

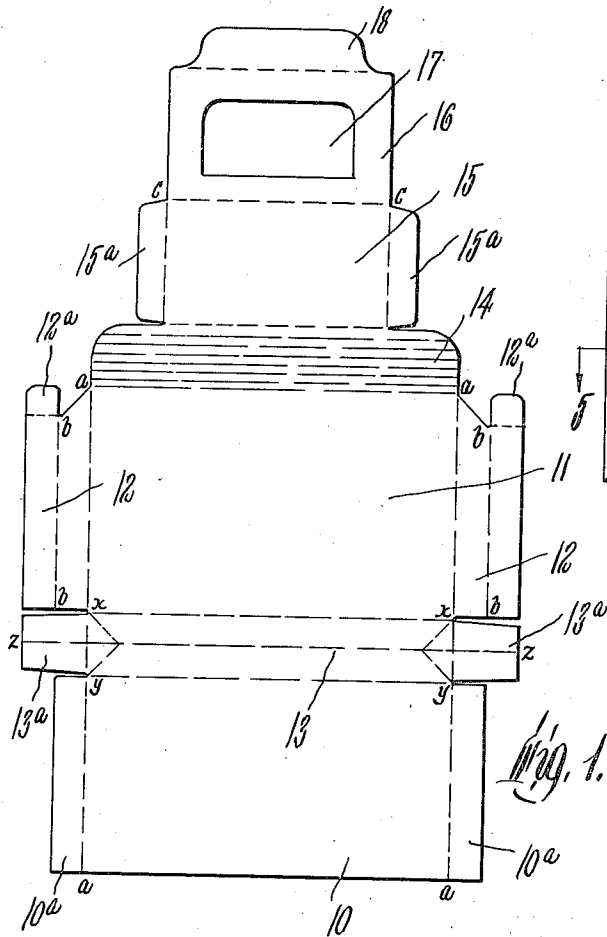
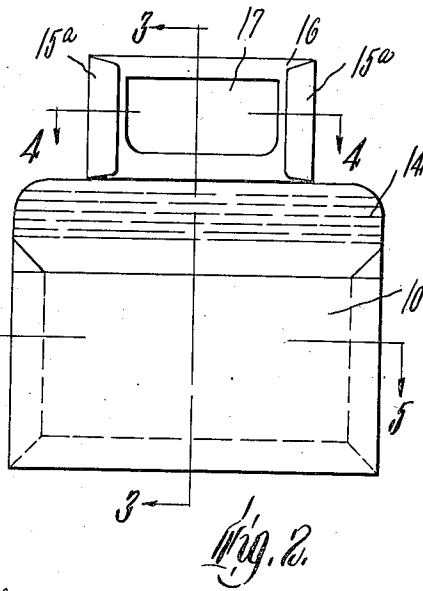
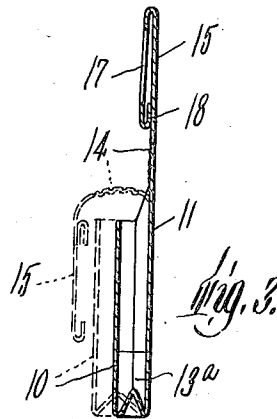
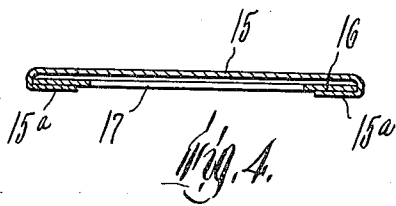
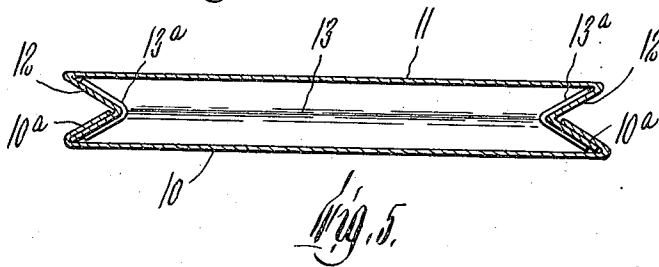
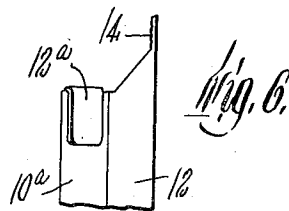
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This invention relates to a filing device in the form of a combined expanding wallet and cardholder intended for filing in a cabinet with the wallet containing certain papers and the cardholder holding a card related to the papers.

Thus, the device hereof may be used for filing such material as goes to make up the record of a person under the Social Security Act, the wallet being designed to contain payment receipts and the cardholder to hold the card identifying such person.

The filing device hereof is advantageous in that it can be economically fabricated essentially as a one-piece structure from tough paper, flexible fiberboard, or equivalent sheet material and can be filed with the cardholder conveniently accessible as an extension of the wallet closure flap and, upon opening of such flap, presenting an open front wall or window enabling one to read such data as may appear on the card and thereby dispensing with the need for removing or handling the card. The one-piece structure consists of a properly precut and prescored blank comprising front, back, side, and bottom wallet portions formed up into an expanding wallet whose side and bottom walls contain lines of score permitting the desired free movement of the front and back walls toward and away from each other. The blank additionally comprises a closure flap projecting from the top of the back wallet portion and carrying as a continuation thereof front and back cardholder portions formed up into a cardholder whose front wall is provided with an opening or window through which the card placed in the cardholder is visible when the flap and cardholder are brought up from their closed position against the front wall of the wallet. The cardholder is preferably formed with an open end adjacent to the wallet flap and through which a card may be inserted therinto; and the front cardholder wall preferably includes a flap projecting through such open end into the cardholder and affording a ledge on which a card inserted into the cardholder may rest.

With the foregoing and other features and objects in view, the device hereof will now be described in further detail with reference to the accompanying drawing, wherein,

Figure 1 depicts in plan view a properly precut and prescored blank from which the device hereof as a whole may be formed.

Figure 2 is a front view of the device hereof with the flap and connected cardholder in open or upstanding position.

Figures 3, 4, and 5 are sections on the lines 3—3, 4—4, and 5—5, respectively, of Figure 2.

Figure 6 shows an upper side wall of the wallet portion of the device hereof as one looks at the right side of the device of Figure 2.

The flat blank appearing in Figure 1 may be made of suitable strong paper, flexible fiberboard, or equivalent sheet material customarily used for so-called filing wallets or envelopes. The blank is precut and prescored so as to afford front, back, side, and bottom wallet portions 10, 11, 12, and 13, respectively. The front portion 10 is shown provided with marginal portions 10a for overlapping adhesive securement to the side portions 12, which constitute extensions of the back portion 11. The bottom portion 13 is shown provided with end tabs 13a adapted to be bent upwardly in overlapping adhesive securement to the side walls formed up from the portions 12 and 10a. The boundaries of the portions 12, the tabs 13a, and the portions 10a, may be determined by continuous lines of score a—a; and the outer edges of the portions 12 and 13a may be in substantial alignment, whereas the outer edges of the portions 10a may be in line with the vertical medial lines of the portions 12. The portions 12 are shown scored at their vertical medial lines b—b and provided at their upper end portions with tabs 12a for bending over into adhesive securement to the portions 10a. The bottom portion 13 is also shown scored at its lines of juncture x—x and y—y with the back 11 and front 10, respectively, and on its transverse medial line z—z.

Projecting from the upper end of the back 11 is a closure flap 14 and carried as an extension or continuation of such flap are the back and front portions 15 and 16, respectively, of a cardholder. The front portion 16 is shown provided with a large cut-out or opening 17, which may be covered, if desired, with suitable transparent material, such as "Cellophane", to afford a window. The back portion 15 has marginal portions 15a for overlapping adhesive securement to the front portion 16; and the front portion 16 preferably includes at its extremity a flap 18 to constitute a ledge on which a card inserted into the cardholder may rest. The boundary or joint between the back portion 15 and the front portion 16 may be defined by a line of score c—c, and lines of score are also shown as defining the joints between the flap 18 and the front portion 16, between the flanges 15a and the back 15, and between the back 15 and the flap 14. It is desirable, also, that the wallet flap 14 be of a width at least about equal to that of

the bottom and side wall portions of the wallet and that it contain a plurality of transverse lines of score, as indicated, so that it may freely flex down over the front portion of the wallet as the wallet is expanded or filled up with papers.

It is a simple matter to form up the filing device hereof from the precut and prescored one-piece blank of Figure 1. Thus, the marginal portions 10a of the front wallet portion 10 are adhesively secured to the exteriors of the side wallet walls 12 and the end tabs 13a of the wallet bottom 13 are bent upwardly and are adhesively secured to the interiors of the side wallet walls 12, as best appears in Figure 5. The tabs 12a at the upper end portions of the side wallet walls 12 are bent downwardly over and are adhesively secured to the marginal or flanged portions 10a of the front wallet wall, as shown in Figure 6. The side walls and bottom of the resulting wallet tend to recede inwardly in V configuration, as seen in Figure 5, with their medial lines of score affording easy flexing regions and, accordingly, permitting the desired free movement of the front and back wallet walls toward and away from each other. By bending the front cardholder portion 16 down on its line of score c-c and bringing the marginal portions 15a of the back cardholder portion 15 into overlapping adhesive securement to the portion 16, as appears in Figures 2 and 4, the cardholder is formed up, whereupon the flap portion 18 of the cardholder may be bent upwardly on its line of score and projected into the cardholder through the lower open end, as shown in Figure 3. When a card is inserted into the cardholder, its front face is visible through the opening or window 17 and its lower edge rests in the hook element or ledge afforded by the upturned flap portion 18.

It is to be observed that the cardholder of the filing device hereof illustrated in the drawing is of a width distinctly less than that of the wallet. Such a device is designed more particularly for filing the record to be kept under the Social Security Act, which record includes an identification card of smaller dimensions than the receipts or other papers to be kept. It is, of course, possible to vary the dimensions of the cardholder, but, in any event, the height of the cardholder should not be greater than that of the wallet so as to enable satisfactory filing of a succession of the devices hereof in upstanding position in a filing cabinet.

The finished device hereof is intended to be filed in a cabinet with the cardholder brought down or falling to the dotted line position shown in Figure 3 and with the wallet capable of expanding as it is filled with papers so that its front wall occupies, for instance, the dotted line position. A person looking through a filing cabinet containing a multiplicity of the filing devices hereof lined up successively in back of one another can readily pick out the particular file or record being sought simply by raising the successive wallet closure flaps and the cardhold-

ers carried thereby until he sees the card identifying the particular file being sought, whereupon such file may be removed from the cabinet. There is hence no necessity for removing any of the other files from the cabinet or disturbing the records or cards of any other file.

I claim:

1. A combined expanding wallet and cardholder adapted for filing purposes consisting essentially of a precut and prescored one-piece fiberboard blank comprising front, back, side, and bottom wallet portions formed up into an expanding wallet whose side and bottom walls contain lines of score permitting free movement of the front and back wallet walls toward and away from each other, said blank additionally comprising a closure flap projecting from the top of said back wallet wall and carrying as an extension thereof front and back cardholder portions formed up into a card holder whose front wall is provided with an opening through which a card placed in said cardholder is visible when said flap and cardholder are brought up from closing position against the front wallet wall, said wallet closure flap being of a width at least about equal to that of the side and bottom wallet walls and containing a plurality of transverse lines of score on which it may freely flex over the front portion of said wallet as said wallet is expanded or filled up with papers and said cardholder including an open end adjacent to said wallet closure flap and through which a card may be inserted into said cardholder and the front cardholder wall including a flap projected through said open end into said cardholder and affording a ledge on which a card inserted into said cardholder may rest.

2. A combined expanding wallet and cardholder adapted for filing purposes consisting essentially of a precut and prescored fiberboard structure comprising front, back, side, and bottom wallet portions formed up into an expanding wallet whose side and bottom walls contain lines of score permitting free movement of the front and back wallet walls toward and away from each other, said structure additionally comprising a closure flap projecting from the top of said back wallet wall and carrying as an extension thereof front and back cardholder portions formed up into a card holder whose front wall is provided with an opening through which a card placed in said cardholder is visible when said flap and cardholder are brought up from closing position against the front wallet wall, said wallet closure flap being of a width at least about equal to that of the side and bottom wallet walls and said cardholder including an open end adjacent to said wallet closure flap and through which a card may be inserted into said cardholder and the front cardholder wall including a flap projected through said open end into said cardholder and affording a ledge on which a card inserted into said cardholder may rest.

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