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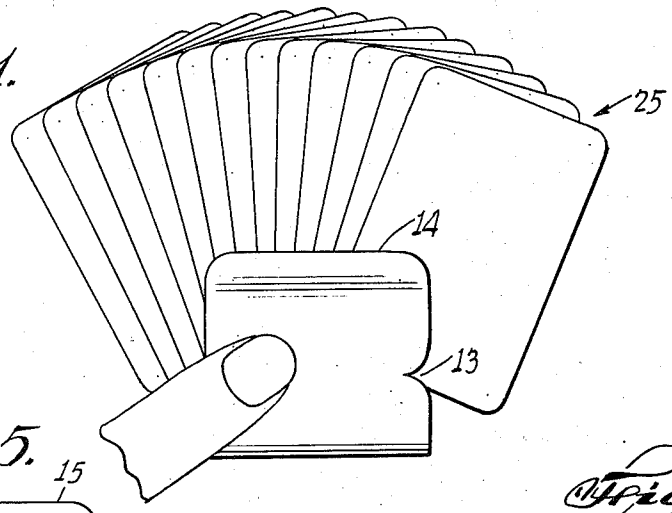


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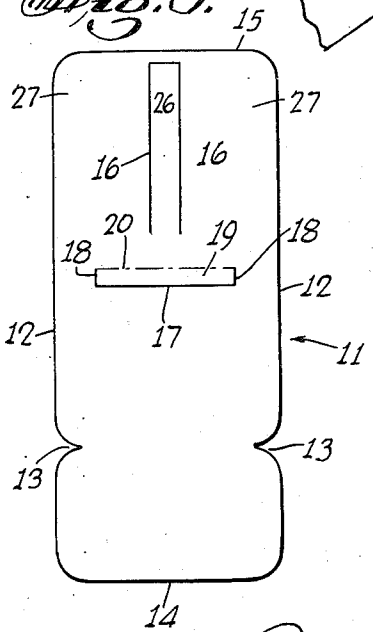


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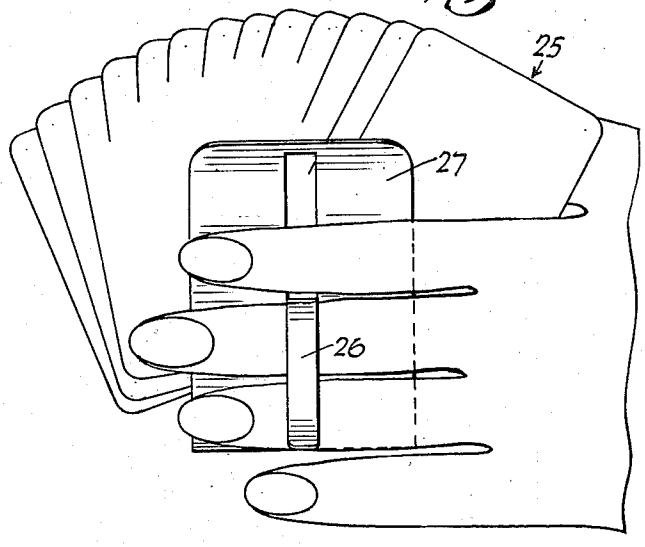
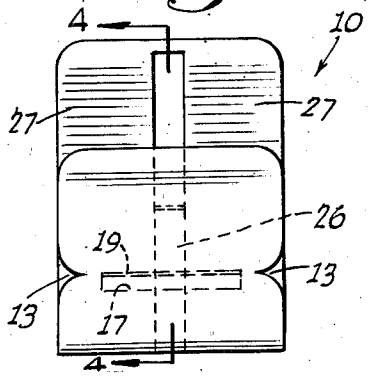


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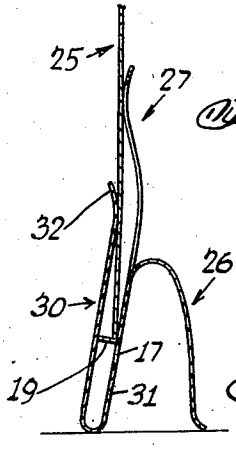


Fig. 4.

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This invention relates to finger card holders for all card games, such as bridge, rummy and the like games.

An object of this invention is to provide a card holder which relieves the hands as it holds cards for the players, the card holder being so provided that the cards once arranged in the holder will remain permanently in place until the game is over, thus saving the player much trouble and strain in holding the cards in his hand, and, in constantly arranging and rearranging the cards over and over again.

A further object of this invention is to provide a card holder of the character described, which may be held in the hand, or which may be placed on the table, and in either position, will hold the cards in arranged order.

Still a further object of this invention is to provide a strong and durable card holder of the character described, made from a single piece of sheet material, relatively inexpensive to manufacture, easy to manipulate, attractive in appearance, and practical and efficient to a high degree in use.

Other objects of this invention will in part be obvious and in part hereinafter pointed out.

The invention accordingly consists in the features of construction, combinations of elements, and arrangement of parts which will be exemplified in the construction hereinafter described, and of which the scope of application will be indicated in the following claims.

In the accompanying drawing, in which is shown one of the various possible illustrative embodiments of this invention,

Fig. 1 is a front elevational view of a card holder embodying the invention, with the cards thereon;

Fig. 2 is a rear view thereof;

Fig. 3 is a front elevational view of the improved card holder, with the cards removed;

Fig. 4 is a cross-sectional view taken on line 4—4 of Fig. 3; and

Fig. 5 is a top plan view of the blank from which the card holder is made.

Referring now in detail to the drawing, 10 designates a card holder embodying the invention, preferably made from a single blank of sheet metal 11. The blank 11 is substantially rectangular in shape with all four corners rounded. The side edges 12 thereof may be formed with substantially V-shaped cut-out portions 13, closer to one end edge 14 than to the other end edge 15 thereof.

The blank 11 is formed with two parallel slits 16, parallel to the side edges 12 and symmetrically disposed with respect to the longitudinal mid section of the blank, and extending from the edge 15 substantially one-third of the length of the blank.

The blank is furthermore formed with a cut-line 17 perpendicular to the side edges 12 and disposed between the slits 16 and the cut-away portions 13. The cut-line 17 is centrally located with respect to the side edges 12 and terminates short of said side edges. The blank is furthermore formed with cut-lines 18 extending from the ends of the cut-lines 17, towards the edge 15 of the blank. The cut-lines 18 are short in comparison with the length of the cut-lines 17.

In making the card holder 10, the portion bounded by the cut-lines 17 and 18 comprises a section 19 folded forwardly about a crease line 20, interconnecting the outer ends of the cut-lines 18 and parallel to the cut-lines 17. Section 19 constitutes a shelf for the lower edges of the cards 25, as will appear hereinafter.

The strip 26 between the slits 16 is folded rearwardly and downwardly to form a rear leg to support the card holder, when the same is placed on the table, or to permit the fingers of a player to be inserted between said leg and the card holder, as shown in Fig. 2, so that the card holder may be held in the hand.

The portion 27 of the blank 11, on opposite sides of the slits 16, may be bent inwardly and curved upwardly, as shown in Fig. 4 of the drawing, for the purpose hereinafter appearing.

The blank 11 is then folded about a line parallel to the edge 14, and disposed between the cut-outs 13 and the cut-lines 17 to form upwardly extending wall 30, parallel to the back wall 31. The shelf 19 extends from the wall 31, forwardly, and the forward edge of said shelf contacts the front wall 30. The upper end of the wall 30 which is the portion of the blank adjacent the edge 14, may be curved forwardly, as at 32.

The cards 25 may be inserted between the portions 27 of the card holder and the front wall 30 to rest upon the shelf 19. The cards are thus engaged by the forwardly curved upper ends of portion 27, and by the curved end 32 of front wall 30.

It will now be understood that the holder may be rested on the table, as shown in Fig. 4, or may be held in the hand, as shown in Fig. 2. Once the cards are arranged in the holder they will not become misplaced or disarranged.

It will thus be seen that there is provided a

device in which the several objects of this invention are achieved, and which is well adapted to meet the conditions of practical use.

As various possible embodiments might be made of the above invention, and as various changes might be made in the embodiment above set forth, it is to be understood that all matter herein set forth or shown in the accompanying drawing is to be interpreted as illustrative and not in a limiting sense.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent:

1. A card holder made from a single piece of sheet metal and having a rear wall and a front wall interconnected at their lower ends, said rear wall extending above the upper end of the front wall, and a spring leg extending downwardly and rearwardly from said rear wall, the upper ends of the front and rear walls being inclined forwardly.

2. A card holder made of a single piece of sheet metal having a front wall and a rear wall interconnected at their lower ends, the upper end of the rear wall extending above the upper end of the front wall, a shelf extending forwardly from the rear wall with the forward edge thereof contacting the front wall to space the front wall from the rear wall, a spring leg extending rearwardly and downwardly from the rear wall, the upper portion of the rear wall being inclined forwardly toward the plane of the front wall.

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