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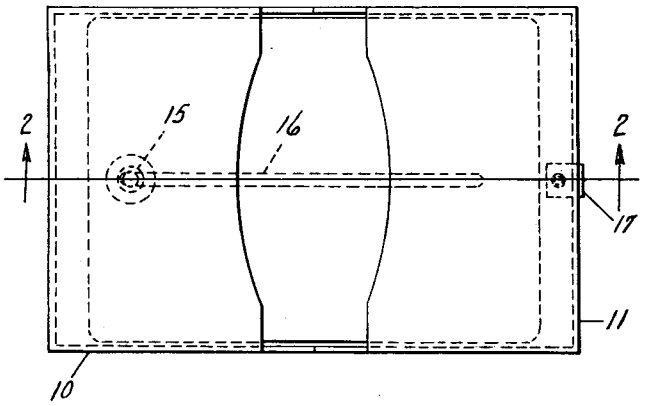


FIG. 1.

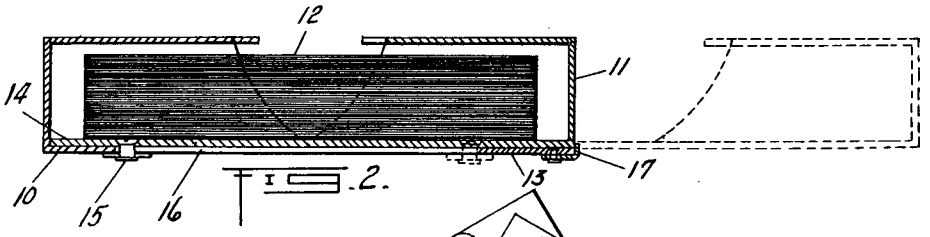


FIG. 2.

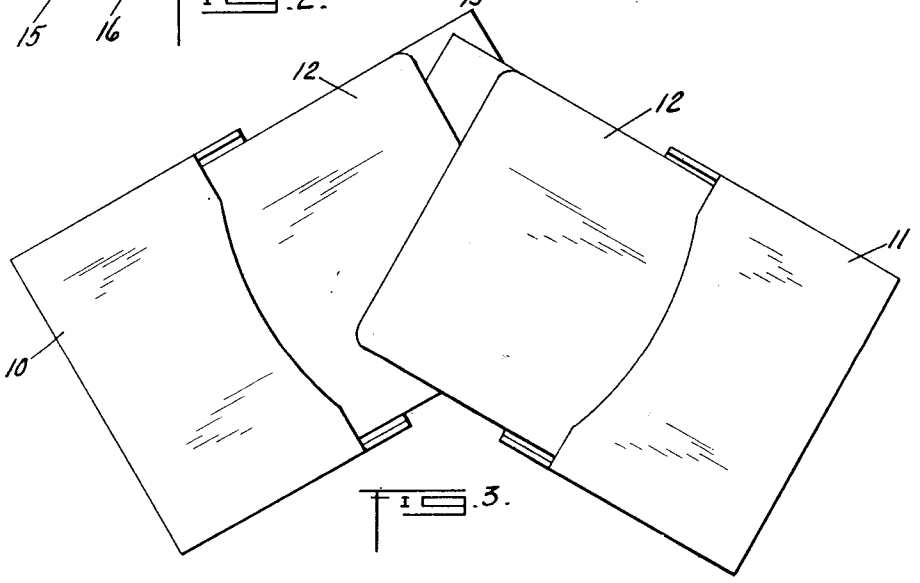


FIG. 3.

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This invention relates to cases for holding playing cards and for aiding in the shuffling thereof.

An object of the invention is to devise a card case of simple construction for retaining playing cards when not in use and serving also as an aid in holding the cards while the latter are being shuffled.

The foregoing and other objects are obtained by the device illustrated in the accompanying drawings and described below. It is to be understood that the invention is not limited to the specific form thereof disclosed herein.

Of the accompanying drawings,

Figure 1 is a plan view of a card case embodying the principles of the invention;

Figure 2 is a vertical section thereof taken on the line 2—2 of Figure 1; and

Figure 3 is a plan view of the device opened for shuffling the cards.

Referring to the drawings, the numerals 10 and 11 indicate, respectively, the two halves of a card case each formed with closed end portions and with open confronting portions when the halves are placed in assembled relation. The halves of the case constitute trays for holding the cards 12, the trays having overlapping tongue portions 13 and 14 forming the bottoms thereof, and tongue 14 on tray 11 being proportioned to telescope within tray 10 when the case is closed. A rivet 15 fixed to tongue 14 passes through a central, longitudinal slot 16 formed in tongue 13 to connect the two halves of the case together and to permit limited sliding movement thereof. The rivet sliding in slot 16 allows the two trays to be separated to the extent indicated by dotted lines in Figure 2 and affords a pivotal action of the parts when the case is opened.

In shuffling the cards half of the deck is positioned in each tray and the exposed edges engaged by the thumbs of the dealer and shuffled or riffled together in the usual manner, the trays maintaining the cards in correct alignment and affording an easy means for holding the cards during the shuffling thereof. As illustrated in Figure 3, the two trays may be swung into angular relation so that the corners of the card will interengage when being riffled, after which the cards are assembled by aligning and pushing the trays together. The case is preferably constructed of flexible material such as celluloid or the like, in order that the tongues of the trays may bend with the cards during the shuffling of the latter. The cards are kept in the case while not in use, the trays being locked together for this purpose by a spring clip 17 attached to tongue 13.

Modifications of the structure herein disclosed may be resorted to without departing from the spirit of the invention or the scope thereof as defined by the appended claim.

What is claimed is:

A device for holding a pack of playing cards while being shuffled, comprising two oppositely positioned trays, each comprising a base and a top, the tops enclosing oppositely positioned ends of the cards, and a pin and slot connection between the bases of the trays permitting the trays to be spaced apart and turned at an angle to one another so that the corners of two portions of the pack of cards only are in contact, whereby the two portions of the pack of cards may be riffled.

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