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Fig. 1.

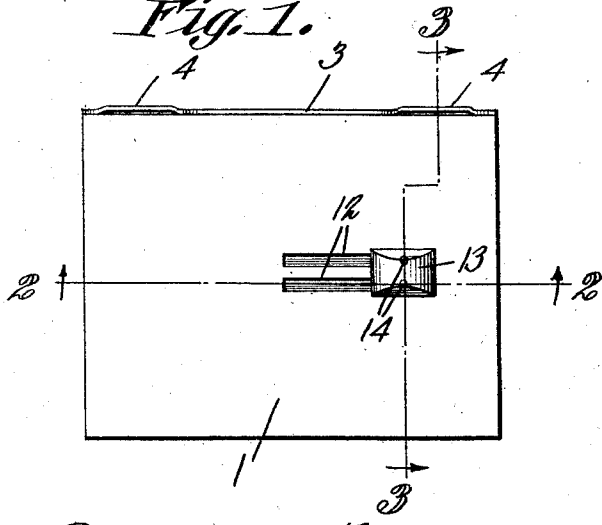


Fig. 2.

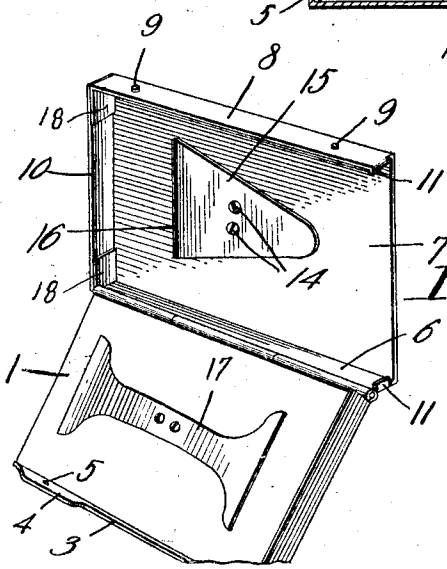
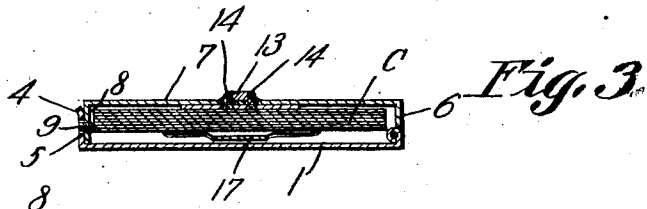
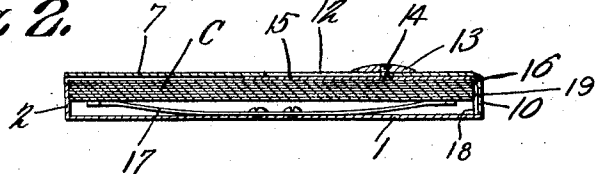


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CARD CASE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANK R. FERGUSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Kansas City, in the county of Jackson and State of Missouri, have invented a new and useful Cardcase, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a card case, one of its objects being to provide a simple and compact structure designed to hold a pack of cards and having means easily operated whereby the cards can be projected one at a time from the case.

Another object is to provide a card holder the parts of which are cheaply manufactured, can be assembled readily, and will not easily get out of order.

A still further object is to provide a card case or holder which can be refilled quickly when desired.

With the foregoing and other objects in view which will appear as the description proceeds, the invention resides in the combination and arrangement of parts and in the details of construction hereinafter described and claimed, it being understood that, within the scope of what is claimed, changes in the precise embodiment of the invention shown can be made without departing from the spirit of the invention.

In the accompanying drawings the preferred form of the invention has been shown.

In said drawings—

Figure 1 is a plan view of the card case.

Figure 2 is a section on line 2—2, Figure 1.

Figure 3 is a section on line 3—3, Figure 1.

Figure 4 is a perspective view showing the case opened.

Referring to the figures by characters of reference 1 designates a base plate provided with an end wall 2 and a side wall 3, the side wall being formed with outturned lips 4 which can be provided with apertures 5. Hingedly connected to the other side of the base 1 is one side wall 6 of a cover 7. The other side wall 8 of this cover may be provided with lugs 9 adapted when the cover is moved to shut position on the base 1, to come against the lips 4 and press them laterally after which the apertures 5 will receive the lugs and thus lock the cover to the base. The side walls 8 are connected by an end wall 10 adapted to bear upon the base

1 when the cover is closed. There is no wall at the other end of the cover but, instead, there are provided inturned ears 11 adapted to lap the ends of the wall 2, these ears being spaced from the cover 7 a distance slightly greater than the thickness of a card. When the case is closed the wall 2 of the base is similarly spaced from the cover 7.

Formed in the cover are parallel slots 12 and mounted to slide on this slotted portion is a finger piece 13 from which extend pins 14. These pins project through the slots 12 and are fastened to an ejecting plate 15 which is slidable on the bottom surface of the cover 7 and has one edge slightly offset as shown at 16, this offset being equal to or slightly less than the thickness of a card. When the finger piece 13 is moved to one limit of its movement the offset 16 will be brought to position against the end wall 10 where it will assume a position back of the top card of the pack C located in the case. This pack of cards is yieldingly supported by the ends of a spring 17 secured to the base 1 as shown. By referring to Figs. 2 and 4 it will be noted that spacing plates or lugs 18 are provided on the inner face of the end wall 10 at the sides of the cover 8. Thus the pack of cards is held away from the wall 10 and a sufficient space is left between the spacing elements 18 to allow the lip or offset edge 16 of the ejecting plate to enter between the cards and the wall 10. This space has been shown at 19 in Fig. 2.

When it is desired to use the case the lips 4 are sprung out of engagement with the lugs 9 and the case opened as shown in Figure 4. The cards are then placed on the spring 17 and the cover closed onto the pack so as to place the spring under tension. When a card is to be dispensed the finger piece 13 is slid in one direction to bring the offset 16 back of the uppermost card of the pack and between the spacing elements 18. The finger piece is then pressed in the opposite direction and the topmost card will be pressed outwardly from between the cover 7 and the wall 2 where it can be grasped and pulled completely from the case. The finger piece is then pressed back so as to be reset. The spring 17 holds the uppermost card pressed firmly against the cover to insure the delivery of the top card.

A case such as described will protect the

cards from dirt and will hold them where they can be quickly and accurately dispensed at will.

What is claimed is:—

5 In a card case, the combination with a base and an end wall upon the base, of a cover hingedly connected to the base for housing a cover, said cover being opened at one end to receive the wall of the base and
10 to provide an outlet slot between said wall and the cover, retaining lugs extending toward each other from the sides of the cover at the open end thereof and spaced from the top of the cover to provide a clearance for
15 cards, spacing elements upon the closed end of the cover constituting abutments for one end of the pack of cards, an ejecting plate narrower than but slidably mounted on the cover and having an offset card engaging

edge, shiftable to position between the spacing elements on the cover for engagement with one end of one card of the pack, a finger piece slidable on the cover, spaced slots closed by the ejecting plate at all times, spaced pins slidable in the respective slots
25 and connecting the plate and the finger piece to hold the plate against lateral annular displacement, and a relatively narrow spring secured at its center to the base and having broad terminals providing bearing edges for
30 engaging and supporting a pack of cards.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own, I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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