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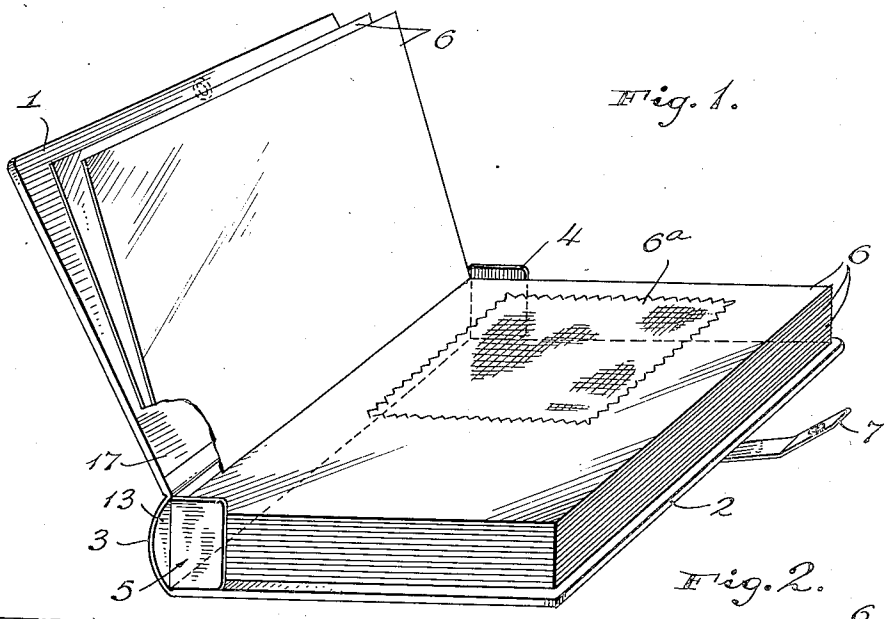
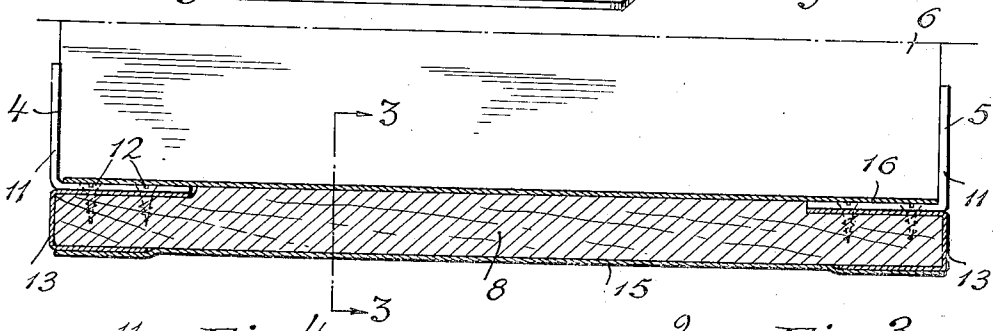


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Fig. 2.



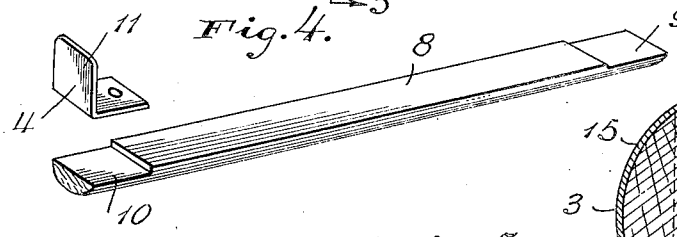


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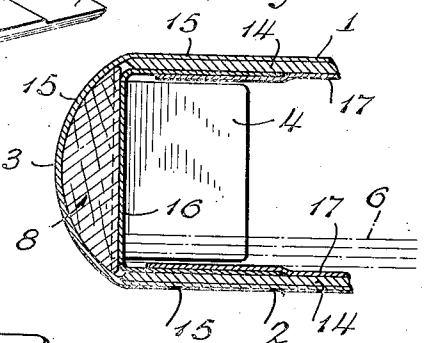
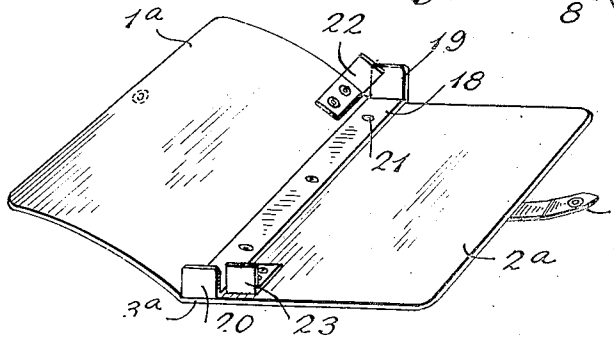


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1 Claim. (Cl. 150—52)

My invention relates to a device for holding a set or pack of loose cards, leaves or the like, which remain unattached to the holder and which may be examined or turned over one at a time, when the holder is opened, and which are individually free so that the entire lot may be readily removed, or one or more thereof may be bodily lifted out of the holder, for examination or replacement by new ones.

I have illustrated types of my invention in the accompanying drawing, wherein;

Figure 1 shows a perspective view of a holder embodying my invention, the same being shown as open with some of the loose cards turned over against one of the cover sections.

Figure 2 shows a view of a section on a vertical longitudinal plane through the back of the holder.

Figure 3 shows a cross-sectional view, the plane of the section being indicated by line 3—3, in Fig. 2.

Figure 4 shows a perspective view of the piece forming the back of the holder and also one of the retaining brackets detached therefrom; the view being on a reduced scale.

Figure 5 shows a perspective view of a modified form of the holder, with the cards omitted.

Referring to the drawing, in which like numerals of reference designate like parts throughout, the holder or portfolio comprises a pair of similar cover or side sections 1 and 2, which are attached to a back 3, so that they may be swung or folded thereon with respect to each other, like the parts of an ordinary book.

A pair of stops or card retaining members 4 and 5, are mounted upon the inner side of the back 3, at or near the respective ends thereof and are spaced apart longitudinally of the back and constitute abutments or fixed parts against which the free ends of the inserted pack or set of cards or sheets 6, 6, may strike or bear, so as to limit the endwise movements thereof, when the group of cards are placed between them with the inner edges of the cards resting against the back, as clearly indicated in Figs. 1 and 2. The width of the stops is practically that of the back and the side sections fold against the side edges thereof. While the stops are of considerable height, they need only be high enough to provide substantial retaining means for the ends of the inserted cards. The loose sheets or cards 6, may be made of thick paper, paste-board, card-board or suitable composition and may have the usual degree of stiffness found in ordinary sample cards on which are mounted sample pieces of goods or cloths, as indicated at 6^a, in Fig. 1. A set of such cards have sufficient weight to cause them to be easily dropped by hand into place between the stops and their weight then serves to assist in holding the loose set in place between the stops, when the portfolio or book-like holder is opened for examining the different cards by turning them over one at a time, as indicated in Fig. 1. In examining the cards, any one or more may be lifted out of the pack as desired and the remaining cards will hold their places between the stops. When the set or group of the cards are placed in position between the stops or retaining flanges 4 and 5, the side-sections or covers 1 and 2, may then be closed against the sides of the set of cards and the two sections then secured together by an ordinary releasable clasp or fastener 7, so that the holder with its contents may be readily handled and transported without dislodging the cards.

My improved holder may be constructed in various different ways, two of which I have herewith illustrated.

In the form shown in Figs. 1 to 4, the back 3, of the holder is made from a solid member 8, preferably of wood, with its inner side made flat and its outer side rounded transversely of its length, like an ordinary book-back. The respective ends of the piece 8, are cut-away or notched at 9 and 10, to receive a wing or flange of the stop-bracket 11, which is made of rigid material, preferably metal, and which is secured by said flange to the back piece 8, by means of screws 12. The upstanding wing or flange of the L-shaped or angle bracket 11, provides the end stops for the cards, as indicated at 4 and 5. Before securing the stop brackets to the back, I cover the ends of the back piece 8, with ordinary book-binding cloth or fabric 13, so as to give a finished appearance to the holder, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2.

The side-sections or lids 1 and 2, may be made like those of an ordinary bound book and comprise a board of stiff material 14, which is covered on its outer face with binding cloth or fabric 15, glued thereto, and which extends around the back piece 8, to which it is also glued in the usual way. A piece of binding or fabric 16, is glued across the inner face of the piece 8, and the respective ends thereof are carried over upon the boards 14, and glued thereto. A finishing piece of cloth 17, is pasted to the inner face of each of the side boards, as indicated in Fig. 1. With this construction, the side-sections are so at-

tached to the back that they may be swung thereon in opening and closing the holder.

In the modification shown in Fig. 5, a simplified form is shown in which the side-sections or covers 1a and 2a, are attached to the back 3a and are foldable with respect thereto and if preferred these side sections may be somewhat flexible. A back piece 18, is secured to the back by means of rivets 21, and carries at its respective ends the stops 19 and 20, which stand at right angles to the back piece and function the same way as the stops 4 and 5, of the other construction shown in Figs. 1 to 4. The back piece 18, may be made of rigid material, such as metal, and the end stops thereof may be made integral therewith. A further modification of the structure, is indicated in broken-lines in Fig. 5, in the way of a bracket 22, which is riveted to the side-cover 1a, so that its stop flange lies within the stop 19, of the back piece, and a similar bracket 23, is likewise secured to the side-cover or section 2a, so that its stop flange or wing lies within the stop 20, of the back piece 18. When used in conjunction with the stops 19 and 20, these additional stops 22, and 23, will serve to prevent endwise shifting of the loose cards, when the holder is opened widely and also when it is closed. This form is also provided with a releasable fastener 7a, for locking the side-sections together in closed position. The end stops on the back are free from the folding side-sections and the additional or supplementary stops 22 and 23, located on the side sections, are free from the back piece. The space between the end stops is unobstructed and the unattached cards are free so that they rest loosely between the stops.

In making the device, any suitable well known materials may be used for the different parts thereof, such as those ordinarily employed in making books and sample holders, and compositions and metallic materials may be used for the more rigid parts of the back and end-stops.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:—

A holder for receiving a loose set of cards, comprising a pair of folding side-sections, a back to which said side-sections are attached so that they may be folded with respect to each other and between which a set of unattached cards may be placed, end stops fixed on said back with an unobstructed space between them and engaged by the ends of the cards when inserted between them, and the folding side-sections each being provided with an end-stop engageable by the ends of the inserted cards and movable with said folding sections in opening and closing the same.

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