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Fig. 1

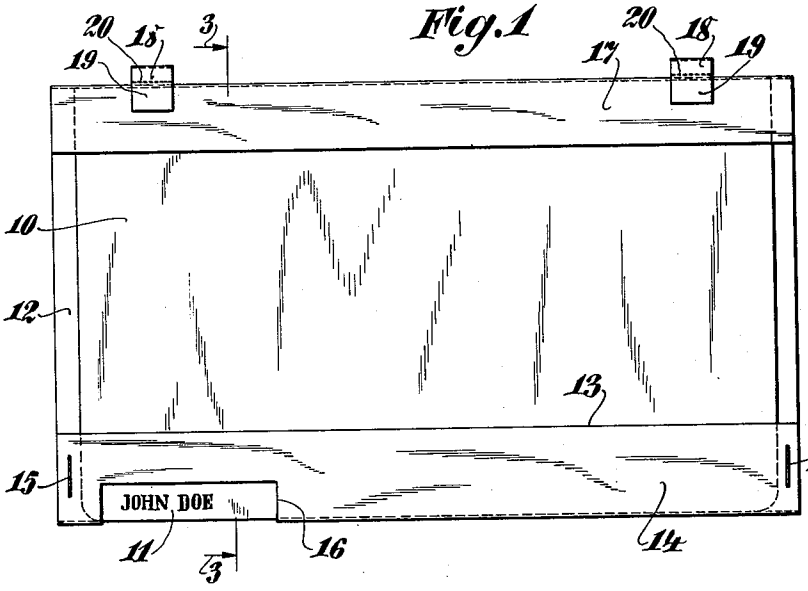


Fig. 2

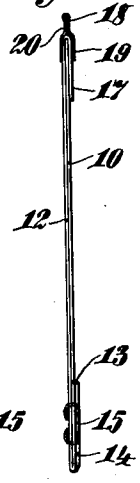


Fig. 4

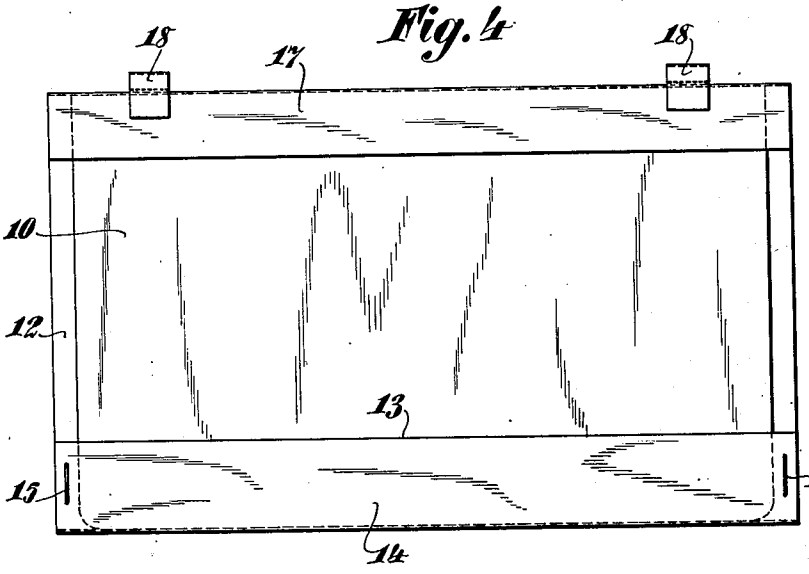
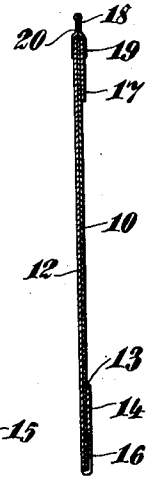


Fig. 3



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The present invention relates to visible index card holders and embodies, more specifically, an improved card holder for visible indexes by means of which a card may be conveniently inserted, retained and removed from the holder.

Holders for cards for indexes of this character are now available having pockets along the bottoms thereof, the tops of the holders being formed with slots to receive the upper corners of the cards. The operation of inserting the corners of the cards into those slots is not only an inconvenient one but the corners of the cards, as well as the edges of the slots themselves frequently suffer from careless handling during these operations. In as much as the top corners of the cards must be inserted into the slots to assure the maintenance of a full visible line at the bottom of the card the position of the slots and size of the cards frequently gives rise to inaccurate fitting.

An object of the present invention is to provide a card holder for visible indexes which is formed in such fashion that a card may be conveniently inserted and retained thereby.

A further object of the invention is to provide a card holder which reduces the number of operations required to position a card therein.

A further object of the invention is to provide a card holder having a retaining means thereon which not only facilitates the insertion of a card into the holder but also enables the card to be effectively retained within the holder.

Further objects, not specifically enumerated above, will be apparent as the invention is described in greater detail in connection with the accompanying drawing, wherein:

Figure 1 is a plan view of a card holder constructed in accordance with the present invention.

Figure 2 is a view in end elevation, showing the card holder and card of Figure 1.

Figure 3 is a view in section, taken on line 3—3 of Figure 1 and looking in the direction of the arrows.

Figure 4 is a plan view showing a modified form of card holder.

In attaining the present invention, a card holder is provided having a pocket or recess formed adjacent the bottom edge thereof and provided with a top flap which is adapted to fold down over the top edge of the card to seat the same properly within the recess and maintain the same in position. With reference to the accompanying drawing, a card for a visible index system is shown at 10 and may have suitable indicia inscribed thereon adjacent the bottom edge thereof, as indicated at 11. The card is adapted to be received within a holder 12 which is formed, adjacent the bottom thereof, with a pocket or recess 13. In the form of invention illustrated herein, the pocket is shown as being formed by a flap 14 which forms a continuation of the holder 12 and is turned back and secured by rivets 15 adjacent the sides thereof.

The flap 14 may either be of opaque or transparent material or it may have a window formed therein in order that the indicia upon the portion of the card within the pocket may be viewed without removing the card from the holder. In the form of the invention shown in Figure 1, the card holder 12 and flap 14 are opaque and formed with a window 16 which may be cut out from the flap.

The holder 12 is provided with a top flat 17 which overlies the upper portion of the holder and is adapted to retain the top of the card within the holder. In order that the top flap may normally lie in the position shown in the drawing, card holder hinges 18 are secured thereto in the fashion shown in Figures 2 and 3. By forming the hinges with overlying portions 19 which are secured together at 20 and securing the portions 19 in straddled relationship over the upper fold of the card holder, the hinges serve as a means to hold the top flap yieldingly in a normal position such as shown in Figures 2 and 3.

The construction shown in Figure 4 illustrates a holder constructed in accordance with the present invention wherein the pocket is not formed with a window as illustrated in Figure 1. While the invention has been illustrated as being formed from a single piece of material, it will be apparent that it may be fabricated in any desired fashion, it being essential only that the holder have a bottom retaining means and a top securing member which folds down over the top edge of the cards. Such construction minimizes the number of motions required to insert a card thereinto and the top flap serves as a means for conveniently camming the card into the pocket and retaining the same in proper position therein.

While the invention has been described with specific reference to the accompanying drawing, it is not to be limited, save as defined in the appended claim.

I claim as my invention:

An index card holder for receiving and exposing a major portion of at least one face of an index card comprising a flat card forming a base member, a shallow pocket formed at one edge of

said base member by a strip attached at said edge of said base member and along two adjacent sides to form a pocket closed on three sides for receiving and holding an index card against displacement except in one direction, flexible hinge members attached to the base member at the edge opposite the said pocket to support the index card holder, and a narrow hinged flap attached to the base member and to the hinge members at the hinged edge to cover only an edge of an index card and hold said index card in place but permit ready removal by raising the hinged flap.

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