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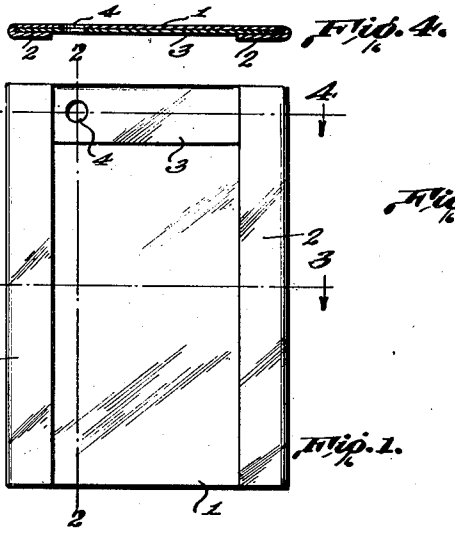

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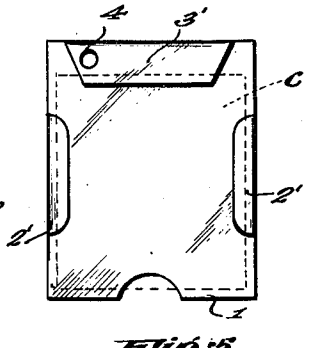

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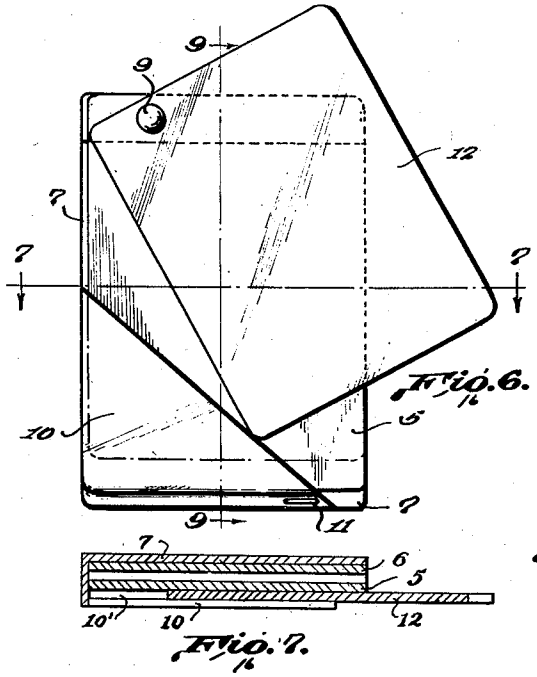

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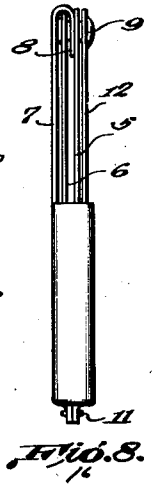

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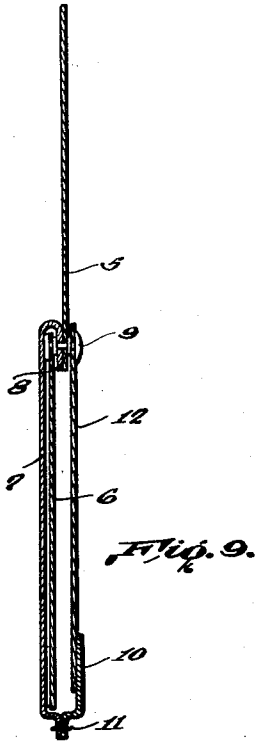

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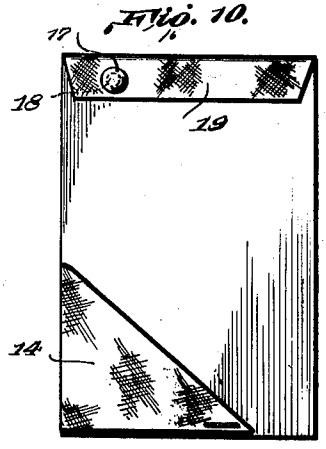

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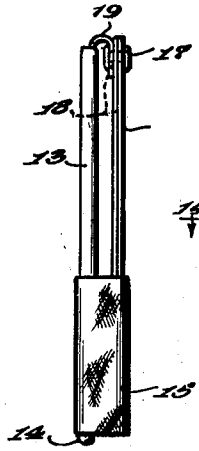

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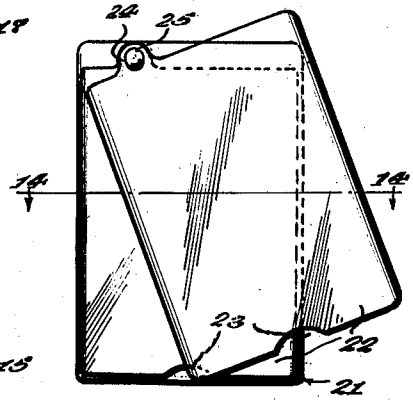

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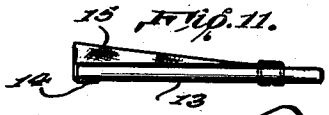

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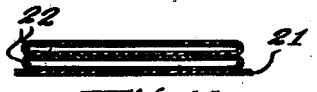

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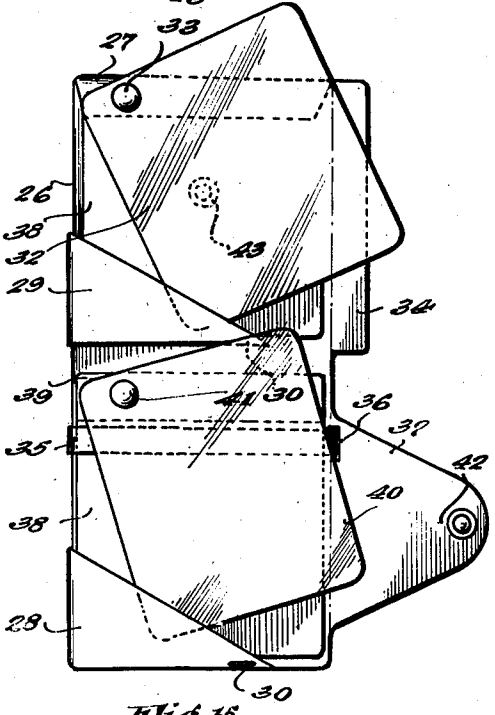

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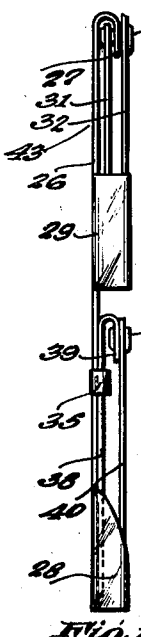

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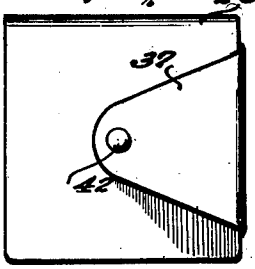

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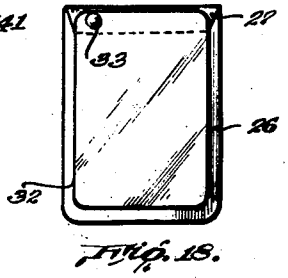

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This invention relates to a card holder and it is one object of the invention to provide a device of this character so constructed that one or more cards may be placed in the holder and shielded in such manner that they will not become bent or soiled.

Another object of the invention is to so form the holder that the cards may be individually shifted outwardly from a carrier to a position in which they may be clearly seen and inspected or read when desired.

Another object of the invention is to provide a card holder wherein the cards are enclosed in jackets or envelops formed of transparent sheet material and mounted in pivotal arrangement for swinging movement from a retracted position one upon another to an extended position.

Another object of the invention is to provide a card holder and carrier which is simple in construction, economical to manufacture, and is a unique novelty easy to operate and assemble for replacement in compact groups as desired.

In the accompanying drawings:

Fig. 1 is a front view of a holder formed in accordance with the invention.

Fig. 2 is a sectional view on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a sectional view on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 4 is a sectional view on the line 4—4 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 5 is a view of a modified form of holder.

Fig. 6 is a front view of a modified form of holder wherein a plurality of card carriers are pivotally mounted for individual movement from retracted position to extended position.

Fig. 7 is a transverse sectional view on the line 7—7 of Fig. 6.

Fig. 8 is a side view of Fig. 6.

Fig. 9 is a sectional view on the line 9—9 of Fig. 6.

Fig. 10 is a front view of another modified form of card holder.

Fig. 11 is an end view of Fig. 10.

Fig. 12 is a side view of Fig. 10.

Fig. 13 is a front view of another modified form of holder.

Fig. 14 is a sectional view on the line 14—14 of Fig. 13.

Fig. 15 is a view showing a double card holder when opened.

Fig. 16 is a side view of Fig. 15.

Fig. 17 is a view showing the double card holder closed.

Fig. 18 is a view of one of the card carriers shown in Fig. 15.

The card holder illustrated in Figs. 1 through 5, is formed of transparent sheet material and consists of a blank forming a flat body 1 which has been shown oblong but may be shorter, as shown in Fig. 5, if desired. The blank has extensions along its sides and at one end, and these extensions are folded inwardly over the body to form side flaps 2 and an end flap 3. The flap 3, which is at the upper end of the body, is first folded inwardly and the side flaps 2 then folded inwardly with their upper end portions overlapping ends of the flap 3. By this arrangement, the holder is open at its lower end and when a card C is thrust into the holder, its side edge portions will engage under the side flaps and be frictionally gripped thereby so that it will be held in place and prevented from accidentally slipping out of the holder. The upper end of the card will abut the upper flap 3 but, if desired, it may be slid under the flap in order that the upper flap may grip the card and assist in holding the card in the holder. An opening 4 is formed through the upper flap and the upper end of the body in order that a fastener may be passed through the opening and mount the holder in pivotal engagement with a carrier. Referring to Fig. 5, it will be seen that the side flaps and the end flap, which are designated by the numerals 2' and 3' in this figure, may be of reduced length and terminate in spaced relation to ends of the side edges and the upper edge of the body 1. These flaps have curved ends so that the card may be easily slid under them when inserted.

In the embodiment of the invention illustrated in Figs. 6 through 9, there has been shown a plurality of holders 5 and 6 which may be constructed as shown in Figs. 1 through 5 and are mounted in a carrier 7. This carrier or backing is formed of stiff sheet material, such as cardboard or the like, and has its upper end portion folded to form a flap 8 formed with an eyelet and to which the holders 5 and 6 are pivotally connected by a removable pivot such as a dowel, screw stud, or other equivalent fastener 9. Since the flap 8 is disposed between the two holders, the holder 5 may be easily turned about the fastener as a pivot and thus moved from the normal stacked position over the backing to an extended position for inspection of cards in the holders. A triangular retainer flap 10, forming a pocket at one side of the lower end of the carrier, is provided, and this retainer flap is preferably in the form of a wing or extension formed

integral with the lower end portion of the carrier and folded inwardly across the carrier and secured by a staple 11. It will be understood that, if desired, the retainer flap may be formed separate from the carrier or backing 7 and secured along its outer side edge by stitching or staples as well as along its lower edge. A cover 12, formed of cardboard or other stiff material, is also pivotally mounted on the fastener 9 and may be swung from the folded position in shielding relation to the holders shown in Figs. 6, 8 and 9, to the extended position shown in Fig. 6, this movement being continued until the holder under the cover is entirely exposed. The cover may be plain, ornamented, or have a calendar mounted thereon.

Another embodiment of the invention is illustrated in Figs. 10, 11 and 12. In these figures, there has been shown a carrier 13 in the form of an envelop into which clippings, memorandums and the like may be placed. The closure flap 14 of the envelop is along one side edge thereof, as shown in Fig. 11, and at this side of the lower end portion of the envelop is secured a corner flap 15 corresponding to the corner flap 10 and forming a pocket to receive a lower corner portion of a card holder 16 which may be formed as shown in Figs. 1 and 6, and pivotally mounted through the medium of a pivot 17, such as a removable screw stud or the like, passed through the holder and through an eyelet 18 in the end flap 19 of the carrier. There has also been provided a cover 20 corresponding to the cover 12 and pivotally engaged with the fastener 17 so that it may be swung to extended position.

The card carrier illustrated in Figs. 13 and 14 consists of a backing 21 formed of cardboard, stiff paper, or the like. This backing is flat and may have a flap at top similar to 19, Fig. 10, and eyelet 18, and carries holders which are of transparent material. These holders or containers are in the form of flat envelops which are open at their lower ends and have their walls cut to form recesses 23 so that clippings or cards may be easily thrust into or removed from the containers. Tabs or ears 24 extend from the closed upper ends of the containers and are perforated to receive the removable Dale, screw stud, or equivalent fastener 25 by means of which the containers are pivoted to the backing 21.

The card holder illustrated in Figs. 15 through 18 is of a double formation and has a carrier or backing 26 which is formed of pliable sheet material such as paper, thin leather, or the like. This carrier 26 has a flap 27 at its top which is provided with an eyelet and at the bottom of its upper portion is a corner flap 29. The lower portion of the backing 26 has another corner flap 28 at its lower end and in the preferred construction the flaps 28 and 29 are formed integral with a side edge of the backing 26 and secured by stitching or staples 30 in overlying relation to the backing. Card holders 31 and 32, which may be similar in construction to the holders 5 and 6, are pivotally mounted by a fastener 33 such as a removable dale fastener or screw stud passed through the eyelet of flap 27 so that they may be swung from a retracted position to an extended position. A flap 34 extends the full length of the upper portion of the backing 26 along a side edge thereof and this flap is foldable inwardly to overlap papers or currency placed in the holder. The lower portion of the backing 26 carries a side flap 37 formed with an opening 36 and about the upper end of this lower portion of the backing is disposed an elastic band 35 which passes through the opening 36 and contracts so that it fits snugly about the backing 26. A mounting sheet or carrier 38 which may be similar in formation to those previously described, is slipped into place between the elastic band and the lower portion of the backing 26 with its lower end engaged in the pocket formed by the corner flap 28 so that the carrier or holder will be removably held in place. This carrier has an end flap 39 provided with an eyelet so that a card holder 40 may be pivotally connected with the flap by a fastener 41 passed through the eyelet and mounted for movement from an extended position to a retracted position in which position its lower end engages under the carrier flap 28. When the cards carried by the holders are not in use, the backing is folded between its upper and lower portions and the side flap 37 folded over the outer face of the upper portion of the backing 26. The snap fastener 42 of this flap is then pressed into engagement with the companion snap fastener 43 and the backing will be held closed to shield the card holders and prevent them from swinging towards an extended position and also prevent papers or currency from slipping out of place.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed is:

1. A device of the character described comprising a backing having an end portion folded forwardly and downwardly to form an overhanging flange across the upper end of the backing, a triangular flap formed integral with the lower portion of one side of said backing and folded inwardly and secured along its lower edge to the backing and forming a triangular pocket open along the inner diagonally extending edge of the flap, a holder normally extending longitudinally of the backing, a cover sheet for said holder, and a fastener passing through corresponding corners of the holder and the cover and the flange above the high side of the pocket and pivotally mounting the holder and the cover for independent swinging movement about the fastener into and out of a position disposing lower corner portions of the holder and cover within the pocket.

2. A device of the character described comprising a backing, a triangular sheet covering a lower corner portion of said backing and forming a triangular pocket open along a diagonally extending inner edge and having its high side extending along the corresponding side edge of the backing, a sheet normally extending longitudinally of said backing with a lower corner engaged in the pocket, and a fastener passing through corresponding corners of said sheet and said backing over the high side of the pocket and pivotally mounting the sheet for swinging movement into and out of normal position in the pocket.

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