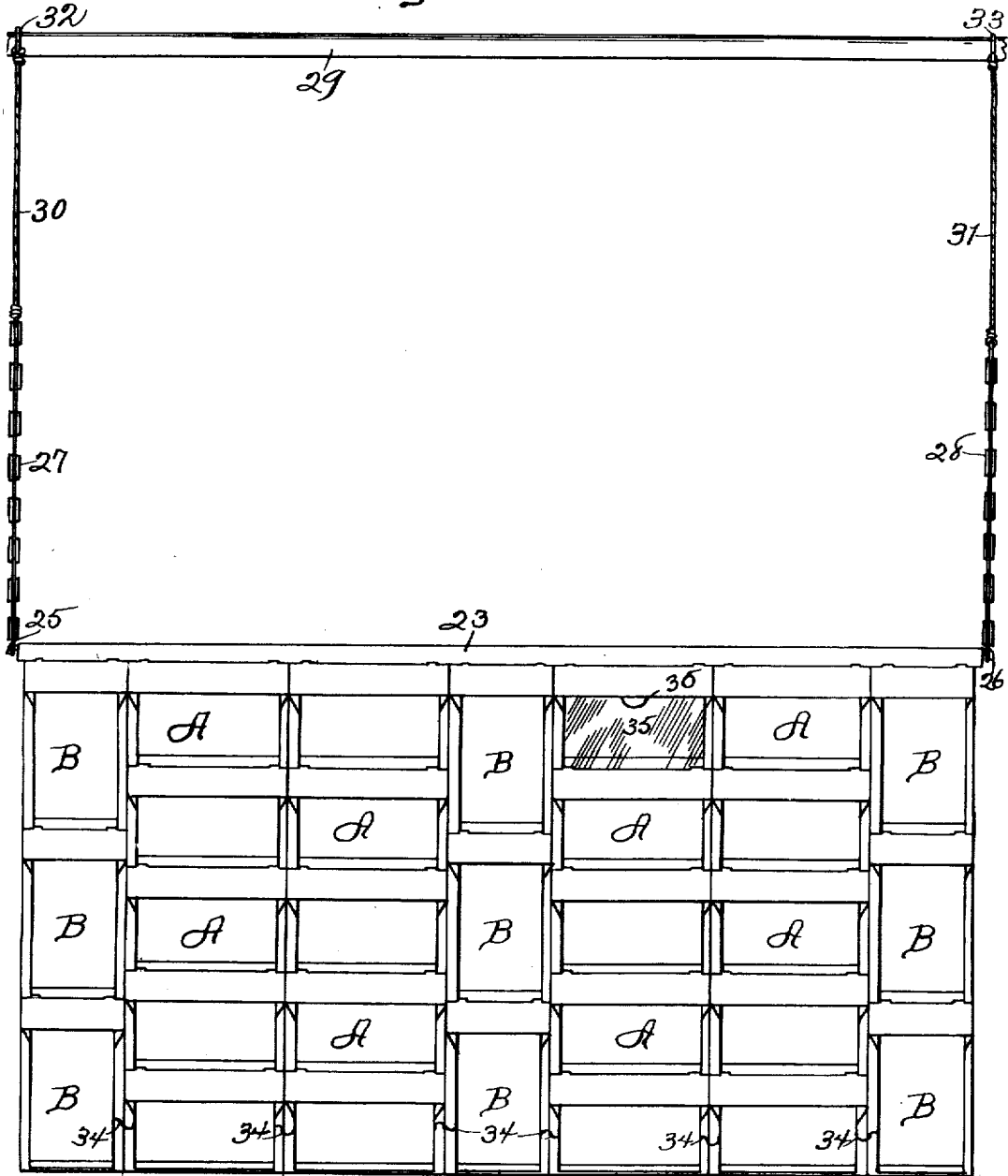


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Fig. 1.



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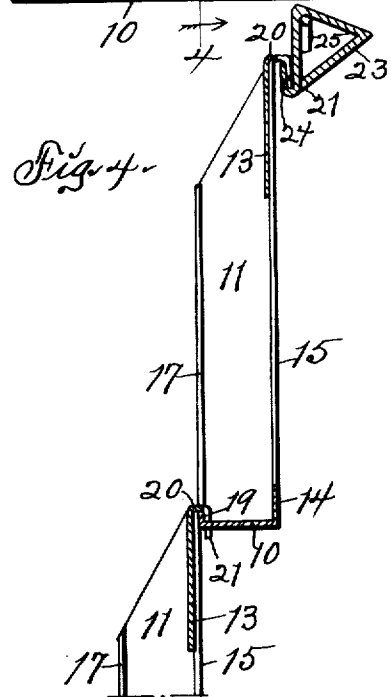
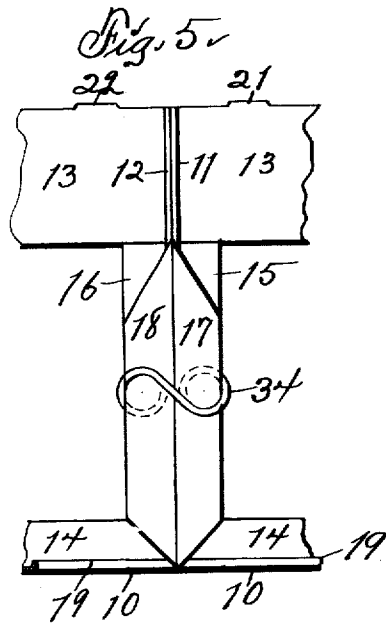
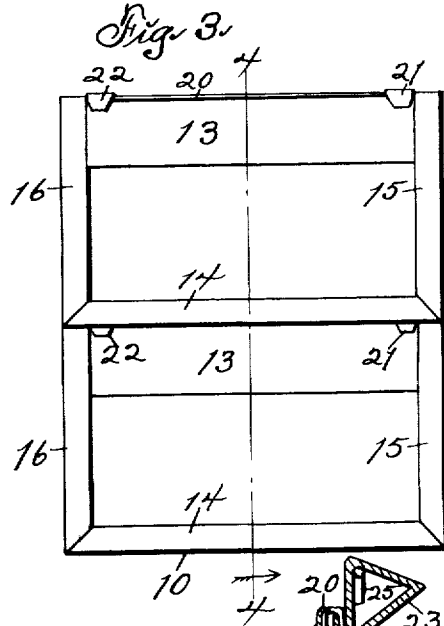
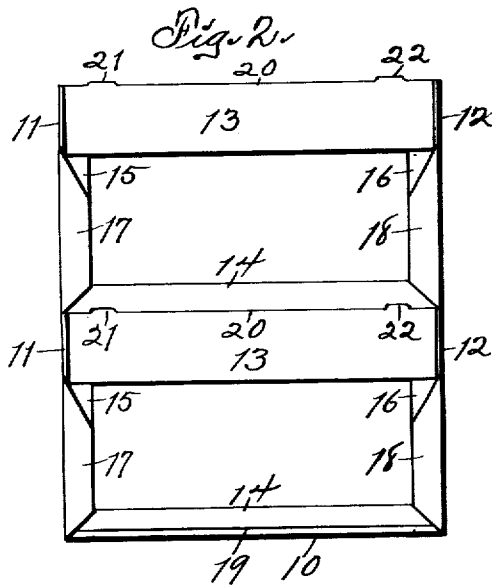
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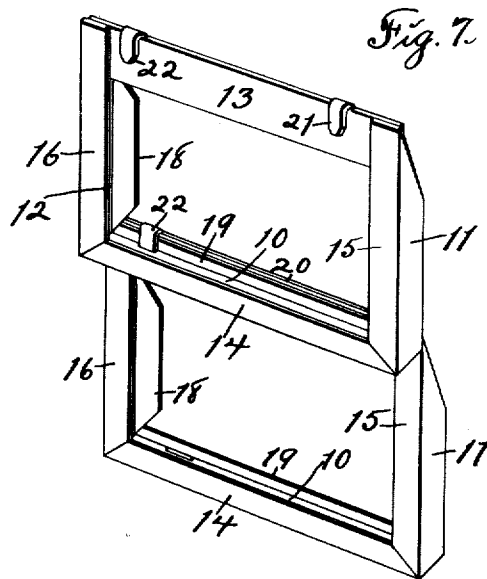
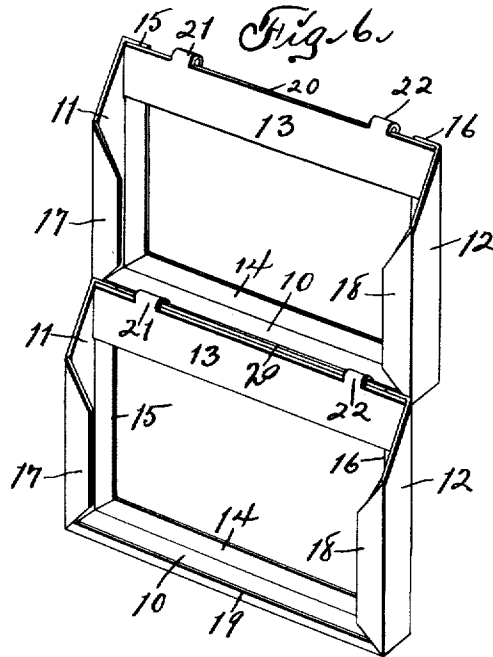
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, OTTO A. BREMER, a citizen of the United States of America, and resident of Burlington, Des Moines county, Iowa, have invented a new and useful Card-Holder, of which the following is a specification.

The object of this invention is to provide an improved construction for card holders and means for suspending a plurality of such card holders side by side and in series one above the other so that all of one face of the front card in each holder is exposed to view.

My invention consists in the construction, arrangement and combination of elements hereinafter set forth, pointed out in my claims and illustrated by the accompanying drawing, in which—

Figure 1 is a front elevation illustrating a plurality of series of card holders of different sizes suspended side by side from a common support, connected and carried by adjustable means for suspending the common support. Fig. 2 is a front elevation illustrating the construction and means of connecting two card holders. Fig. 3 is a rear elevation of the device shown in Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is a cross section of the indicated line 4—4 of Fig. 3, to which is added the supporting device common to the several series of holders. Fig. 5 is a detail front elevation, on a larger scale of portions of two holders side by side, and supplied with means for connecting them detachably. Figs. 6 and 7 are perspectives of a plurality of card holders such as are shown in front and rear elevation in Figs. 2 and 3.

In the construction of the device as shown I provide a plurality of card holders, all of the same size, shape and construction and adapted to interlock, or detachably engaged one with another for suspending in series one above the other and in conjunctive suspension in the series on a common support. Each of the holders of this series preferably is rectangular in shape and with its greatest dimension horizontal. I also provide another plurality of holders, alike in size, shape and construction, and adapted for use, connection and suspension like unto the other series, but composed of holders of rectangular shape with their greatest dimensions vertical. I also provide for the conjunctive arrangement of the two styles of

holders by making the length of the latter style bear a fixed relation to the width of the former style, so that in collecting and arranging the styles a rack may be formed having a regular contour or plane margin on each side as illustrated in Fig. 1. Reference to Fig. 1 will disclose that five of the first style have a combined width equal to the combined length of three of the second style, and I prefer to maintain such proportions. There is no difference in construction of the two styles of holders except as relates to width and breadth and such proportioning of parts in respect thereof.

In the construction of the holders as illustrated in detail in Figs. 2, 3 and 4, a skeleton frame is provided and is formed preferably of sheet metal by stamping. Each frame comprises a bottom bar 10, end bars 11, 12 integral with the bottom bar and at right angles thereto, and a top bar 13 formed separately from and fixed to, and connecting the upper ends of the end bars. Each bottom bar 10 has a rear flange 14 bent at right angles to said bar and extending upwardly therefrom. Each of the end bars 11, 12 has a rear flange 15, 16 bent at right angles thereto and extending inwardly therefrom. The ends of the flanges 14, 15, 16 adjacent to each other are beveled so that said flanges may be located in the same plane without overlapping at any point. The top bar 13 is fixed to or formed integral with the upper ends of the flanges 15, 16. Each of end bars 11, 12 is provided with a front flange 17, 18 preferably narrower than the back flange 15, 16, bent at right angles to said bars and having their ends beveled. A very narrow flange 19 is formed on and bent upwardly from the forward margin of the bottom bar 10, and holes or slots are formed in the bottom bar adjacent to said narrow flange and near to the ends of the bar. A very narrow flange 20 is formed on and bent rearward from the upper margin of the top bar 13 and is of less length than the said top bar. Hooks 21, 22 are formed integral with and are bent rearward and downward relative to the upper margin of the top bar 13 at the ends of the flange 20. The hooks 21, 22 are spaced apart of the breadth of the holder a distance corresponding to the spacing apart of the holes of the bottom bar 10, so that the hooks on the top bar of one holder may engage over the narrow flange 19 and

extend through the holes or slots of the bottom bar 10 of another holder. A supporting bar 23 is provided and preferably is made of sheet metal and triangular in cross sections. The supporting bar 23 is provided with a hook flange 24 extending upwardly from the lower margin of its front face, and said hook flange is adapted to receive and be engaged by hooks 21, 22 of the holders. Hooks 25, 26, preferably made of wire, are mounted in and project downward from the end portions of the supporting bar 23, and are adapted to be detachably and adjustably secured to chains 27, 28, at either end of said bar. The chains 27, 28 are adapted to be secured to a suitable support 29, such as a picture mold, by any suitable means, such as picture wire 30, 31, and hooks 32, 33 thereon.

In order to display a large number of assorted cards, each sort being represented by a plurality of cards, I collocate a plurality of one style of the holders, such as A in Fig. 1, in series one above the other and connected by an engagement of hooks 21, 22 with flanges 19, and holes in the bottom bar 10 and suspend said series from the supporting bar 23 by engagement of the uppermost hooks 21, 22 with the hook flange 24. The rack may be composed entirely of the holders of style A, or I may employ series of holders of style B, Fig. 1, arranged promiscuously or regularly in respect of the series of style A, in which the holders are connected in like manner and suspended on the bar 23 common to all the series. I then connect the various series at their lower ends or intermediate of their ends by double wire hooks 34 engaging the front flanges 17, 18 of adjacent holders. In Fig. 1 I show the double wire hooks connecting the lower end portions of the several series, and in Fig. 5 I show the same in detail as applied to the front flanges 17, 18 of adjacent holders of the same style. Having assembled the holders as shown in Fig. 1, each of them can be supplied with cards, such as post cards, some of the cards being recumbent and carried by holders of style A, and others of the cards being erect and carried by holders of the style B. In either event all of each card is visible from the front except such small portions as may be partially concealed by the front flanges 17, 18 and the very narrow flange 19, and it is in order to display the largest possible portion of each card to view that the flange 19 is made very narrow. The narrow flange 20 is provided to engage the hook flange 24 or the narrow flange 19 and relieve the strain by supporting the load of cards from the hooks 21, 22, to the end that said hooks may not be broken and yet will serve the function of securely connecting the various holders of series and suspending them from the bar 23. The rack or case composed of the plu-

rality of holders may be varied in size, appearance and configuration by varying the arrangement and number of holders.

If desired a plate or sheet 35 of transparent material such as mica, celluloid or glass may be mounted in each of the holders in front of the collection of cards therein, and at the rear of the front flanges 17, 18, to protect said cards from dust, fly specks and the like.

Each of the plates 35 is formed with a notch 36 in its upper margin, and intermediate of its ends, to provide convenient access to the cards at the rear thereof.

I claim as my invention—

1. In a device of the class described, a holder having the bottom member formed with slots and the upper member formed with hooks adapted to engage through slots, formed in the bottom of a like member.

2. In a device of the class described, a holder having the lower member formed with a narrow flange and slots at the rear thereof, and the upper member formed with a narrow flange and hooks extending rearwardly and downwardly at the ends of said flange.

3. In a device of the class described, a holder comprising a bottom bar, end bars integral therewith, rear flanges of the bottom and end bars, front flanges on the end bars, a narrow front flange on the bottom bar, said bottom bar formed with slots at the rear of the narrow front flange, a top bar connecting the upper ends of the rear flanges of the end bars, said top bar formed with hooks.

4. In a device of the class described, a holder comprising a bottom bar, end bars integral therewith, rear flanges on the bottom bar and end bars, front flanges on the end bars, a narrow front flange on the bottom bar, said bottom bar formed with holes at the rear of the narrow front flange, a top bar connecting the upper ends of the rear flanges of the end bars, said top bar formed with a narrow flange on its upper margin, and of less length than the bar, said top bar also formed with hooks at the ends of the narrow flange and extending rearwardly and downwardly therefrom.

5. A card holder, comprising a supporting bar, a plurality of frames inter-engaging in series, each series suspended by the supporting bar and double hooks connecting adjacent portions of adjacent series of frames.

6. A card holder, comprising a supporting bar, hooks on the ends of said bar, chains adjustably engaging said hooks, means for supporting said chains, a plurality of frames or racks carried by said supporting bar and double hooks engaging adjacent members of adjacent series of said racks or frames.

7. A card holder, comprising a supporting bar formed with a hook-flange, means for adjustably suspending said bar, a plurality

of series of racks alike in construction formed with hooks engaging said hook-flange and thereby suspended from said bar, a plurality of series of racks alike in construction and differing in size from the first racks, the second series of racks formed with hooks engaging said hook-flange and thereby suspended from said bar side by side with the first series of racks, and double hooks connecting the adjacent members to adjacent series of racks.

8. In a holder of the class described, front and rear flanges parallel with each other and adapted to contain cards between them, and the transparent plate arranged between said cards and the front flanges, each transparent plate formed with a notch in its upper margin intermediate of its ends.

9. In a device of the class described, a holder formed with a bottom bar and a very narrow flange formed on and extending upward from the front margin of said bottom bar, said bottom bar also formed with holes at the rear of said narrow flange, said

holder also formed with an upper bar and hooks thereon adapted to engage through the holes of the bottom bar of a like member.

10. The combination of a plurality of card holders arranged side by side and formed with front flanges in the same plane, and double hooks removably and replaceably mounted on said flanges and adapted to connect said holders.

11. A card holder comprising a hollow supporting bar, hooks in and projecting from ends of said bar, chains adjustably engaging said hooks, means for supporting said chains, said bar formed with a longitudinal hook-flange, a plurality of frames formed with hooks engaging said hook-flange and a plurality of frames formed with hooks engaging the first frames.

Signed by me at Burlington, Iowa, this 28th day of September, 1908.

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