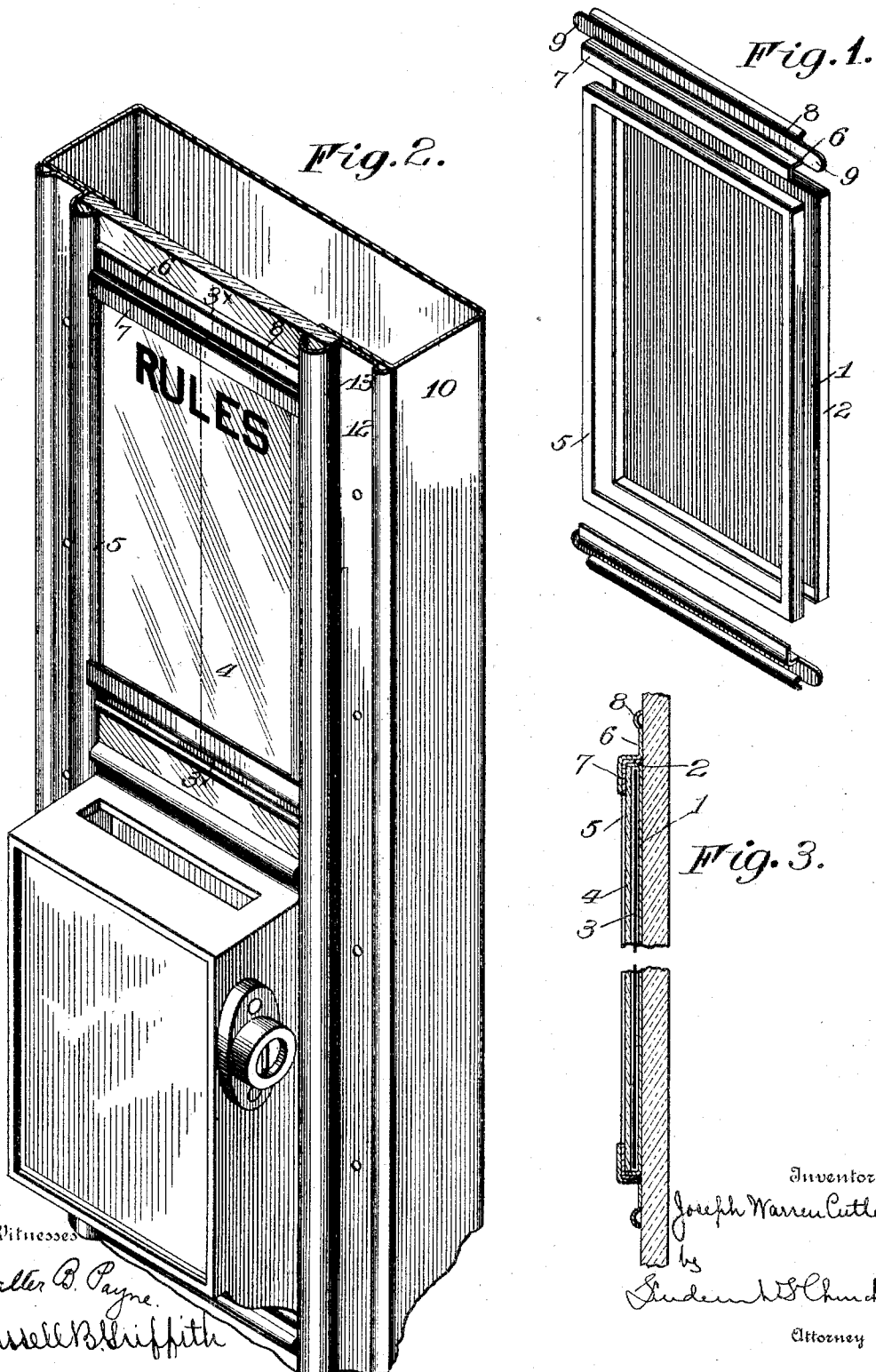


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH WARREN CUTLER, of Rochester, in the county of Monroe and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Card or Label Holders; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, and to the reference-numerals marked thereon.

My present invention relates to devices for holding notices or cards containing sets of printed rules or instructions to be observed by persons when using the device or object to which they relate; and my invention has for its object to provide a holder which will protect the card from being mutilated or soiled.

My invention has for its further object to provide a holder adapted particularly to be used in connection with mail-chutes, although equally well adapted to be used in connection with other devices and which is capable of being easily attached to and removed from its support.

To these and other ends my invention consists in certain improvements and combination of parts, all as will be more fully described, the novel features being pointed out in the claims at the end of this specification.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a detail perspective view showing the several parts detached. Fig. 2 is a similar view illustrating the holder applied to a mail-chute, and Fig. 3 is a horizontal sectional view on the line 3^x 3^x of Fig. 2.

A card or label holder constructed in accordance with my invention embodies a rectangular backing 1, preferably formed of thin sheet material, having upturned edges 2 and adapted to receive the printed card or label 3 and a covering 4, of glass or other transparent material. The backing and the inclosed parts are then inserted in the open frame 5, the rearwardly-extending edges of which overlap the edges 2 of the backing, thus forming a flat receptacle composed of the separable forward and rear members, having overlapping edges completely inclosing the card

or label and its transparent covering. The receptacle composed of the members thus arranged is held in place by securing devices in the form of supporting-plates 6, located at its opposite sides and having opposing overhanging angular flanges 7, beneath which the edges of the card-receptacle engage. The outer edges of the supporting-plates are struck up or rolled, as indicated at 8, to stiffen them, as well as to give the plates a more ornamental appearance, and at the extremities of the plates 6 projections or ears 9 are provided and adapted to be engaged by appropriate fastening devices by which they are secured to a suitable support.

In the illustration I have shown the device applied to a mail-chute, such as is generally employed in office-buildings and adapted to receive mail-matter from the various floors thereof, as will be understood, as the holder is particularly adapted for use in this connection to display instructions to the users of the chute, because it is flat and compact and may be readily attached to mail-chutes heretofore erected. Referring to Fig. 2 of the drawings, 10 indicates the mail-chute casing, having the transparent glass front secured between the vertically-extending moldings 12, arranged at the sides of the chute and having the edges 13, which in the present instance are rounded, extending over the face of the glass panel. The edges 13 of the moldings being more or less resilient, it will be seen that when it is desired to mount the card-holder upon the face of the chute it is only necessary to slide the ears 9 of the securing device beneath the edges 13, and as the plates 6 may be located at any point on the chute the holder may be secured at any desired height.

By arranging the securing-plates at the upper and lower sides of the card-receptacle and providing them with the ears engaging beneath the proximate edges of the longitudinally-extending molding-strips they may be moved relatively on the support to permit the receptacle to be removed and inserted.

A card or label holder constructed in accordance with my invention consists of few parts, each of which may be stamped from

sheet metal and when arranged as I have shown them form a device admirably adapted for the purpose intended.

I claim as my invention—

- 5 1. In a card-holder, the combination with a support, a backing adapted to contain a card and a frame fitting over the backing and co-
operating therewith to form a receptacle, of
10 securing devices attached to the support and extending over the edges of the receptacle.
2. In a card-holder, the combination with a support, a backing adapted to contain a card and an open frame inclosing the backing, of
15 securing devices attached to the support and engaging the frame.
3. In a card-holder, the combination with a support, a backing adapted to contain a card and an open frame inclosing the backing, of
20 securing devices attached to the support having projections extending over the frame.
4. In a card-holder, the combination with a support, a backing adapted to contain a card and an open frame inclosing the backing, of
25 securing devices adjustably mounted on the support at opposite sides of the frame and provided with projections adapted to extend over said frame.
5. In a card-holder, the combination with a support, a backing adapted to contain a card
30 and an open frame coöperating therewith to form a closed receptacle, of relatively movable securing devices mounted on the support

at opposite sides of the receptacle and having flanges adapted to extend over the latter.

6. The combination with a support, molding-strips thereon and a card-holder fitting between the latter, of securing devices extending over the face of the holder and having the ends engaging beneath said strips of molding.

7. The combination with a support, molding-strips thereon and a card-holder fitting between the latter, of plates located at opposite ends of the holder having the ends engaging beneath the molding-strips and provided with flanges extending over the face of the holder.

8. The combination with a mail-chute having the separated molding-strips, of a card-holder arranged between the latter and securing devices extending beneath the molding-strips and engaging the holder.

9. The combination with a mail-chute provided with separated molding-strips having the proximate free edges, of a card-holder comprising separable forward and rear portions fitting between the molding-strips and plates having the ends engaging beneath the free edges of said strips and extending over opposite sides of the card-holder to hold the parts thereof in operative engagement and to secure the holder to the chute.

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