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PICTURE-HOOK CARD PACKAGE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM PERCY MILLS, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented an Improvement in Picture-Hook Card Packages, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to picture hook card packages, and it has for its object to combine the said picture hooks with cards in such manner that they are securely retained thereon and also in such manner that they may be advantageously displayed.

To these and other ends my invention comprehends the construction and arrangement as hereinafter described and claimed and as illustrated in the accompanying drawing in which I have illustrated one form of picture hook card package embodying my invention. In the construction as illustrated I have shown three hooks secured to a single card, but it will be understood that the invention is not limited to a construction in which any particular number of hooks are fastened to a card, and that such number may be increased or diminished as may be desired.

In the drawing:

Fig. 1 is a view in front elevation of a picture hook card package embodying my invention; Fig. 2 is a transverse sectional view of the same; and Fig. 3 is a view in elevation of the card with the hooks removed therefrom.

Referring to the drawing: I designates a card of suitable material, such as pasteboard, upon which the hooks 2 are secured.

The said card is provided near one edge with openings, as indicated at 3. These openings are formed by producing substantially U-shaped slits in the card as best shown in Fig. 3 of the drawing, but it will be understood that if desired the openings may be complete; that is to say, the tongue-like portions 4 of the material formed by the said slits may be removed. It is preferred, however, that these portions be allowed to remain because they operate to hold the hooks within said openings.

It will be noted that the shank or stem portions of the hooks extend upwardly through the openings 3 formed by the slits and that the front portions of the lower parts of the said shank or stem portions are situated underneath the portion of the card between the lower edge of the openings 3 and the adjacent lower edge of the card while the remaining portion of the shank or stem is situated in front of the said card and in contact therewith, as shown in Fig. 2.

In engaging the hooks 2 with the cards in the manner as indicated in Fig. 2 the projections 4 are bent outwardly and rearwardly, as indicated in Fig. 2, and the upper ends of the stem or shank portions of the cards are inserted between the lower edges of the tongue-like portions 4 and the adjacent lower edges of the openings 3. The upper end of a hook having been thus inserted the stem or shank portion is moved upwardly through the opening into the position shown in Fig. 2. The upper ends of the shank or stem portions are then anchored to the card by means of the nails 5 by means of which the hooks are adapted to be suspended from a wall or other support.

It will be noted that the lower edge of the card is situated in the bend or angle between the bill portions 6 of the hooks and the shank or stem portions thereof.

It will be observed that the picture hooks are so interlocked with the card that they are securely attached thereto so that the said card with the hooks thereon may be marketed or sent into trade without fear of the said hooks becoming detached from the said card. It will also be apparent that the mounting of the hooks upon the cards in the manner as shown facilitates the displaying of the same in stores or other places where they are kept for sale.

As already indicated, the invention is not limited to the number of hooks which may be secured upon a single card. The number may be increased or may be reduced to a single hook upon a card, if desired. It will be seen that by my invention I have provided a picture hook card package by means of which the display of the hooks for sale is greatly facilitated and also in which the hooks are securely interlocked with and attached to the said card in such manner as not to become readily detached or separated therefrom.
Having thus described my invention what I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. A picture hook card package comprising a card having an opening a short distance from one edge thereof, a hook having its shank portion extended from the rear of the card through said opening and the bill of the said hook occupying a position upon the opposite side of the said card and embracing the edge portion of the said card adjacent the said opening, and means for attaching the upper end portion of the said shank to the said card.

2. A picture hook card package comprising a card having a plurality of openings situated in spaced relation with respect to each other adjacent an edge of the said card, a plurality of picture hooks the shanks of which extend from the rear of said card through said openings and upwardly upon the front side thereof and the bills of said picture hooks occupying positions in front of the portions of said card below the said openings, and means for securing the upper ends of the said shanks to the said card.

3. A picture hook card package comprising a card having openings near one edge thereof which openings are adapted to be closed by tongue-like portions extending from the upper edges of said openings toward the lower edges thereof, picture hooks, the shanks of which extend from the rear side of said card through the said openings the said shanks being situated between the said tongue-like portions and the lower edges of the said openings and the adjacent edge of the said card occupying a position within the bends of the said hooks between the shanks and the bills thereof, and means for attaching the upper ends of the said shanks to the said card.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention, I have hereunto signed my name this 22nd day of December, A.D., 1922.

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