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Card-Holder.

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Fig. I.

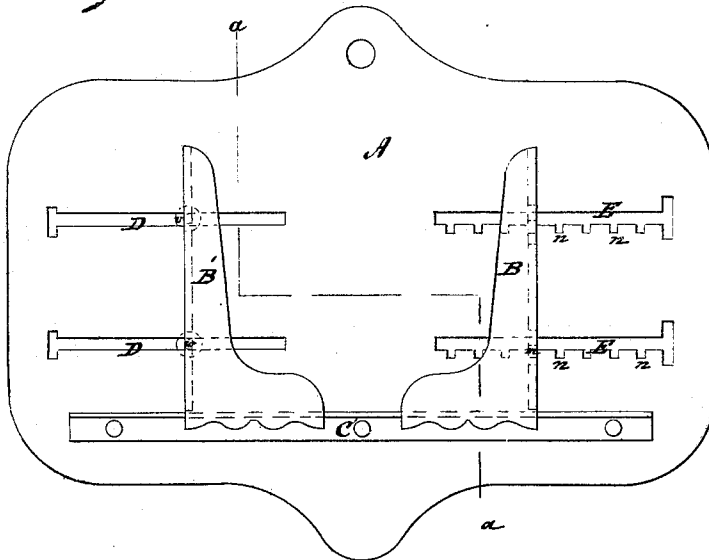


Fig. II.

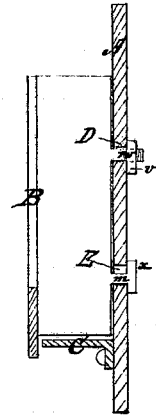


Fig. III.

(Modification.)

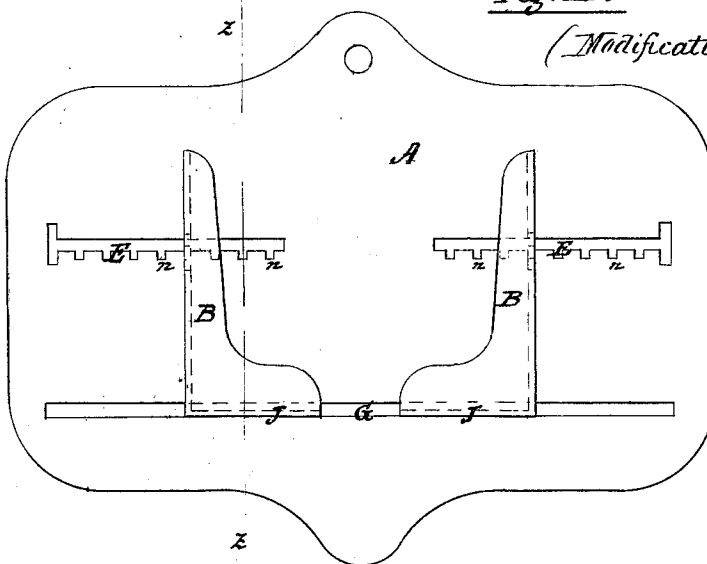
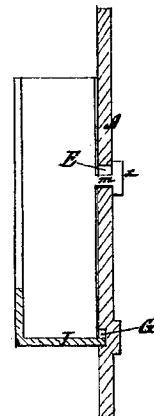


Fig. IV.



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IMPROVEMENT IN CARD-HOLDERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BLOOMFIELD BROWER, of New York, in the county and State of New York, have invented a new and useful "Card-Case," of which the following is a specification:

The nature of my invention consists in the construction of a case for holding address-cards or similar articles with movable sides, to adapt the same for any size of cards or other goods.

In the accompanying drawing, Figure I represents a front view of my card-case embodying my invention. Fig. II is a section of the same at the line *a a*, Fig. I. The other figures will be referred to in the following specification, being a front view and section of a modification.

Similar letters represent similar parts.

A is a plate, forming the back of the case, having a hole near the top to hang the same upon a nail, or a suitable base-plate may be arranged at the bottom to stand the same upon a table, if desired. C is an angle-piece, screwed near the bottom to the plate A, or the same may be cast in one piece with said plate A. The upper flange of this angle-piece C forms the bottom for the card-case. B B' are the side frames for the case. These frames have projecting pieces on the back passing through the plate A, and by which these frames may be fixed in any desired position from each other, according to the length of the card to be placed between them. To the frame B flat projections *m m* are made, having large heads *x* at their ends. These projections *m* pass through the plate A, and work in long slots E provided with suitable notches or recesses *n*, in which latter these projections *m* are made to fit, and are held fast. The heads *x* are made sufficiently large not to pass through the slots E, and prevent the frames B from falling out.

To make the case either longer or shorter the frame B is lifted up, so that the projections *m* come out of the notches or recesses *n*, when said frame can be moved into any other of the notches *n*, as may be desired.

Instead of providing the projections *m* with heads *x* at the back of the frame B, to fit into notches *n* in the slots E, as above described, the same may be arranged, as shown, on the frame B', where a screw-thread is cut at the end of the projections *w*, (see Fig. II,) provided with a large nut, *v*, to fasten said frames B' in any desired position. The slots D in this arrangement may be made perfectly straight, as shown in Fig. I.

Instead of constructing the case as above described, the same may be made as shown in Figs. III and IV, where Fig. III is a front view, and Fig. IV a section at the line *z z*. The back plate A in this case is provided with a groove, G, at or near the lower part, and the frames B B' have bottom plates J projecting a little over their side or end plates, which said projecting part works in this groove G. This groove G forms a guide for the lower part of the frames B, and enables to dispense with one of the projections on the back of each frame. The bottom plate J on the frames B forms an equivalent for the angle-piece C, and supports the cards at both ends, leaving only a small space in the center unsupported.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The arrangement of the movable side pieces B, in combination with the back-plate A and angle piece C or its equivalent, constructed substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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