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EJECTING CARDCASE

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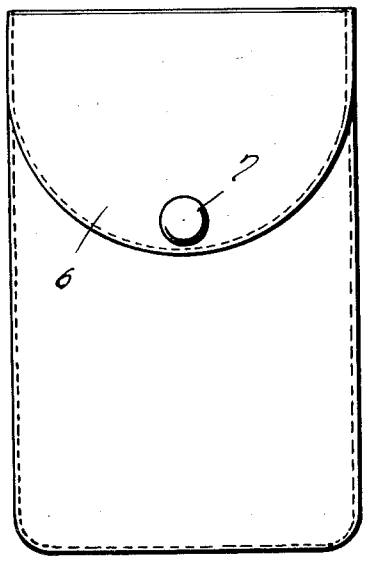


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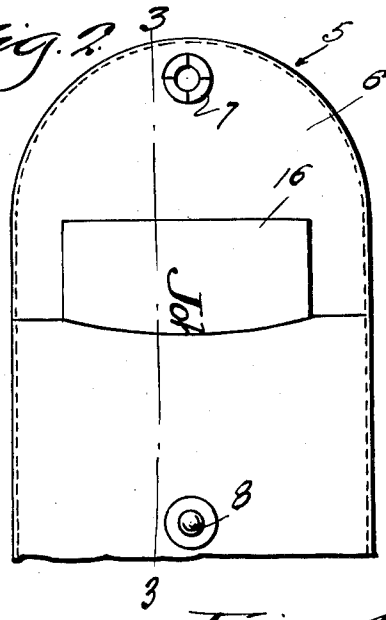


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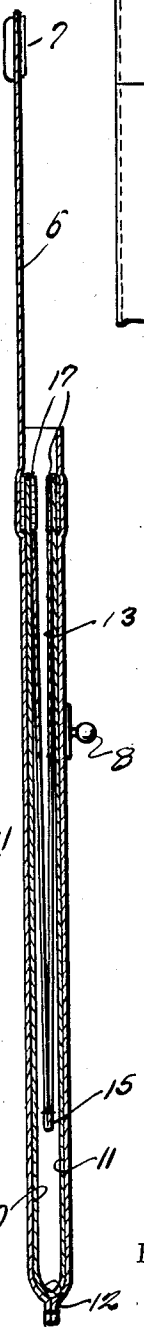


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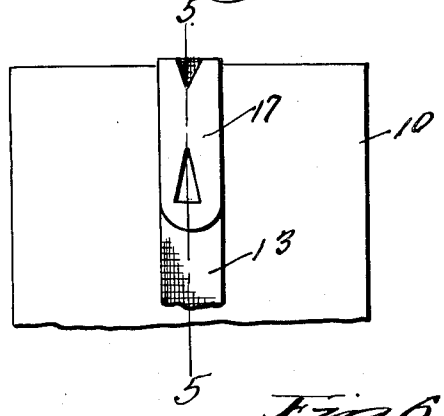


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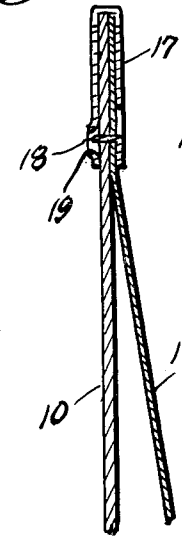


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My invention relates generally to receptacles for calling cards and the like, and an important object of the invention is to provide means, either in the form of an attachment or as an integral part of a receptacle of the character indicated, which will act when the receptacle is opened, to eject the calling cards and the like to a position in the receptacle in which the cards may be readily separated and withdrawn.

Other objects and advantages of my invention will be apparent from a reading of the following description in connection with the drawing, wherein for purposes of illustration I have shown a preferred embodiment of my invention.

In the drawing:—

Figure 1 is an elevational view of one side of a calling card case.

Figure 2 is a view of the case showing the flap or cover thereof in an open position with the calling cards in ejected position.

Figure 3 is a vertical transverse sectional view taken through Figure 2 approximately on the line 3—3.

Figure 4 is an elevational view of one side of the ejecting insert showing how the elastic is attached thereto.

Figure 5 is a transverse vertical sectional view taken through Figure 4 approximately on the line 5—5.

Figure 6 is a fragmentary end elevational view of the lower part of the elastic.

Figure 7 is a perspective view of the ejecting insert.

Referring in detail to the drawing, the numeral 5 refers generally to a conventional form of card case, such as one made of flexible leather or other composition and having on its upper end the flap 6 equipped with the female snap member 7 adapted to engage the male snap member 8 when the cover is closed. It will be obvious that other forms of card receptacles having a cover to be opened to expose the cards may be conditioned in accordance with the invention to perform the desired functions which appear herein.

In a form of the invention in which the ejecting arrangement is in the form of an attachment or insert for the receptacle 5, the ejecting arrangement or insert comprises the folded cardboard or other similar flexible material member generally designated 9 which is composed of the plate 10 and the plate 11 as shown in Figure 7, the member 9 to be inserted into the receptacle to a suitable level with respect to the upper end of the receptacle, and with the fold 12 downwardly positioned and engaging the bottom of the receptacle as shown in Figure 3.

Attached to the upper edge of each of the plates 10 and 11 in a centralized position is the upper end of the V-shaped spring or elastic 13 which may be formed of a single length of elastic tape or the like formed into a V-shape and having the apex part connected as indicated at 14 with cord or other fastening material, the legs of the elastic 13 being of such a length that the apex part 15 is at a height above the fold 12 of the member 9. When a card 16 is placed into the card receptacle and between the plates 10 and 11 of the ejecting member 9 the lower edge of the card or cards will seat between the legs of the elastic and engage the apex part and when the card or cards are pushed down into position so that the cover 6 may be closed, the elastic is stretched; so that when the cover 6 is opened the elastic will, in springing back toward initial position, push the card or cards up into the position exemplified in Figure 2, wherein the cards may be readily separated and withdrawn as required.

If desired the upper ends of the legs of the elastic may be glued instead of being attached by the metallic clips 17 to the upper edges of the plates 10 and 11 of the member 9. The metallic clips 17 are U-shaped in form and have the piercing tongue 18 which traverses the upper end of the elastic and also the upper edge part of the respective plate so as to be received in a receiving hole 19 in the opposite leg of the clip as shown in Figure 5.

If desired the member 9 may be totally dispensed with and the elastic V arranged within the card receptacle with its upper ends attached directly to the sides of the receptacle by glueing or by some other suitable fastening arrangement.

Attention is also called to the fact that there may be substituted for the elastic V any arrangement of springs either of metal or of rubber which will achieve the result of ejecting the cards when the cover of the receptacle is opened, and permit pushing the cards down into place in the receptacle when it is desired to close the cover of the receptacle.

Although I have shown and described herein a preferred embodiment of my invention, it is to be definitely understood that I do not desire to limit the application of the invention thereto, and any change or changes may be made in the materials, and in the structure and arrangement of the parts, within the spirit of the invention and the scope of the subjoined claims.

What is claimed is:—

1. In a calling card receptacle, a longitudinally disposed substantially U-shaped resilient member in said receptacle having its free ends secured to the inner side of the receptacle, the bight portion of the resilient member forming a seat for the cards, and said resilient member adapted to be tensioned by the cards as the cards are forced into place in the receptacle and to be ejected partially therefrom by the resilient means.

2. In a calling card receptacle, a closure therefor, a longitudinally disposed substantially U-shaped elastic member in said receptacle having its free ends secured to the inner sides of said receptacle, the bight portion of the said elastic member forming a seat for the cards, said elastic member being adapted to be tensioned by the cards when they are inserted in the receptacle and to return to the initial position to eject the cards therefrom upon the opening of the closure.

3. In a calling card receptacle, having a closure flap, an automatic card ejecting insert, comprising a pair of spaced plates, adapted to be inserted within the card receptacle, a longitudinally disposed substantially U-shaped elastic member between said plates, having its free ends secured to the upper portion of said plates, the bight portion of said elastic member forming a seat for the cards, said elastic member being adapted to be tensioned by the cards when they are inserted between the plates and arranged to eject the cards partially therefrom when the closure of the receptacle is open.

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