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FILING TAB HOLDER

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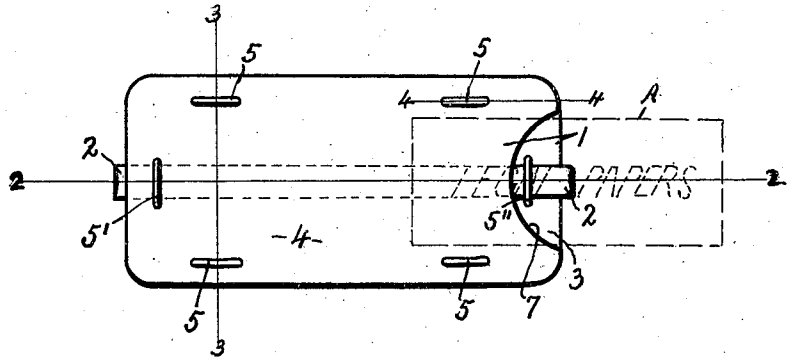


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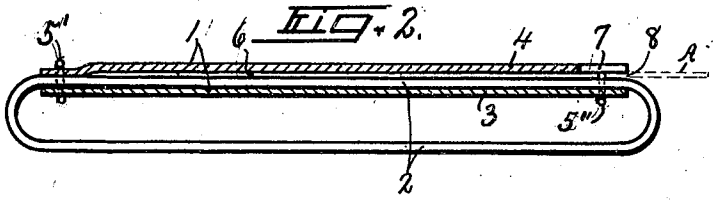


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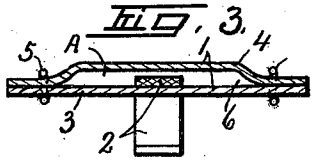
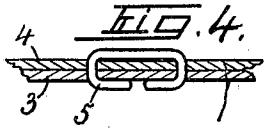


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FILING-TAB HOLDER.

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This invention relates to a filing-tab-holder in which a pocket is attached to a rubber band and is provided with a transparent outer side and an open end for permitting the insertion and removal of the tab into and out of the pocket.

The main object is to assemble the pocket upon one side of a rubber band in such manner that the tab when inserted therein will frictionally contact with the major portion of the band between the ends of the pocket for frictionally holding said tab therein.

Other objects and uses will be brought out in the following description.

In the drawings:—

Figure 1 is a top plan of a tab holder embodying the various features of my invention, the tab being shown by dotted lines as partly withdrawn from the pocket.

Figures 2 and 3 are enlarged sectional views taken respectively on line 2—2 and 3—3, Figure 1.

Figure 4 is an enlarged detail sectional view taken on line 4—4, Figure 1.

As illustrated, this tab holder comprises a pocket —1— and an endless rubber band —2—, the pocket —1— comprising, in this instance, a base plate —3— and a transparent cap plate —4— of any suitable length and width capable of receiving and retaining a card or tab as A between them.

These plates —3— and —4— are secured together near their longitudinal edges by staples —5—, leaving their intermediate portions free for relative movement toward and from each other to form a relatively shallow chamber —6— for receiving one side of the rubber band —2— and the tab or card —A—.

One end of the plates —3— and —4— together with the adjacent portion of the rubber band —2— are secured together by an additional staple —5′— for holding the pocket —1— and rubber band against relative movement.

The other end of the rubber band —2— and adjacent portion of the lower plate —3— are secured together by a staple —5″— which additionally holds the rubber band and pocket against relative movement.

One side of the rubber band —2— is interposed between the plates —3— and —4— to extend from end to end thereof and return across the underside of the bottom plate —3—, the portion of the rubber band between the plates being substantially midway between the opposite longitudinal edges thereof and between the opposite rows of staples —5— as shown more clearly in Figure 3.

The end of the upper plate —4— adjacent the staple —5″— is free from attachment to the lower plate —3— and is provided with a recess —7— extending inwardly from the end edge to permit the card or tab —A— to be more easily inserted into and withdrawn from the pocket or chamber —6—.

The plates —3— and —4— are preferably secured flatwise to each other along their opposite longitudinal edges and at one end as previously stated so that the intermediate portion of the top plate —4— tends by its own resiliency to spring toward the plate —3— or rather toward the interposed portion of the rubber band —2— so that when the card or tab —A— is inserted into the open end as —8— of the pocket the inward tension of the upper plate will press the card against the adjacent portion of the rubber band with sufficient friction to hold the card or tab against accidental endwise displacement from the pocket —6—.

The card —A— will usually be made of sufficient length to extend substantially the entire length of the chamber —6— so that a portion thereof will underlie the recess —7— where it is easily accessible for removal by hand when desired.

Both of the plates —3— and —4— are preferably made of celluloid or comparatively inexpensive material but the upper plate is transparent either wholly or in part to permit the indicia on the card —A— to be easily read therethrough.

The rubber band —2— may be of usual form and elasticity to permit it together with the card holder, to be placed over and upon a bunch of papers such as legal documents and analagous articles to be held against accidental displacement and the card —A— with the indicia as —*a*— thereon indicating the character of the papers.

I am aware that a card holder mounted on a rubber band has heretofore been disclosed particularly in Patent No. 181,663, August 29, 1876, to Julia Foster, but I believe that I am the first to mount a card-holder on one side of a rubber band in such manner that the card will frictionally contact with the band throughout the major portion of the length of the card holder for retaining the card or tab in operative posi-

tion in the holder against accidental displacement while the transparent cover plate —4— serves to protect the card against contact with external objects and also to protect the indicia thereon against obliteration.

What I claim is:—

1. A filing-tab-holder comprising opposite plates of approximately equal width and length and secured flatwise to each other along opposite longitudinal edges to form an intervening relatively shallow tab-receiving chamber, said chamber being open at one end to permit the insertion and removal of the card and a rubber band having one side extending continuously through said chamber from end to end thereof and secured to the inner plate against relative movement thereto and its remaining portion returning beneath said plate, the portion of the rubber band between the plates forming a part of the inner wall of the chamber for frictional engagement with the tab when the latter is inserted into the chamber, the outer plate being transparent to permit the indicia on the tab to be read therethrough.

2. A filing-tab-holder comprising an endless rubber band, a plate secured to and against the inner face of one side of the rubber band, means for preventing relative movement of the plate and rubber bands and tab guiding means secured to opposite edges of the plate and extending over portions of the adjacent side of the band for holding the tab in contact with said adjacent side of the band when placed in operative position.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 9 day of February, 1927.

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