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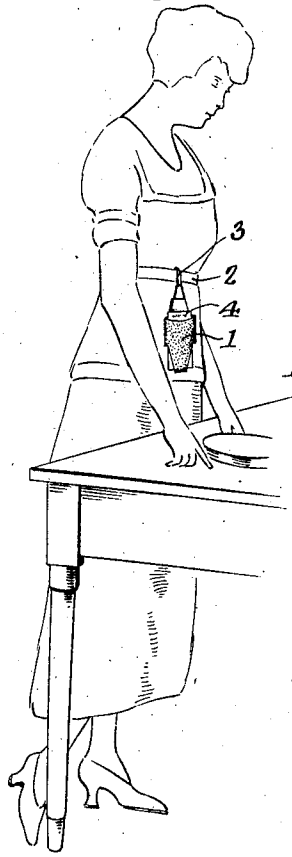


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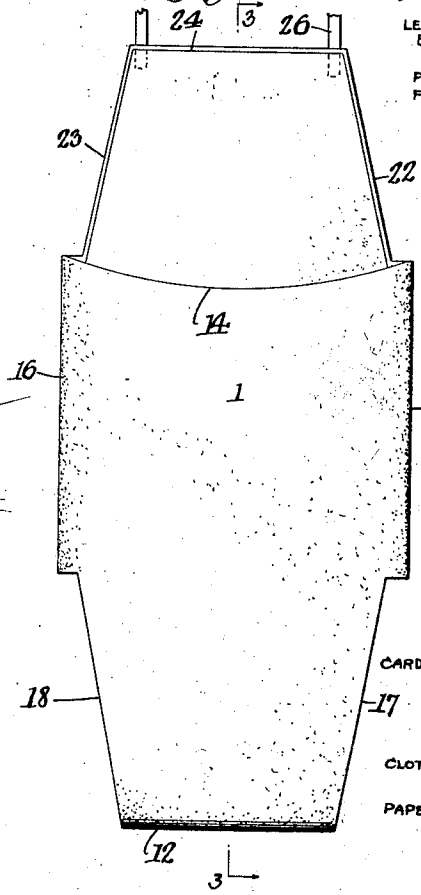


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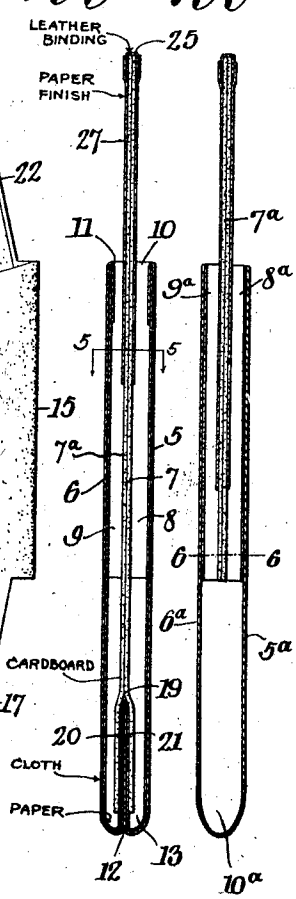


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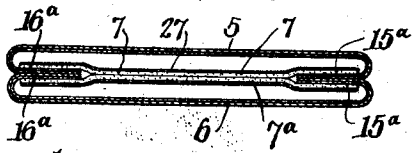
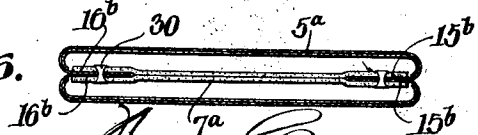


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY L. BROWN, a citizen of the United States, and resident of Atlantic City, county of Atlantic, and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to holders for cards, order pads or similar stationery.

In modern restaurants, cafés and similar public places where a record of food ordered and served is kept by a card or check system carried by the waiters or waitresses, it has been found very essential that the cards or checks be kept intact and not lost, mutilated or soiled. Heretofore, the menu cards for instance have been kept in the pocket of the waiter and generally tied together by a rubber band, but this method is both cumbrous and awkward, requiring the continuous handling of a number of cards and also necessitating pockets. Particularly, in those establishments where waitresses are employed, it is very apparent that large size cards or checks cannot be readily carried in clothes pockets.

One of the objects of my invention therefore is the provision of a card, check or pad holder which can be carried by the belt of the individual.

Another object of my invention resides in a divided holder of the above type whereby blank and used cards or pads may be conveniently carried and are freely accessible.

A further object of my invention resides in a holder having separate pockets or compartments whereby selective cards or similar records may be separately removed from one to the other.

A still further and very important object of my invention is directed to a flexible, light, portable holder which will be simple in construction, comprising a minimum number of parts inexpensive to manufacture, strong, durable and highly efficient for its intended purpose.

With these objects in view and others which will be suggested as the nature and purpose of my invention are revealed in the following specification and drawing wherein I have shown a preferred embodiment.

Figure 1 shows my invention in use.

Fig. 2 is a perspective view.

Fig. 3 is a section taken on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2 showing one form of my invention.

Fig. 4 is a similar view showing another and preferred form of my invention.

Fig. 5 is a section on the line 5—5 of Fig. 3.

Fig. 6 is a section on the line 6—6 of Fig. 4.

Similar numerals in the specification referring to corresponding parts on the drawing, I have shown my novel holder designated in its entirety by the numeral 1, attached to the belt 2 by a metal hook 3 of any well known construction.

In Fig. 1 I have shown the holder when used for carrying rectangular numerically numbered cards or checks 4 but it is obvious that any form of flat stationery such as order pads, blank books and the like may also be conveniently carried thereby. The holder proper consists of a front and rear face 5, 6 preferably of flexible material, such as cloth, leather and the like, lined with paper, and a common double partition, 7, 7^a, preferably of stiff card board which divides the holder into two compartments or pockets 8, 9, open at the top 10, 11, closed at the bottom 12, 13 for the reception of stationery of the class above described.

The front and rear faces of the holder extend approximately two thirds the length of the partition and have their top edges cut away as at 14 and their sides 16 partly cut away as at 17, 18 so the cards may easily be inserted and withdrawn as is obvious, and in addition exposing the corner of the cards whereby the number of a card or cards may be observed without removing the same from the pocket.

Referring now to Figs. 3 and 5, it will be seen that the central, double partition extends throughout the length of the holder and receives between its separated lower portion 19, the upwardly extending ends 20, 21 of the front and rear faces 6, 7, the said ends being glued or otherwise permanently secured to each other and to the partition. The sides 15, 16 of the front and rear faces are bent inwardly as at 15^a, 16^a and are permanently secured to each other and to the separated sides of the double partition in the same manner as the bottom or lower portion 19 above referred to. The upper por-

tion of the partition is partly cut away as at 22, 23 and extending across its top 24 is a binding 25 which makes a smooth edge and securely retains the hanger 26 to the said partition which may be covered throughout its length by a paper finish 27 giving the holder a neat, pleasing appearance.

In my preferred form shown in Figs. 4 and 6 which I preferably construct of flexible material such as soft leather, it will be seen that the front and rear face 5^a, 6^a are integral and that the central partition 7^a extends approximately one half of the length of the holder proper. In this form the open pockets 8^a, 9^a have a common bottom 10^a for supporting the cards which are retained in their respective pockets. The sides 15^b, 16^b in addition to being secured together by glue or some similar adhesive as above described, have staples or an equivalent fastening means for retaining the sides to the partition and to each other. It will also be noted from Fig. 4 that in this form the paper finish of the front and rear face extends only part of the distance instead of throughout the entire length thereof. It will of course be understood that the numbered cards and data thereon are protected from mutilation while held in the respective pockets and as shown and above indicated the corner of the card projects outwardly of the open side sufficiently whereby the number of the card may be readily observed without removing the same.

Although my above described invention is constructed and adapted for a multiplicity of uses, it has been found highly efficient and practicable in restaurants and hotel dining rooms conducted on what is known as the European plan. The waitress for instance carries in one of the compartments or pockets a number of blank cards. After an order is taken on a card, the cost is stamped by a "checker" and the card is inserted in the second pocket, and so on. This simple system and carrier does not necessitate the handling of but one card at a time and affords ready and convenient access to any card or cards as desired.

While I have shown and described my invention and the preferred manner in which I attain very efficient and practical results for the purposes and uses it is intended, it is to be understood that various changes in the details and material of construction may be resorted to and I do not wish to be unnecessarily limited or restricted to the exact and precise details shown, except as expressed in the subject matter being claimed.

Having shown and described my invention, what I now claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States is:—

1. In a holder for cards, pads, stationery and the like, a central partition, open pockets partly cut away along their side portions, said pockets having their vertical sides secured to the partition and to each other, a common bottom for said pockets and flexible means attached to the top portion of said central partition for carrying said holder.

2. In a holder for cards, pads, stationery and the like, a central, rigid partition, pockets open along the major side portions on opposite sides of said partition, rivets securing the said pockets to the partition and to each other, said partition extending considerably above and partly within the said pockets a common bottom for the holder and flexible means attached to the top edge of said partition for supporting the same.

3. In a stationery holder of the class described comprising a central, rigid partition, pockets open along the major side portions thereof on opposite sides of said partition and having a common bottom, rivets securing the closed sides of said pockets to the vertical side edges of the partition and to each other, said partition extending considerably above said pockets and having a cut out, lower edge extending within and between the closed portion of said pockets, and flexible attaching means secured to the top edge of said partition for supporting the holder.

4. In a stationery holder of the class described, comprising a central, rigid partition, open pockets, partly cut away along their lower side portions forming a reduced, common bottom for said holder, whereby data may be observed on the lower corners of stationery held in said pockets, rivets securing the vertical side edges of the pockets to the vertical side edges of the partition and to each other, the major portion of said partition extending considerably above the top edge of said pockets and the bottom edge of said partition being cut away and extending between the closed sides of said pockets, and flexible means secured to the top edge of said partition for supporting the said holder from a belt.

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