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Fig. 1.

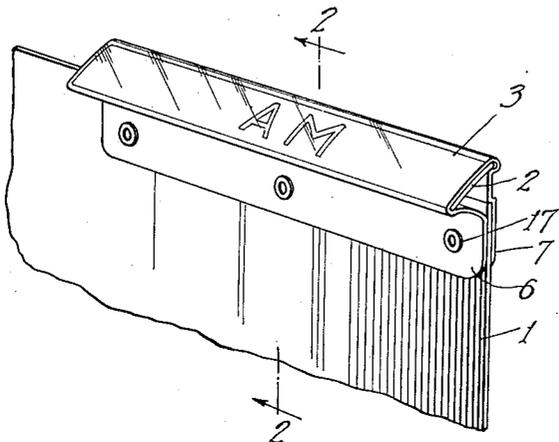


Fig. 2.

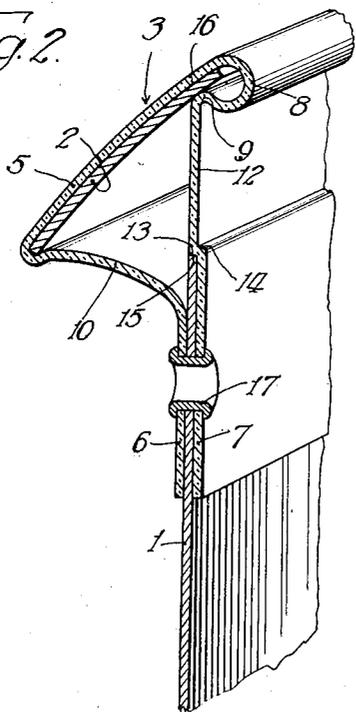
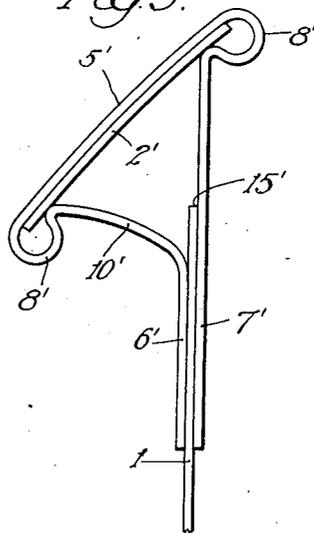


Fig. 3.



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My invention belongs to that general class of devices known as index strip holders adapted to be mounted on an index guide or separating card so as to display a strip upon the face of which is typed, printed or written certain identifying indicia or information.

The invention has among its objects the production of a device of the kind described which is simple, inexpensive, durable, convenient and satisfactory for use wherever found applicable.

The invention has particularly among its objects the production of a device of the kind described which will securely retain an index strip and display the same in a most convenient and efficient manner and which will not in any way impede or interfere with the removal of papers or other material from a file identified by the index strip.

The invention has as a further object the production of a strip holder of the kind described which may be readily arranged on and secured to an index card or guide, which holder is provided with means for readily locating the holder on the index card so that the various cards and holders are all substantially uniform.

A further object is the production of a holder which when seated on the index card will engage the top edge thereof and be properly aligned with the edge of the card and which engagement will also tend to provide a more secure and satisfactory mounting of the strip.

The invention has as a further object the production of a strip holder which is reinforced by rounding the top edge or forming a tubular bead thereat so as to stiffen the holder and improve its durability and the utilization of the rounded over portion to form a strong grip or clamp which will securely retain the index strip in the holder.

Many other objects and advantages of the construction herein shown and described will be obvious to those skilled in the art from the disclosure herein given.

To this end, my invention consists in the novel construction, arrangement and combination of parts herein shown and described and more particularly pointed out in the claims.

In the drawing, wherein like reference characters indicate like or corresponding parts:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of an index strip holder mounted on the top edge of an index card;

Fig. 2 is a sectional view taken substantially on line 2—2 of Fig. 1 enlarged to more clearly show the construction; and

Fig. 3 is a somewhat similar view of a modified arrangement.

Referring to the drawing, 1 represents an index or file guide card which may be constructed of card or pressed board, metal or the like of the desired shape, size and rigidity, and 2 represents an index strip, ordinarily of paper or a light weight card, provided with identifying indicia or characters for readily identifying the contents of the file to which the guide card is applied. It is immaterial what matter is on the strip as this depends on the desire of the user. This strip is of the desired color, width and length, depending upon material to be placed thereon, and obviously the strip holder is of a size to carry the strip employed.

My improved device relates to a strip holder designated generally by the reference character 3, which is preferably made of celluloid or any equivalent transparent material of suitable or preferred color. The same consists of a strip of material folded or formed to provide a face portion 5 preferably curved as shown, through which the strip 2 is displayed, with attaching flanges 6 and 7 extending from the top and bottom of the face portion and adapted to overlie the opposite faces of the guide card 1 and be secured thereto. The particular holder shown is folded over as at 8 and 9 at one edge to provide a tubular bead with the opposite edge extended at 10 toward the flange 7 and thence downwardly as indicated at 6. One flange portion, as shown 7, extends from adjacent the face portion as at 12 and is thence formed with an offset outwardly as shown at 14 so as to provide a seat or shoulder 13 extending from end to end which may rest upon and engage the top edge 15 of the guide card. The index strip holder 3 may be secured to the guide card by means of tubular rivets 17 or in any equivalent satisfactory manner. The tubular bead or turned over portion 8 at the top edge of the display portion 5 at its juncture with the flange portion 12 not only stiffens the guide but also provides an efficient strip clamping device, since the intermediate bent or folded portion 9 may be brought substantially close to the face portion so that when a strip 2 is inserted, as shown in Fig. 2, it will be firmly gripped or clamped between the bend 9 and the inner face of the display portion at 16. The strip is, therefore, frictionally and securely retained in place so that it is not easily lost out or displaced even though the guide card is removed from the file. While a bead may be provided at the lower edge of the face portion, it is not essential, and generally it is preferred to bring the same over and extend it laterally to the other flange and thence downwardly, the inter-

mediate portion 10 extending substantially in an arc. Papers removed from the file cannot readily engage with the holder and their removal be thus impeded. The portion 10 extending as shown also forms a very satisfactory brace, maintaining the face portion in its intended position.

In Fig. 3 I have illustrated a somewhat similar construction, except in this instance I have shown the index strip gripped at both the top and bottom edge. Referring to this figure, 1' represents the guide card, 2' the strip, 5' the face portion of the holder and 6' and 7' the securing flanges. As will be obvious by referring to the figure, the strip 2' is firmly gripped and retained by the turned over portions 8' which constitute clamps. In this case the offset for engaging the top edge of the card at 15 is not shown, it being understood that flange 7' may be constructed similar to flange 7, shown in Fig. 2, if so desired. While this form is very desirable and attractive in appearance, there is a possibility of papers accidentally engaging under the lower bead if carelessly removed.

From the preceding it is obvious that the strip holder by virtue of the construction conveniently displays the strip, the slight curve of the angularly disposed face of the strip bringing the identifying material in easy and direct range of the eye when viewed under ordinary working conditions, or when the guide is in a low drawer; that the holder firmly retains the index strip in place; that the holder, by being stiffened by the bead, is not easily bent or destroyed and is consequently more durable, and that the holder, being seated and engaging the top edge of the guide card, is properly located and aligned on the guide card with a minimum of effort by the operator or strain on the card and securing means. By providing the shoulder 13 and eye-letting the holder on the card, any manufacturing stationer or even user, can place a holder on a card and secure it in place, with as satisfactory results as in a complete factory job.

Having thus described my invention, it is obvious that various immaterial modifications may be made in the same without departing from the spirit of my invention; hence I do not wish to be understood as limiting myself to the exact form, construction, arrangement and combination of parts herein shown and described, or uses mentioned.

What I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. An index strip holder consisting of a strip of transparent material folded over to provide an intermediate face portion having its edges extended to provide adjacent flanges, the strip at the edges of the face portion being rolled over to provide a stiffening tubular bead at each edge.

2. An index strip holder consisting of a strip of transparent material folded over intermediate the ends to provide an intermediate face portion with its edges extended into juxtaposition to provide adjacent attaching flanges, the strip at the top edge of the face portion being rolled over to provide a tubular stiffening bead and a strip clamp.

3. An index strip holder consisting of a strip of transparent material constituting an attaching flange folded over and outwardly at an angle to provide a front face portion and thence folded back to the first flange and thence extending parallel therewith, the strip being formed with a tubular edge at the junction of the face portion with an adjacent flange forming an index strip clamp at the interior.

4. An index strip holder consisting of a strip of transparent material constituting an attaching flange folded over and outwardly at an angle to provide a curved face portion and thence folded and curved back and away from the fold to the flange and thence extended parallel therewith, the strip being formed with a tubular bead at the juncture of the top of the face portion adjacent the flange to provide a strip clamp at the interior.

5. In combination, an index card, an index strip and an index strip holder, said holder consisting of a strip of suitable flexible material having an edge portion secured to the card and extending outwardly therefrom with an offset formed at and seating on the edge of the card, the said strip edge portion rolled outwardly and over to form a tubular bead edge and extending downwardly at an angle providing an inclined face portion with the lower edge offset from the said first edge portion, the lower offset edge of which is folded toward said first mentioned side portion and thence extended inwardly adjacent thereto to lie parallel with the first edge portion but on the opposite side of the card and secured thereto, the index strip being of a width and thickness to extend across the inner side of the face portion into the bead and clamped therein.

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