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Fig. 1

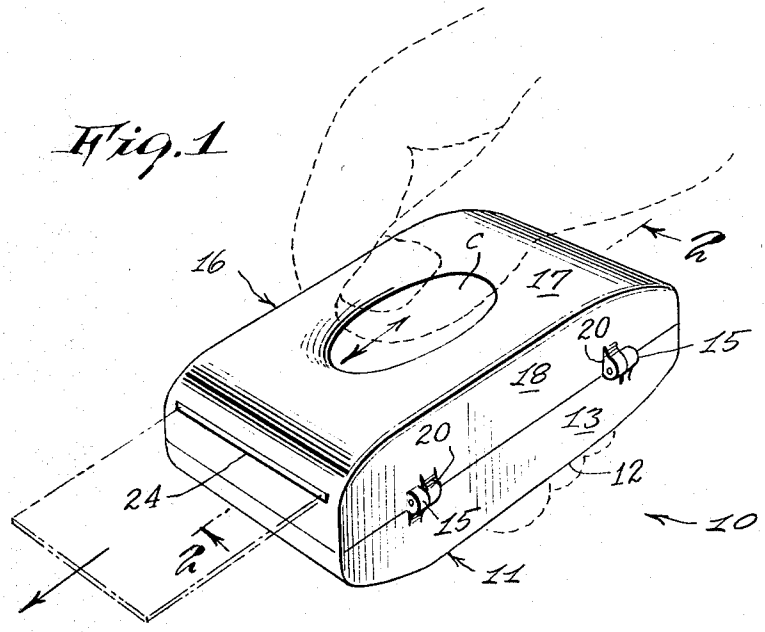


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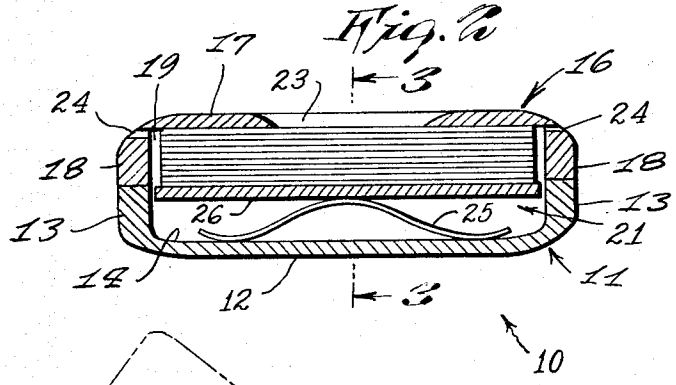
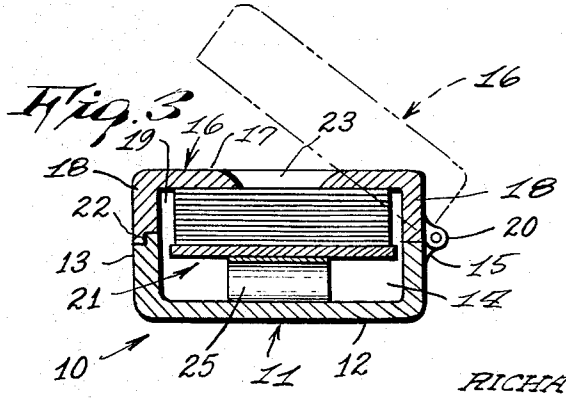


Fig. 3



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This invention relates generally to containers and more particularly to card case dispensers.

It is common practice in business for a man to carry calling cards. While various cases for such cards are available, they are generally awkward to use and fail to prevent bending and general deterioration of the cards which they encase.

Therefore, an object of this invention is to provide a case for calling cards which is relatively inexpensive to manufacture and is of rugged construction.

Another object of this invention is to provide the foregoing case, which is simple to use and provides adequate protection for the cards it encases.

The foregoing and other objects and advantages will become more apparent to those skilled in the art by referring to the following description, together with the accompanying drawings wherein:

FIGURE 1 is a perspective view of a card case made in accordance with this invention;

FIGURE 2 is a sectional view taken on line 2—2 of FIGURE 1;

FIGURE 3 is a sectional view taken on line 3—3 of FIGURE 2.

Referring now to the drawings, a case **10** made in accordance with this invention, is comprised of a bottom cover portion **11**, and a top cover portion **16**, which cooperate with one another.

The bottom cover portion **11** has a rectangular wall **12**, with an upwardly extending peripheral flange **13** to define a rectangular recess **14**. The top cover portion **16** has a rectangular wall **17** coincident with wall **12** and has a depending peripheral flange **18** to define a rectangular recess **19**. Thus, when case **10** is closed with flanges **13** and **18** abutting one another, the recesses **14** and **19** combine to define a rectangular chamber **21** formed by walls **12** and **17** spaced from each other by flanges **14** and **19**, which enclose the sides of the formed chamber.

Flange **13** along one of the longer sides of wall **12**, is provided with a pair of spaced hinge members **15** which cooperate with a pair of spaced hinge members **20** provided on the corresponding portion of flange **18** to pivotally join the cover **11** and **16** together. The flanges **13** and **18** on the side of case **10** opposite from hinge portions **15** and **12** is provided with a snap catch **22** to prevent case **10** from opening and is merely a recess in one flange and a tongue which extends from the other end engages the recess.

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An opening **23** is provided in one of the rectangular walls, in this instance wall **17**, to permit a user to frictionally engage the top card C in case **10** and slide it out through a slot **24**. For this, a slot **24** is provided in each portion of flange **18** at the ends of wall **17** between the flange portions having the hinges **15/20** and the pump lock **22**. The top wall of each slot **24** is flush with the inner surface of wall **17** to permit unobstructed ejection of the top card C.

A follower plate **26** is disposed in chamber **21** and a spring is provided between the plate and wall **12** to engage the cards C in case **10** and urge them toward wall **17**.

While certain novel features of my invention have been shown and described and are pointed out in the annexed claims, it will be understood that various omissions, substitutions and changes in the forms and details of the device illustrated and in its operation can be made by those skilled in the art without departing from the spirit of the invention.

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

A card case comprising a pair of substantially like upper and lower box-shaped cover portions each having a rectangular wall and a perimetral flange and with the flanges of each cover portion disposed in opposed abutting relationship defining a rectangular chamber for releasably storing a stack of cards, hinge means at one longer side of the case for pivotally connecting the cover portions to one another, catch means on the longer side of the case opposite from the hinge means for releasably holding the cover portions together in opposed relationship, the rectangular wall of the upper cover portion having a central elongated opening therethrough to permit frictional engagement of the top card of the stack therein for slidably ejecting the engaged card, a narrow slot at each transverse flange of the upper cover portion flush with the inside surface of its rectangular wall to permit unobstructed ejection of the top card of the stack in either direction, a follower plate within the lower cover portion engageable with the lowermost card of the stack and a bowed leaf spring disposed between the follower plate and the rectangular wall of the lower cover portion for urging the cards therein toward the rectangular wall of the upper cover portion having the opening therethrough.

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