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Fig. 1

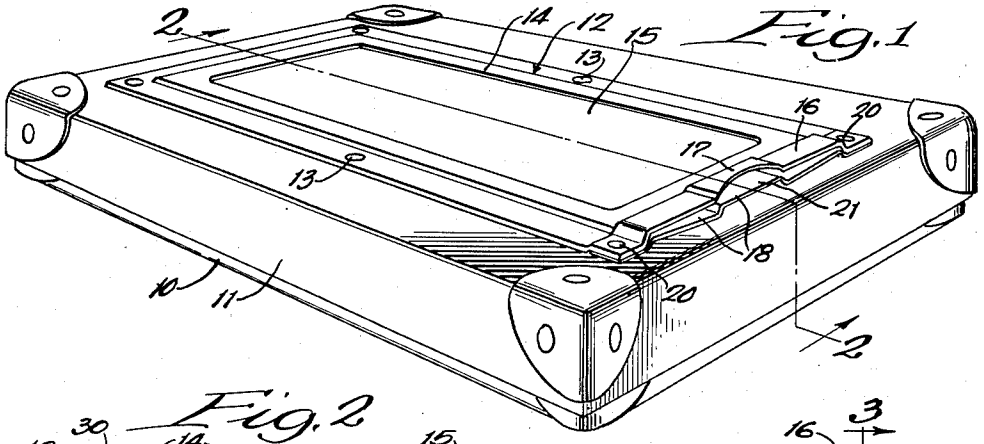


Fig. 2

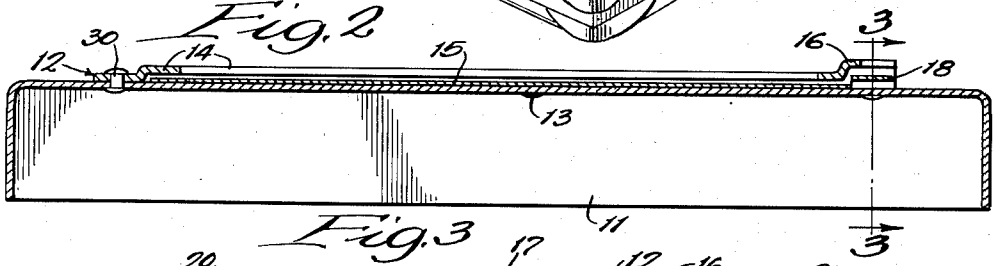


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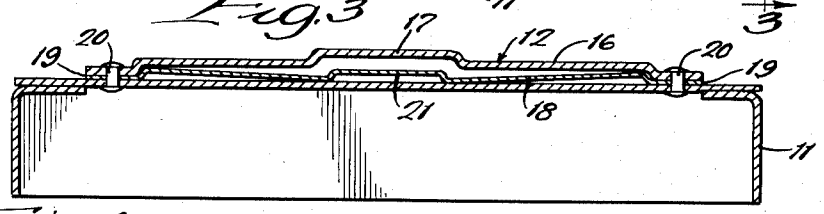


Fig. 4

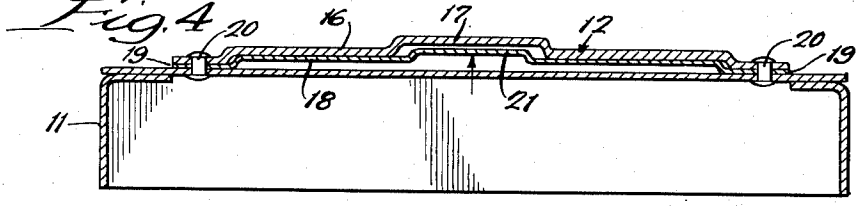
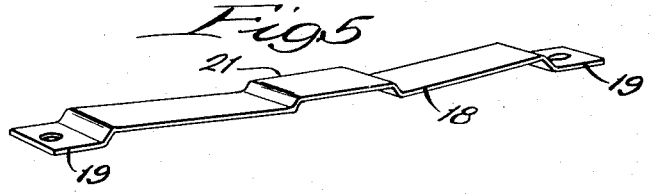


Fig. 5



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This invention relates to a shipping container or mailing container for film, etc. It will be obvious that the container is useful for shipping other types of articles.

An object of the invention is to provide a shipping or mailing container equipped with a compartment for receiving an address card upon which the name of the addressee may be typed or written, together with means for securely maintaining the card in position during shipping while permitting the ready removal of the card after use and the insertion of a new card.

Other specific objects and advantages will appear as the specification proceeds.

The invention is illustrated in a single embodiment by the accompanying drawing, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a container equipped with address card holding means embodying my invention; Fig. 2, a longitudinal sectional view, the section being taken at line 2—2 of Fig. 1; Fig. 3, a transverse sectional view, the section being taken as indicated at line 3—3 of Fig. 2; Fig. 4, a view similar to Fig. 3 but showing the spring barrier elevated to permit removal or insertion of the address card; and Fig. 5, a perspective view of the spring bar or barrier.

In the illustration given, 10 designates the lower portion of a telescoping case and 11 designates the top portion or cover of the case.

Secured to the top of the cover is a card holder bracket 12 which may be secured by means of rivets 13 or other suitable means. The bracket 12 is provided with an inner raised border 14 which provides a recess for receiving an address card 15. The forward edge of the bracket 12 is provided with a raised or bridge portion 16, the center of which is further indented upwardly to provide a recess 17.

Mounted below the bridge 16 of the bracket 12 is a spring member 18 having end flanges 19 apertured to receive the corner rivets 20. The forward corner rivets 20 are thus utilized for securing not only the forward end of the bracket 12 to the cover 11 but also the spring member 18. The spring member 18 is sprung normally to the downwardly-bent position illustrated in Figs. 3 and 5. The spring 18 is provided centrally with an upwardly-pressed barrier portion 21 which, when the spring is flexed upwardly, is raised within the recess 17 of the bracket bridge 16, as illustrated more clearly in Fig. 4.

Operation

In the operation of the device, the spring 18 is normally in the downward position illustrated

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in Figs. 1 and 3. In this position, a centrally-raised portion of barrier 21 cooperates with the body of the spring in restricting outward movement of the address card 15. When it is desired to remove the address card, the barrier portion 21 is grasped with the ends of the fingers and drawn upwardly to the position shown in Fig. 4 and the card may then be slid outwardly and removed. Similarly, in inserting the new card, the barrier 21 is raised to the position shown in Fig. 4 and the card is inserted below the spring 18. The spring is then released and the body of the spring moves to the position shown in Fig. 3 by which the card is blocked against removal.

The two telescoping case parts 10 and 11 may be held together by a strap or by any other means. The spring 18 which is inclined from its ends downwardly into contact with the case provides with the centrally raised plateau portion 21, a uniform barrier closing the address card receptacle. However, when the raised portion 21 is engaged with the fingers and drawn upwardly into recess 17, the spring assumes the shape shown in Fig. 4 which provides an open passageway for the ready removal or insertion of the address card.

While in the foregoing specification I have set forth a specific structure in considerable detail for the purpose of illustrating an embodiment of my invention, it will be understood that such details may be varied widely by those skilled in the art without departing from the spirit of my invention.

I claim:

1. An address card retainer for a case, comprising a bracket secured to a side of said case and providing a receptacle for receiving an address card with an opening at one end of the receptacle for receiving the address card, said bracket near the open end of said receptacle being provided with a raised portion, and a spring having its ends secured to said case and extending across the open end of said receptacle, said spring being downwardly-bent to engage the wall of the case by being flexible upwardly into the raised portion of said bracket to open the entrance to said receptacle.

2. An address card retainer for a case, comprising a bracket secured to a side of said case and providing a receptacle for receiving an address card with an opening at one end of the receptacle for receiving the address card, said bracket near the open end of said receptacle being provided with a raised portion, and a spring having its ends secured to said case and extend-

ing across the open end of said receptacle, said spring being downwardly-bent to engage the wall of the case by being flexible upwardly into the raised portion of said bracket to open the entrance to said receptacle, said spring having a centrally-raised barrier portion and said bracket having a centrally-raised portion above said barrier for receiving the same when the spring is flexed upwardly.

3. An address card retainer device, comprising a bracket adapted to be secured to a wall of a case and to provide between the bracket and the case a card receptacle open at one end, said bracket having a raised bridge portion adjacent the open end thereof, and a spring mounted in the open end of said bracket receptacle and below said bridge, said spring having its middle portion free to flex and equipped with an upwardly-extending

barrier portion, said spring having its end portions adapted to be secured to said case and having a central portion inclined downwardly from both sides into contact with said case, the central portion of the spring being raised to form a barrier plateau.

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