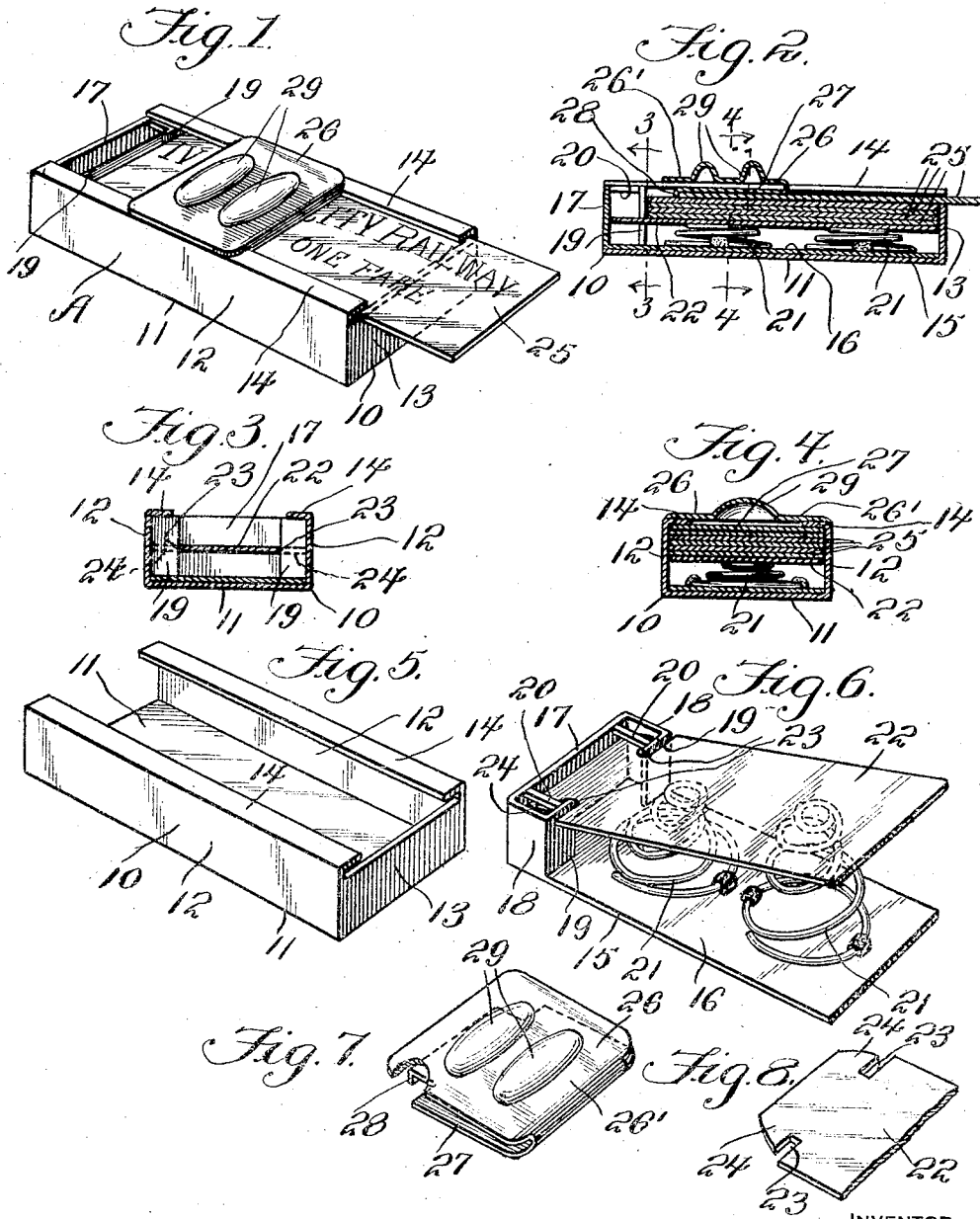


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANK B. JOHNSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Des Moines, in the county of Polk and State of Iowa, have invented new and useful Improvements in Receptacles, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a receptacle which may be employed as a holder for car tickets, although the construction of the receptacle is such that it may be employed for this purpose in connection with cards and the like.

The primary object of the invention is to provide a receptacle for this purpose which may be carried in the pocket and is so constructed as to permit the contents of the receptacle to be partially ejected therefrom one at a time, when the occasion arises.

Another object of the invention is to provide the receptacle with a tray in which the contents of the holder is arranged and supported upon a spring pressed follower so connected with an end of the tray that it not only serves to maintain the contents of the holder in the path of movement of an ejecting slide associated therewith, but prevents the contents of the holder from becoming ejected therefrom should the ejecting slide be accidentally operated.

A further object of the invention is to provide the receptacle with an ejecting slide which is so constructed as to insure the engagement of an arm thereon with the article to be ejected from the holder when the slide is moved to ejecting position.

With these and other objects in view the invention resides in the novel combination, and arrangement of parts which will be hereinafter described, and pointed out in the claims.

The preferred embodiment of the invention has been illustrated in the accompanying drawing, although changes in the structure disclosed therein may be made within the scope of the claims if found desirable.

In the drawing;—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a receptacle constructed in accordance with the invention.

Fig. 2 is a vertical longitudinal sectional view thereof.

Fig. 3 is a transverse section on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2.

Fig. 4 is a similar section on the line 4—4 of Fig. 2.

Fig. 5 is a perspective view of the casing forming a part of the receptacle.

Fig. 6 is a perspective view of the tray included in the receptacle.

Fig. 7 is a perspective view of the ejecting slide.

Fig. 8 is a detail perspective view of one end of the follower plate.

Like characters of reference denote corresponding parts throughout the various views in the drawings.

Referring now to the drawing in detail, the letter A designates a receptacle constructed in accordance with the invention and in which a casing 10 formed from any suitable material comprises a bottom 11 having side walls 12 and an end wall 13, the side walls 12 extending slightly above the top of the end wall 13 and are each provided with a longitudinally extending and in-turned flange 14.

Arranged within the casing 10 is a tray 15 including a bottom 16 having formed at one end thereof an upstanding end wall 17, which, when the tray is arranged within the casing 10 closes the open end thereof. The end wall 17 is provided at its ends with extensions 18 which extend toward the opposite end of the bottom 16. The extensions 18 are bent to provide the tray adjacent the end wall 17 with inwardly extending flanges 19, connected at their upper ends with the wall 17 by cross bars 20 which serve as braces for the flanges 19. Supported above the bottom of the tray 16 by coiled expansion springs 21 is a follower plate 22 having formed therein adjacent one end transversely extending slots 23 into which extend the flanges 19, said slots providing the follower plate with tongues 24 which are arranged between the end wall 17 and the flanges 19 and underlie the cross bars 20, so that the follower is both slidably and hingedly connected with the tray 15.

Through the above-described manner of connecting the follower plate with the end wall of the tray 15, it will be seen with reference to Fig. 6 in the drawing that the springs 21 normally exert a tendency to support the follower plate in an inclined position so that the tickets or cards 25 placed therein are prevented from being casually

withdrawn from the casing 10 and that when the tray is arranged within the casing 10 the follower plate holds the contents of the tray firmly pressed against the flanges 14.

An ejector slide 26 movable longitudinally of the casing 10 on the flanges upon the side walls thereof comprises a plate 26' from one end of which extends an arm 27 which is folded to underlie said plate and to extend beneath the flanges 14, so that the slide is removably retained upon the flanges by the plate and arm. The free end of the arm is curved downwardly to provide the same with an ejecting finger 28 which due to the resiliency of the material from which the slide is formed, is held in position to engage an end of the uppermost ticket or card upon the follower 22 when the slide is moved to ejecting position. The plate 26' has formed thereon spaced ribs 29 which may be employed as a thumb or fingerhold to facilitate the sliding of the slide upon the flanges 14.

With the receptacle filled with tickets as shown in Fig. 2 in the drawing, and it is desired to partially eject a ticket therefrom, the ejecting slide is moved to ejecting position upon the casing 10 and in which position, the ejecting finger on the arm is arranged behind and in engagement with an end of the uppermost ticket in the holder.

The ejecting slide is now moved toward the opposite end of the casing, the finger on the arm on the ejecting slide moving the uppermost ticket upon the follower along with the slide until the ticket for the greater portion of its length extends beyond the end of the casing toward which the slide is moved, and in which position the ticket is maintained by the pressure of the spring pressed follower thereon until manually withdrawn from the holder.

Upon the removal of the ticket from the holder the slide is moved toward the opposite end of the casing, so that it will be again ready for use in ejecting the uppermost card or ticket upon the follower.

When it is desired to replenish the supply of tickets or cards within the holder, the tray is removed therefrom and the tickets or cards placed upon the follower which under the influence of the spring retains the tray within the casing.

From the foregoing description taken in connection with the accompanying drawing, it is at once apparent that a holder for the purpose set forth has been provided which is comparatively simple in construction, therefore inexpensive of manufacture, although highly efficient in use.

Having thus described the invention what is claimed as new, is:—

1. A device of the class described comprising a casing having an open top and end, flanges extending inwardly from the upper edges of the sides of the casing, an ejector slide supported by and movable longitudinally of said flanges, a tray removably mounted within said casing, and a spring pressed follower on said tray.

2. A device of the class described comprising a casing having an open top and an end, a tray within said casing having an end closing the other end of the casing, a follower on said tray, flanges extending inwardly from the side walls of said casing above said follower, a plate resting upon said flanges and movable longitudinally thereof, an arm on said plate underlying the same, and an ejector finger on said arm.

3. A device of the class described comprising a casing having an open top and end, a tray within said casing having an end closing the open end of said casing, a follower yieldably supported upon said tray and having slots therein adjacent one of its ends, flanges on the end of said tray extending within said slots, cross bars above said follower connecting said flanges with the end of the tray, and an ejector slide on said casing.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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