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TICKET ISSUING DEVICE

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This invention relates to improvements in ticket issuing devices, and more particularly to a device for the orderly handling of cards or tickets on which certain notations are written at the time of issuance.

The object of the invention is to provide a card or ticket holder provided with a transparent window-like panel to which the cards are successively presented, thus permitting the issuer to write upon the face of the card and deliver it to the recipient with dispatch and a minimum opportunity of error.

A preferred embodiment of the invention is disclosed in the accompanying drawing, in which

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the device showing its position in use.

Figure 2 is a view in side elevation of the device.

Figure 3 is a view in vertical section taken on line 3—3 of Figure 2.

Figure 4 is a view in vertical section taken on line 4—4 of Figure 3.

Figure 5 is a top plan view of the device.

Figure 6 is a perspective view of the pressure plate removed.

The device disclosed consists generally of a casing 1 adapted to have a stack of uniformly sized cards held therein under pressure against a glass panel 2 at the upper end thereof, and to be removably mounted in a cavity or opening in the top of a desk or counter with only its upper portion exposed as shown in Figure 1.

The casing is preferably constructed of sheet metal with a cross-sectional area sufficient to accommodate the cards 3 stacked snugly therein and of a depth to hold a considerable number thereof. One side of the casing is closed by a full height door 4 hinged along its lower edge and held in closed position by any simple form of spring catch, as for example by providing marginal flanges 4^a, 4^a along the side edges of the door which embrace the corresponding edges of the casing with interfitting projections and sockets as at 4^b, 4^b (Figure 2) for holding the door in closed position.

Within the casing is a vertically sliding pressure plate 5 flanged about its edges and held in place by thin blade-like fins 5^a, 5^a extending laterally from its ends through vertical slots 1^a in the end walls of the casing, the projecting ends of the fins being bent flatwise against the outside of the casing and thus serving to indicate the position of the pressure plate and hence the approximate number of cards in the casing at any time. Between the pressure plate and the bottom wall of the magazine is a centrally located coil spring 6 acting to force the plate upwardly and attached to the center of the plate, and passing through a hole 7 in the bottom wall of the casing is a pull chain 8 having a ring 8^a at its lower end. The chain is used for pulling the pressure plate downwardly when re-filling the casing with cards, a notch 7^a being preferably formed in the edge of the hole 7 to provide a catch for the chain so that the plate may be held in its retracted position while completing the refilling of the casing.

Now the glass panel 2 extending over the open upper end of the casing is fastened to marginal end flanges 10, 10 by screws or rivets 10^a, and at the central portion of the panel is a relatively large rectangular opening 2^a, although somewhat smaller than the cards. This opening corresponds to and registers with the blank spaces on the cards to be filled in before issuance, as will later be described in greater detail. Moreover, the longer edges of this opening are preferably beveled for convenience in making notations on the cards.

And finally, extending along one side of the casing and formed between the glass panel and the upper edge of the casing just below is a narrow slot or slit 11 of a size to permit the cards to be dispensed edgewise one at a time. The slot, therefore, is in the plane of the topmost card in contact with the panel and is just wide enough to allow it to pass through. Just beneath the slot 11 is a projecting lip 12 serving merely to aid the persons receiving the cards to grasp them more readily as they are issued.

As already explained, the device is intended to be mounted in the top of a desk or counter 13 behind which an operator is stationed, his function being to make certain entries or notations on each card before it is issued to the person on the other side of the counter. For this reason, it is preferred to mount the device so that it tilts slightly toward the operator, thereby placing the cards at a more convenient angle for making the entries thereon.

The cards are printed on one side with certain designated blank spaces 3^a (Figure 5) which are exposed in the opening of the glass panel as each card is presented printed face up against the underside thereof, whereupon the operator makes the proper entries in the spaces and quickly forces the card out through the slot to the person waiting to receive it.

Thus the entire face of the top card is visible to the operator through the transparent

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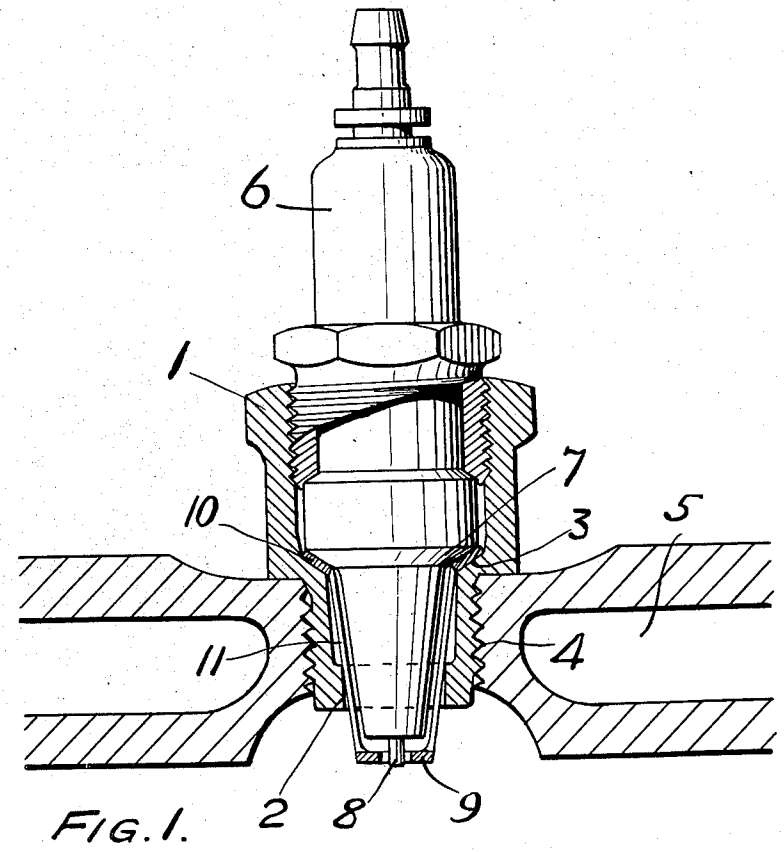


FIG. 1.

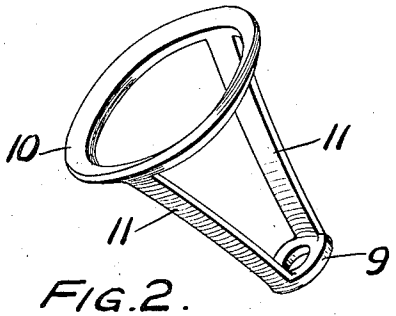


FIG. 2.

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