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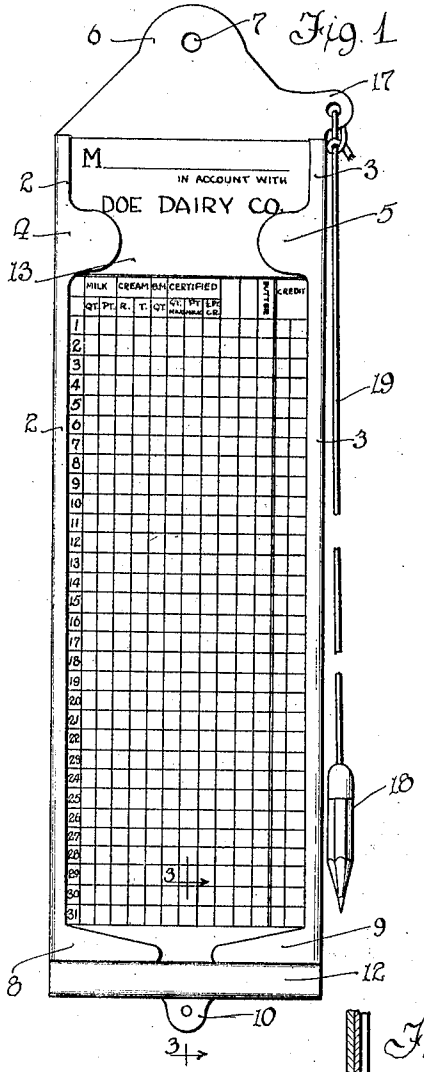


Fig. 1

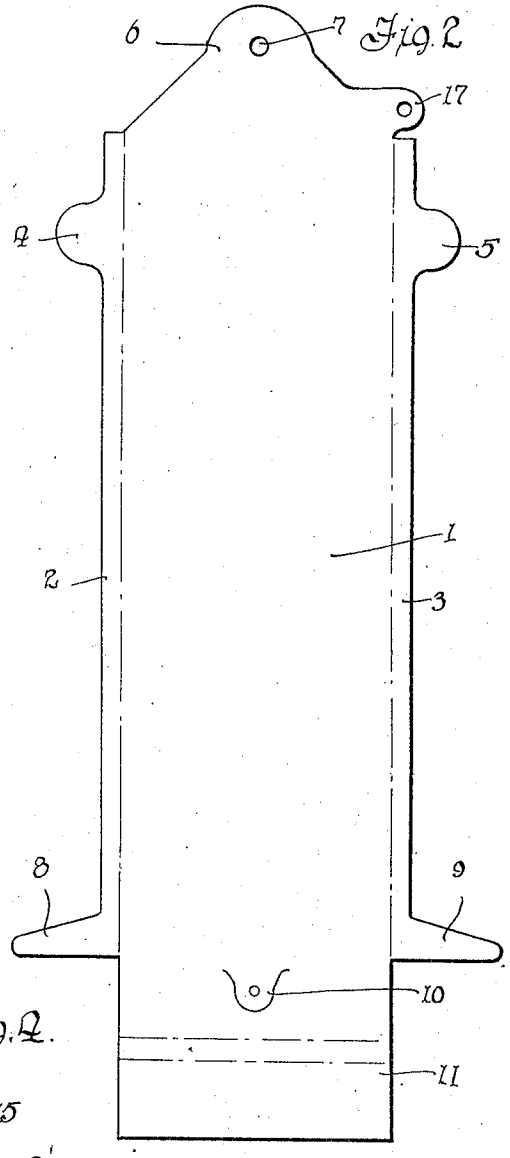


Fig. 2

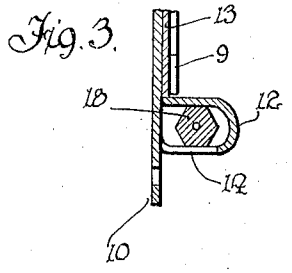


Fig. 3.

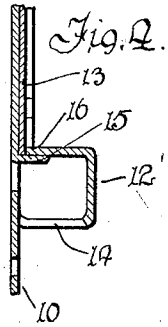


Fig. 4.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ROSALIE N. ELLIOTT, a citizen of the United States, a resident of Evanston, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Card Holders, of which the following is a full, clear, concise, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification.

My invention relates to card holders such as are employed more particularly in connection with holding milk cards or the like.

The object of the invention is to provide a simple and inexpensive but substantial card holder. I am aware that it is old to have metal holders for cards, but they are not generally adaptable for this particular use.

In order to explain to those skilled in the art the manner of constructing and using my invention, I shall now describe the same in connection with the accompanying drawings which illustrate the preferred embodiment of the same.

In the drawings:

Figure 1 is a front elevational view of a device embodying my invention;

Fig. 2 is a plan view of the blank before the same is folded into the holder;

Fig. 3 is a fragmentary sectional view taken on line 3—3 of Fig. 1; and

Fig. 4 is a similar sectional view of a modification.

Referring now to Fig. 2, it will be seen that the blank may be cut from a sheet of metal so as to provide the main body portion 1 over which the card lies as indicated in Fig. 1 when the device is completed, with the marginal portions 2 and 3 which form means for holding the edges of the card when the same is in position. At the upper portion of the device, the marginal portions 2 and 3 have enlarged ears 4 and 5 which not only secure an additional hold upon the card, but also enhance the appearance of the holder. These lugs or ears 4 and 5 are bent inwardly and engage the surface of the card tending to prevent it from slipping or coming loose from the holder, particularly when writing on the face of the card. At the upper end of the blank there is provided an ear 6 which is perforated as indicated at 7 to mount the device as by means of a screw or nail or the like passing through said perforation 7. At the lower end of the device the margins 2 and 3 extend outwardly into lugs or ears 8 and 9 which are folded over together to hold and form a guide for the lower end of the card as is apparent from Fig. 1.

These lugs or fingers 8 and 9 secure the lower end of the card against displacement and hold the corners against a tendency to curl up. A lug 10 is cut out of the body of the metal at substantially the central portion, and the lower part of the metal 11 of the body is bent back as shown in Figures 1 and 3 to form a shelf 12 which shelf performs a three-fold duty. First, it serves as a stop for the card 13 as is apparent from Fig. 3; next, it serves as a stiffening and strengthening portion for the lower part of the card holder; and, finally, it serves as means for supporting a pencil or the like, either on its upper surface or in the hollow interior formed by folding back the metal as shown in Fig. 3. The metal is bent up leaving the lug 10 projecting below the same as is apparent from Figs. 1 and 3, the cut out portion 14 being on the lower side of the folded up part 12. It also prevents any water standing in the folded part 12. Such opening is not normally visible when the card holder is mounted in place. Instead of having a single lug such as 10, a pair of lugs at each side may be provided.

In Fig. 4 I have shown a modification in which the folded part 12′ is slightly larger than shown in Figs. 1, 2 and 3, and it rests upon a lug 15 which is cut out of the body of the metal above the fastening lug 10. The edge 16 lies above the lug 15 and the lug 15 thus forms a support for the upper portion of the folded part 12′, and also forms a support for the end of the card 13. The end of the card may be pinched between the margin 16 and the body of the holder.

The upper portion of the holder may be provided with a lug 17 which extends off to one side, preferably the right side, for fastening a pencil 18 as by means of the cord 19, this lug being extended over far enough so that the string when fastened does not lie in the way of the card entering the guide, and also it suspends the pencil off to one side so that it does not obscure the card.

The upper ends of the guides 2 and 3 are unobstructed so that a card may be easily inserted or withdrawn at will.

The card 13 is supported upon the shelf invariably so that its full working face is exposed.

I do not intend to be limited to the precise details shown and described, as the device of my invention may be varied within the limits prescribed by the prior art.

I claim:—

A milk card holder comprising, in combination, a body, inturned lips along opposite edges of said body, integral lugs extending out from said lips to bear against the surface of an inserted card and hold the same in place, a positive abutment across the bottom edge of the inserted card rendering said edge inaccessible for purposes of removal, and shields extending across the major portion of the face of the card just above its lower edge to prevent buckling.

In witness whereof, I hereunto subscribe my name this 3rd day of March, 1923.

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