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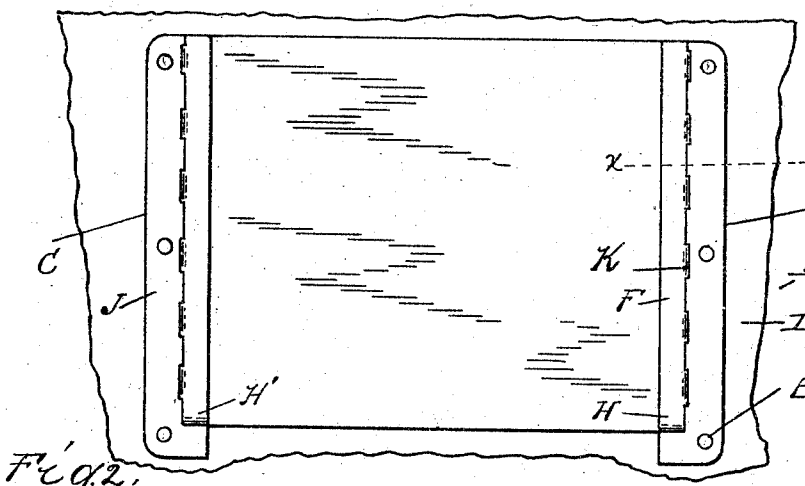


Fig. 1.

Fig. 2.

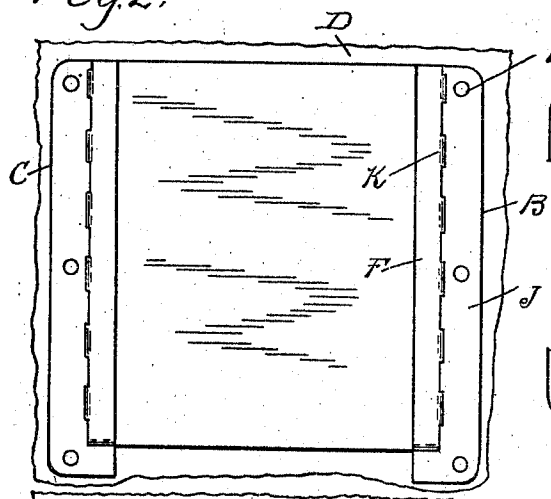


Fig. 3.

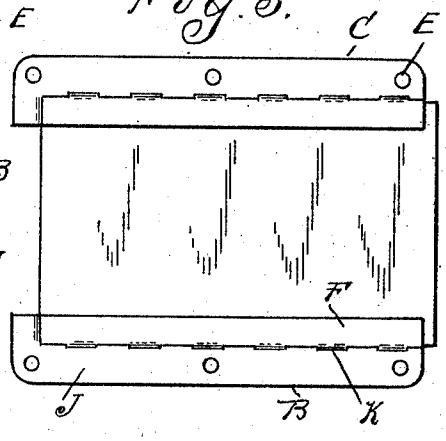
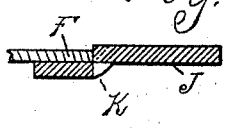


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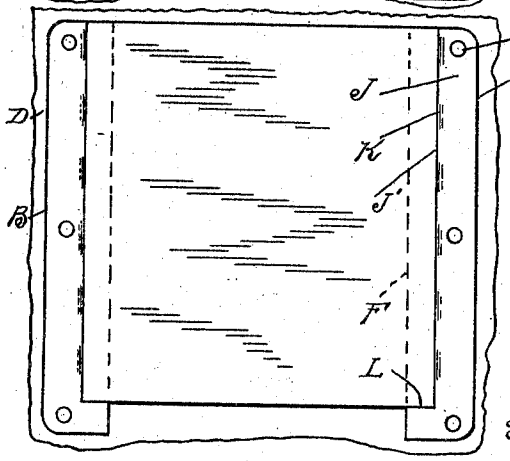


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRED HASKEL, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Detroit, in the county of Wayne and State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Universal Card-Holders, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

This invention relates to card holders and refers more particularly to card holders adapted to receive paper or paste-board cards or the like.

Among the objects of the invention are to provide a card holder which can be more economically manufactured than those now in use and in which the danger of the card binding when being slipped into the holder can be avoided; to so construct and arrange the holder that it can be formed in pairs which when secured to the box or other surface will accommodate cards of various widths depending on how far apart the holders are spaced; to provide a construction which can be made from flat wire and by a single stamping or like operation; to so construct and arrange the holders that they can be used in either vertical or horizontal position; to so construct and arrange the offset shoulder that danger of the card binding when being inserted or removed is avoided; to utilize an integral shoulder on the side strips as an abutment for limiting the movement of the card at the end of the shoulder; and in general to provide a new, improved and simplified construction of the character above referred to.

In the drawings:

Figure 1 is a front elevational view of a holder embodying my invention;

Fig. 2 is a similar view showing the same holder used with a different sized card;

Fig. 3 is a view similar to Fig. 1 showing the holders arranged to receive a card by horizontal insertment;

Fig. 4 is a cross-section on the line *x*—*x* of Fig. 1; and

Fig. 5 is a plan view of the back of the holder shown in Fig. 2.

Describing in detail the particular embodiment of my invention shown in the drawings and referring to Fig. 1, A designates a card holder which comprises a pair of holding members B and C. These members are secured to the box or other surface D by means of tacks or other securing devices E. At their sides or edges each holder is provided with an outwardly offset retaining flange F.

Heretofore in the construction of holders the two sides have been connected by an integral bottom strip which not only requires a greater amount of metal but also limits the use of the device to cards of predetermined width. In the present construction this is avoided by forming the holder of two separate holding members which can be spaced apart any distance desired and then utilizing an abutment shoulder such as H and H′ on the bottom of the strip for preventing the cards from dropping out or going beyond the end of the strip.

Another objection which is overcome by the present invention is the tendency of the cards to bind when being inserted or removed. Heretofore the offset shoulders have been connected to the main body portion by a diagonal part which if the card was slightly twisted when inserted would tend to bind. I avoid this objection by entirely severing a portion of the connecting part J so as to leave a plurality of shoulders J′ between which there is left uncut connecting portions K. The same arrangement is also maintained at the end of the flange so that the bottom of the card strikes against a square shoulder L in the same manner that the ends of the cards strike against the shoulders J′.

It will be noticed from Figs. 2 and 3 that holders of the same size and shape as shown in Fig. 1 can be placed to receive cards of different sizes and shapes but in each case the card can be easily slipped into and out of the holder. Also in place of inserting the cards vertically from the top the holders may be arranged as shown in Fig. 3 to receive the cards by side-wise or horizontal insertion. The invention therefore is not limited to the particular position of the holders and various other changes in the details can be made within the scope of my invention.

What I claim as my invention is:

1. A card holder comprising a holder member having a main body portion adapted to lie substantially in the plane of the card, and an offset portion adapted to extend over an edge of the card, said body and offset portion being connected by a portion which

is partly cut through to leave a substantially straight shoulder against which the edge of the card abuts.

2. A card holder comprising a holder member having a main body portion adapted to lie substantially in the plane of the card, and an offset portion adapted to extend over one edge of the card and a corner portion of the adjacent edge, said body and offset portion being connected by a plurality of outwardly extending connecting portions between which there is arranged a plurality of shoulders forming substantially straight abutments for the edges of the card.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

FRED HASKEL.

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