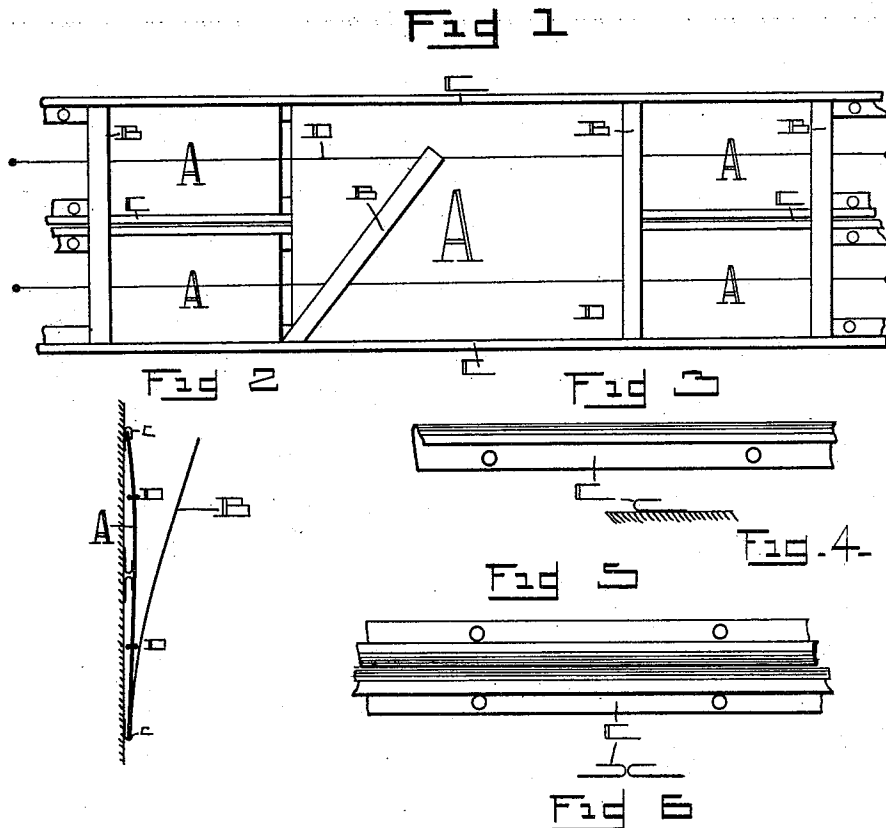


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, FRANK J. MCARDLE and JOHN B. FURAY, of Omaha, in the county of Douglas and State of Nebraska, have invented certain useful Improvements in Card-Holders; and we do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification.

This invention has relation to a new and useful improvement in card-holders.

The object of this invention is to provide a means for detachably holding advertising and display cards that shall be simple of construction and adapted to be mounted within a frame or attached directly to the wall or ceiling.

The device is more particularly adapted to be used in hotels and street and railway cars as a means for exhibiting advertising and display cards, which may be readily removed or inserted within the holder.

In the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, Figure 1 shows a front view of our improved card-holder, showing one of the spring-holders as partly removed; Fig. 2, a sectional view through the center of Fig. 1; Fig. 3, a detail of the upper and lower flange. Fig. 4 is an end view of Fig. 5; Fig. 5, a detail view of the central flanges, and Fig. 6 an end view thereof.

Similar letters of reference refer to corresponding parts.

Our invention embraces, essentially, a series of flanged strips C C, the curved transverse spring-holders B B, and the retaining-cords D D. The strips C are of any suitable sheet metal, having one edge recurved, so as to form the retaining-flange, while the body portion of the strip is provided with a series of screw or nail openings, as shown. These strips are cut in convenient lengths and mounted in parallel pairs within a suitable frame, or, if desired, they may be attached directly to the wall or deck of the room or car in which the device is to be used. We prefer mounting the strips in sets of four, the strips being in parallel lines a suitable distance

apart and with the two central strips secured so that the curved edges will lie with their curved portions in juxtaposition, as shown in Fig. 6. By this arrangement we are enabled to use two sets of cards of different widths, as shown in Fig. 1, where the central card A passes over the two central flanged strips, while the smaller cards A' are but half the width and held between the central and the border strips, as shown. Extending longitudinally between the strips are the retaining-wires D D, of iron or spring metal, which assist in keeping the display-cards A A' from bulging during damp weather. The cards A are first placed back of the wires D D and then permitted to enter one of the lower flanges, when by slightly bending the board the upper end may be readily brought within the upper flange, the card of course being a little less in width than the distance between the flanges. The cards having been properly positioned, the transverse supporting-strips B B, which are of sheet spring metal and curved outward, as shown in Fig. 2, are next inserted, so as to securely bind upon the cards at their meeting edges, and thus neatly and properly retain them in position. The retaining-strips or holders B may be positioned at any point within the flanges and are held within the two facing-strips or within the border strips, as illustrated.

The display-cards A, which are removably held within the holder, may be of any suitable length and are placed end to end, the unsightly meeting edges being hidden by means of the adjustable spring-holder B. In damp weather, when the cards are liable to swell, they are prevented from bulging in being able to expand between the flanges, as ample room is provided, so that the cards may work upward within the top flange, the wires D and holders B permitting this movement, so that the cards present a neat and smoother appearance.

Having thus described our said invention, what we claim as new, and desire to secure by United States Letters Patent, is—

1. In a card-holder, the combination, with a suitable supporting-back, of two or more parallel flanged supporting-strips adapted to hold one or more display-cards, retaining-wires ex-

tending between said flanged strips, and an adjustable spring-holder working within said supporting-flanges to hold and retain said display-card, all substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

5 2. In a card-holder, the combination, with a suitable supporting-back, of the flanged strips C C, adapted to removably hold one or more display-cards, the retaining-wires D D, and
10 the removable spring retaining-strips B B, all

arranged substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony whereof we affix our signatures in presence of two witnesses.

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