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FIG. 1

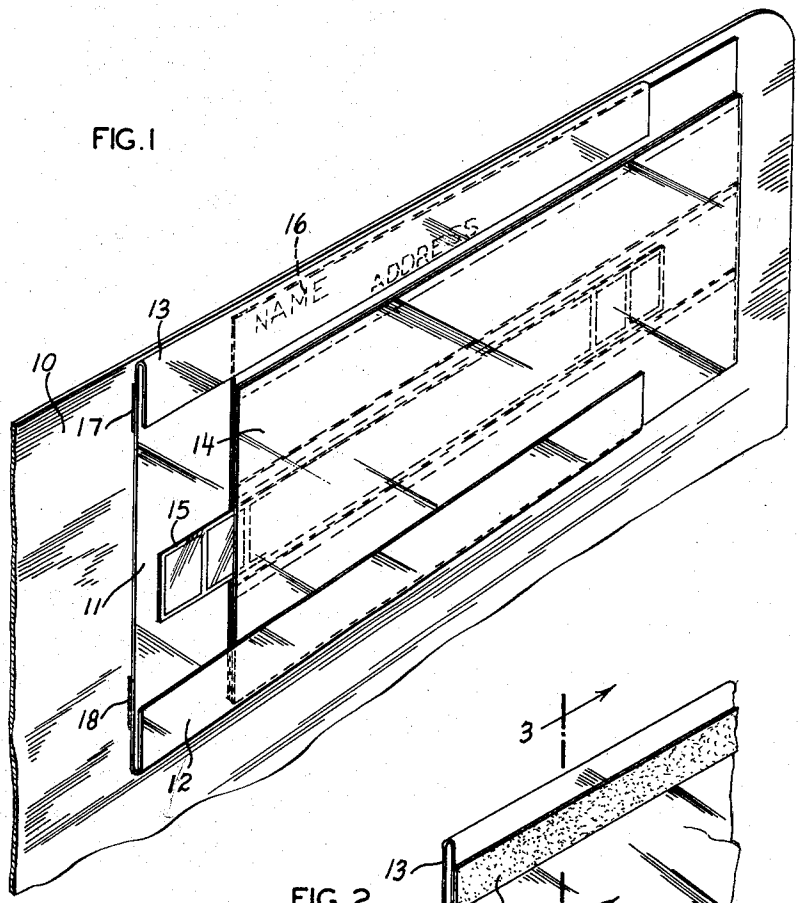


FIG. 2

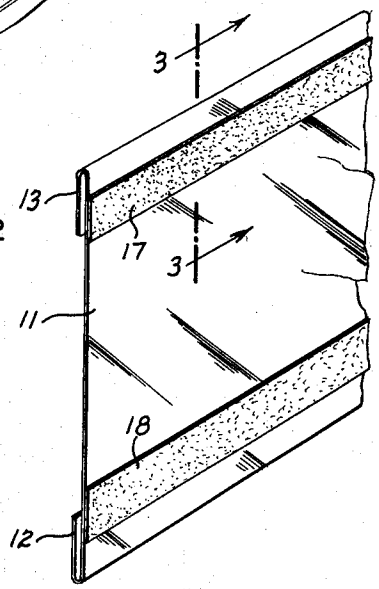
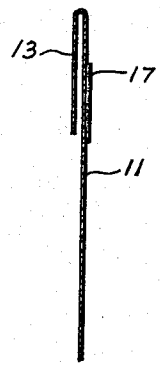


FIG. 3



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This invention relates to a new and useful pocket for the reception of micro-film jackets.

In the keeping of records, such as those of hospital patients, it has been customary to keep the papers relating thereto in a folder. The practice has been to microfilm the papers and insert the film in a jacket available for use in a reader at any time. This jacket has been hitherto disposed in a pocket member of one form or another more or less fixedly attached to the upper rear corner of the rear sheet of the folder. Windowed envelopes have been used previously as pockets and fixed in the manner above mentioned. However, the previous form of pockets and the affixing to the folder have been relatively costly and not readily replaceable at will.

Ordinarily the jacket to hold the micro-film is well known and comprises spaced longitudinal compartments for strips of micro-film of the records in the folder. Along the top edge there is generally disposed information as to the patients and chart number. The jacket is generally of transparent material through which the top index information and the below disposed micro-film sections or strips can readily be seen.

The object of the present invention is to provide a transparent pocket which is extremely simple in construction, can be made at a very low cost and is so constructed as to be quickly and easily attached to the folder in any desired position and as quickly and easily removed when desired. It is so designed as to permit the micro-film jacket to be easily slipped thereinto and held therein by sufficient friction to hold it in place.

Briefly and in general terms, the invention comprises a pocket member made of a sheet of material the top and bottom edges of which are folded over a portion of the front face to provide channel guide members into which the jacket may be slipped at will. The back of the sheet is coated at least partly with pressure-sensitive adhesive so that the pocket may, with the utmost ease and dispatch be adhered to the folder in any desired location thereon whatsoever.

In the preferred form the pocket member is made of transparent plastic material so that the index information and the record strips may be plainly seen without removing the jacket from the pocket until it is desired to remove it. The folded upper and lower edges of the sheet, being of flexible plastic material will provide channel members which will snugly grip the adjacent surfaces of the jacket by sufficient friction to hold it in place therein.

The present preferred form of the invention is illustrated in the drawings of which,

FIG. 1 is a perspective view of part of a folder with the pocket disposed thereon and a jacket disposed within the pocket;

FIG. 2 is a partial rear perspective of the pocket itself; and,

FIG. 3 is a transverse vertical section taken on the line 3—3 of FIG. 2.

Referring to the drawings there is shown sheet **10**, which is preferably the rear fold of a record folder of the usual type and material. Disposed on the front face of this sheet **10** is a sheet of plastic transparent material **11** the upper and lower edges of which are bent forward and down across the face of the sheet **11** to form guide members **12** and **13** forming a channel between them and the sheet **11** to receive the upper and lower edges of a jacket

member **14**. This jacket member is of well known construction of transparent plastic and formed of double layers of material to provide longitudinal compartments into which can be slid strips of micro-film **15** as shown. The upper edge of the jacket is adapted to receive a strip of material **16** adhered thereto on which is disposed the name of the patient and his chart number or other suitable identifying information.

On the back of the sheet **11** there are shown longitudinal lengths **17** and **18** of pressure-sensitive material which enables the sheet **11** to be quickly and easily pressed against and adhered to the sheet **10** in any desired location thereon.

Although the preferred form of the invention has been shown herein, it is to be understood that the pocket may be made of any suitable transparent material and that any suitable pressure-sensitive adhesive may be employed. It is sufficient that it is transparent and that it may be adhered to the folder sheet in such manner that it will stick but that it may be easily removed without damaging the material of the folder. It is also to be understood that the jacket described is only a particular form used in hospitals for holding micro-film strips of the patient's history. The jacket may be a stiff card bearing any suitable information regarding the contents of the folder and the card need not be transparent. The essential element of the invention is the sheet of transparent material with the upper and lower edges folded as described to form channels for the upper and lower edges of a card or jacket to be slipped into the channels with the back of the pocket having thereon some pressure-sensitive adhesive material which enables it to be easily and quickly adhered to the surface of the folder in any location desired and as easily and quickly removed therefrom when desired without damage to the folder.

I claim:

1. In combination, a record holder formed of a sheet of transparent plastic material formed with upper and lower edges extending in spaced substantially parallel relation over the adjacent portions to form guide channels at opposite sides of said sheet of transparent plastic material at the front side thereof, means detachably mounting said holder on a supporting sheet, and a jacket having a pair of transparent plastic sheets mounted in superimposed coincident relation, spacing strips mounted between said pair of sheets in spaced parallel relation to form a plurality of pockets, means securing said pair of sheets and spacing strips together for slidably receiving microfilm strips in said pockets and one of said pair of sheets having a marginal portion extending beyond the adjacent portion of the other of said pair of sheets for mounting an index strip, said jacket being formed for slidable engagement in said guide channels with the marginal portion of said one of said pair of sheets and the opposite marginal portion of said jacket being disposed in said guide channels and exposed through the transparent upper and lower edges of said record holder, whereby the microfilm in said jacket and the index strip on the marginal portion are fully visible through the transparent sheet material of said holder and jacket.

2. In combination, a record holder formed of transparent sheet material having inturned edge portions on opposite sides forming guide channels on one side of said holder, means detachably mounting said holder on a supporting sheet and a jacket having a rear transparent sheet substantially equal in size to said holder with opposite margins slidably engaged in said guide channels, a front transparent sheet of said jacket mounted in superimposed relation over the front face of said rear sheet with three sides of said front and rear sheets in coincident relation, one side of said front sheet slidably engaging in one of said guide channels, and the opposite side of said front

sheet being in spaced relation to the adjacent side of said rear sheet and adjacent inturned edge on said holder, and spacing strips in spaced parallel relation between said front and rear sheets secured to the adjacent faces of said sheets to form pockets for slidably receiving film strips therein in visible relation through said jacket and record holder.

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