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Fig. 1.

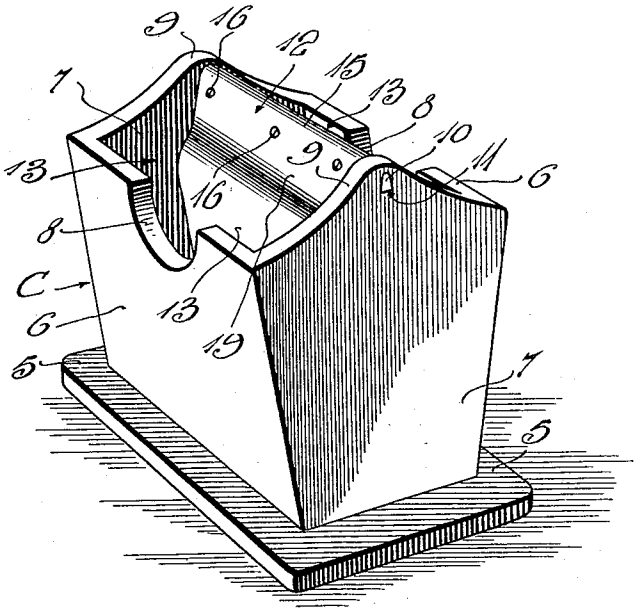


Fig. 2

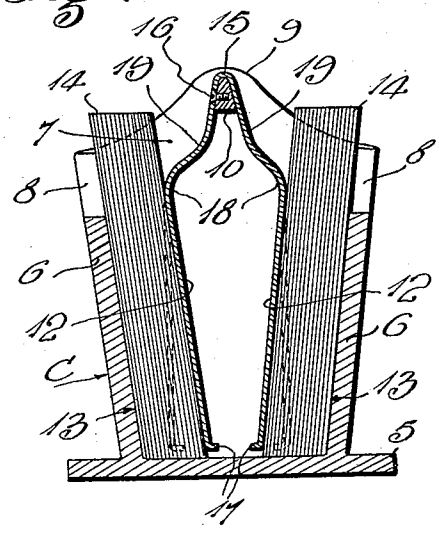
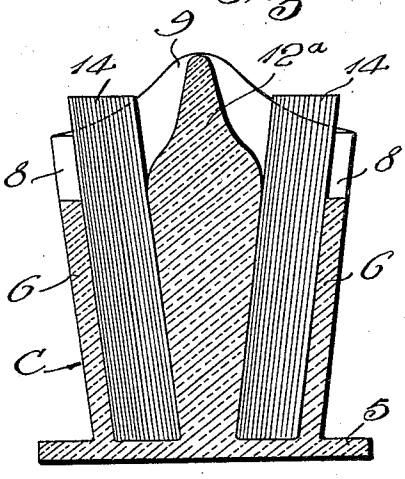


Fig. 3.



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The invention aims to provide a new and improved holder for two decks of playing cards, said holder being of such construction that the cards therein will be held flat and in orderly manner and readily accessible for easy removal.

A further object is to provide a novel construction which not only facilitates removal of either deck of the cards from the container, but also assists in guiding the cards into the container.

A still further aim is to provide a device of the class described which may be easily and inexpensively manufactured and hence sold at small cost.

With the foregoing in view, the invention resides in the novel subject matter hereinafter described and claimed, description being accomplished by reference to the accompanying drawing.

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a card holder constructed in accordance with the invention.

Fig. 2 is a vertical transverse sectional view through the holder shown in Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a view similar to Fig. 2 but showing a different construction.

In the drawing above briefly described, a container C is shown, embodying a flat bottom 5, two upwardly diverging side walls 6 and two parallel end walls 7. In their upper ends, the side walls 6 are provided with thumb notches 8, and at their upper ends, the end walls 7 are provided with central upward projections 9 which extend to a greater height than the side walls 6. In Figs. 1 and 2, a central horizontal bar 10 extends between and is rigidly supported by the projecting wall portions 9, the latter preferably having openings 11 in which said bar is snugly received. An arched spring metal partition plate 12 is carried by the bar 10 and divides the container C into two pockets 13 for decks of cards 14. The crown 15 of the plate 12 snugly straddles the bar 10 and is secured to the latter in any desired manner, for instance by screws 16 whose heads may be countersunk. The two legs of the plate 12 have their edges free of contact with the end walls 7, and the lower ends of said legs are spaced slightly above the bottom 5, and are inwardly curved at 17 to prevent injuring the cards 14. From these ends 17 to points substantially opposite the lower ends of the notches 8, the legs of the plate 12 are flat and lie parallel with the side walls 6, when the card decks 14 are in position, whereby said legs act as springs to firmly yet yieldably hold the cards in orderly fashion, preventing said cards from becoming curled or broken. From the points (Fig. 2) 18 to the upper extremity of the plate 12, the legs of the latter are curved inwardly and converge upwardly, as shown at 19. These formations coact with the thumb notches 8 in allowing the upper ends of the card decks to be readily grasped when either or both of the decks are to be removed from the container. Moreover, the formations 19 serve to effectively guide the decks into the pockets 13 when placing the cards back in the container.

In Fig. 3, a partition 12^a is formed integrally with the end walls and the bottom of the container C, the transverse outline of this partition 12^a being the same as the normal outline of the arched partition plate 12, so that the cards will be snugly and orderly held in the pockets, will be effectively guided into said pockets, and will be readily accessible for removal when desired.

It will be seen from the foregoing that a novel and advantageous article has been provided for attaining the objects of the invention. While preferred details have been disclosed, it is to be understood that minor variations may be made, and it is to be further understood that we are not restricted to any particular material or materials in constructing the device. We prefer however, that the container in Figs. 1 and 2 be of metallic construction, that the bar 10 be also of metal, and that spring metal be employed for the arched partition plate 12. In constructing the device of Fig. 3 however, we prefer that glass, porcelain, earthenware or the like be used. Either form of the device may be appropriately ornamented in a manner forming no part of the present invention, and will produce an attractive and desirable article for the card player.

What is claimed is:—

1. A holder for two decks of playing cards, comprising an open-topped container having two opposed side walls and two opposed parallel end walls, said side walls having thumb notches in their upper edges, and a vertical partition centrally disposed between said side walls, projecting above the latter and dividing said container into two pockets for card decks, said partition having side portions opposite said side walls and extending from the lower end of the partition to points substantially opposite the lower ends of said thumb notches, the side portions of said partition above said points being curved inwardly and converging upwardly to the upper end of the partition, said notches and inwardly curved portions allowing easy gripping of the decks of cards when removing them from said pockets, said inwardly curved portions also serving to guide the card decks into the pockets.

2. A holder for two decks of playing cards, comprising an open-topped container having two opposed side walls and two opposed parallel end walls, a horizontal bar extending between and rigidly supported by the upper ends of said end walls, said bar being centrally located between said side walls, and an arched resilient partition plate whose crown portion straddles and is secured to said bar, the legs of said arched plate constituting springs for yieldably holding decks of cards between themselves and said side walls.

3. A holder for two decks of playing cards, comprising an open topped container having two opposed side walls and two opposed parallel end walls, a horizontal bar extending between and rigidly supported by the upper ends of said end walls, said bar being centrally located between said side walls, and an arched resilient partition plate whose crown portion straddles and is secured to said bar, the legs of said arched plate having flat portions extending from points slightly above the container bottom to points near the upper ends of the legs, the portions of said legs between the latter points and the upper extremity of the arched plate being curved inwardly, converging upwardly and lying at opposite sides of said bar, said inwardly curved leg portions serving to guide the card decks into the container and allowing easy gripping of said decks when they are to be removed from the container.

In testimony whereof we affix our signatures.

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