. A top wall **27** constitutes an extension of the end walls **25** and the side walls **26** and it overlies the open top **11** of the tray **10**.

It is desirable to limit the extent the cover **24** telescopes with the tray **10** in order to space the underside of the top wall **27** from the upper edges of the slides **20**. For this purpose, downwardly facing shoulders **28** are provided by the lower edge of a rib **29** located at each end of the cover **24** and formed integrally with the respective end wall **25**. It will be observed that the rib **29** extends a slight distance along each wall **26** at each end of the cover **24**. The downwardly facing shoulders **28** on the ribs **29** engage the upwardly facing shoulders **14** at the ends of the tray **10**, as shown more clearly in Figure 5, and thus limit the extent that the cover **24** can telescope downwardly over the tray **10**.

In order to hold the cover **24** in position on the tray **10**, a pair of upwardly facing shoulders **30** is provided on each end wall **25**, as shown more clearly in Figure 4. These shoulders **30** are formed along the lower edge of each end wall **25** and are arranged to interfit with the downwardly facing shoulders **15**, as shown more clearly in Figure 5. The end walls **25** are sufficiently flexible to permit the shoulders **30** to ride over the shoulders **14** at the ends of the tray **10** and to snap underneath the downwardly facing shoulders **15**. The lower portions of the shoulders **30** are beveled in order to facilitate this action. When it is desired to remove the cover **24**, one of the end walls **25** is sprung outwardly from the corresponding end wall **12** of the tray **10** a distance sufficient to move the shoulders **30** out of registry with the corresponding shoulders **15**. Then the cover **24** can be lifted off of the tray **10**.

It is desirable to provide some simple and efficient means for indicating what is shown on each of the slides **20** that are positioned between the septums **19** on the tray **10**. Advantage is taken of the transparent characteristics of the cover **24** to secure an indicia bearing strip **31** on the underside of the top wall **27**, as shown more clearly in Figure 5. The strip **31** may be a sheet of paper ruled transversely as shown with numbers **32** corresponding to the number of the slide in the tray **10**.

Since certain changes can be made in the foregoing construction and different embodiments of the invention can be made without departing from the scope and spirit thereof, it is intended that all matters shown in the accompanying drawing and described hereinbefore shall be interpreted as illustrative and not in a limiting sense.

What is claimed as new is:

Slide holding means comprising, in combination, an elongated tray having an open top and rectangular vertical and horizontal cross sections and transversely extend-

ing septums for separating slides which extend above the open top, the ends of said tray having U-shaped openings and downwardly and upwardly facing shoulders in the region of the upper portion thereof, and a cover telescoped with the upper portion of said tray, the ends of said cover having upwardly facing shoulders along the lower edges thereof and downwardly facing shoulders spaced upwardly from the lower edges thereof cooperating respectively with said shoulders on said tray to hold said cover thereon and to space its top side above the upper edges of the projecting slides, the end portions of said cover carrying the shoulders cooperating with said downwardly facing shoulders on said tray being sufficiently flexible to permit engagement and disengagement thereof and said U-shaped openings extending below said end portions of said cover to facilitate the insertion of an operating member to engage the inner side of either end portion to flex the same outwardly to effect disengagement of said shoulders.

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