

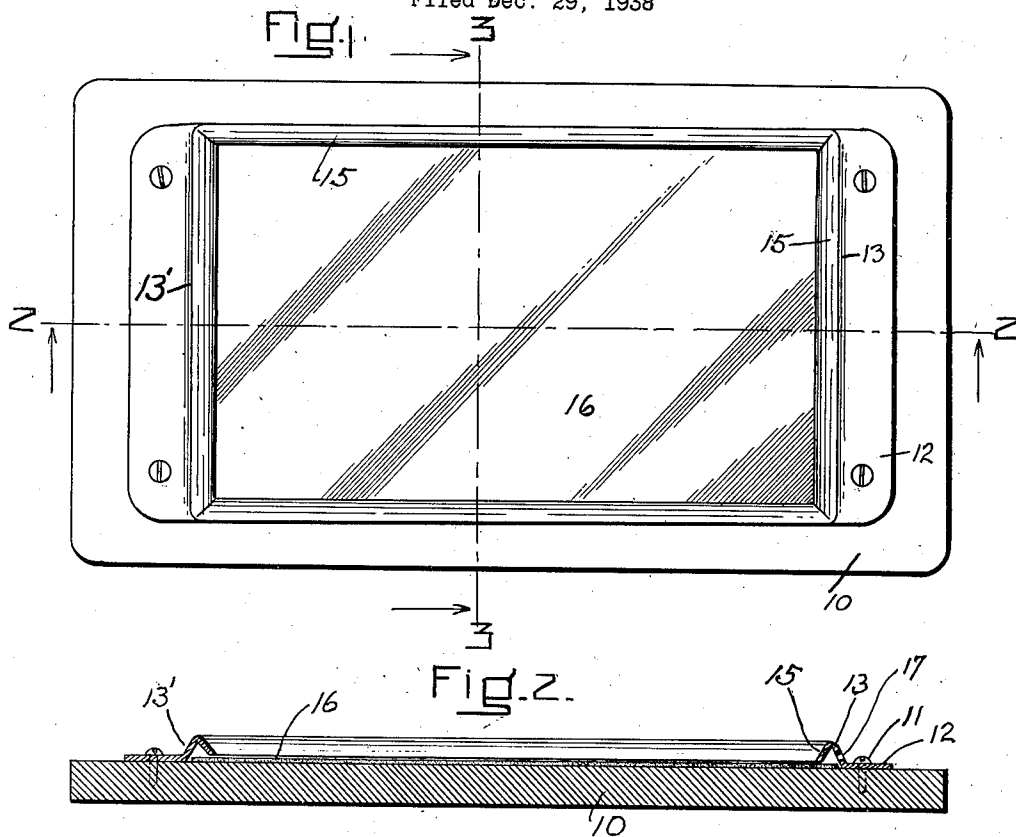
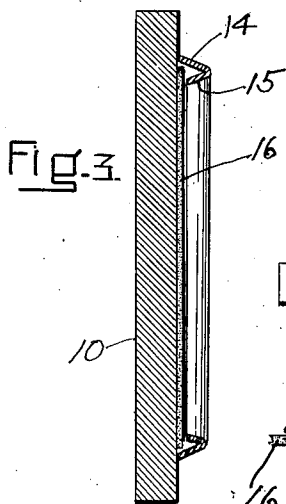
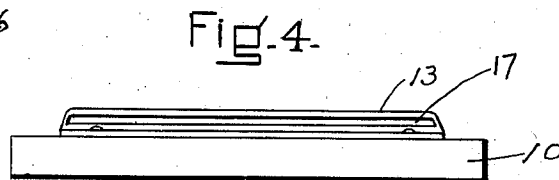
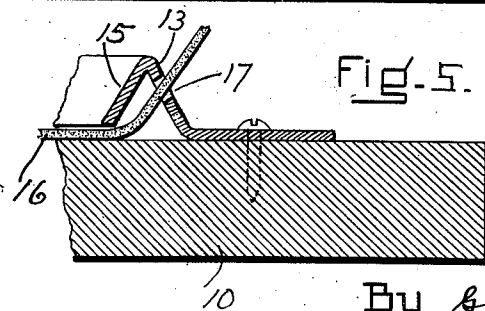
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The present invention relates to card holders, and has for its object the provision of such holder whereby a card may be secured therein against ready removal and the edges of the card held firmly against the support member to which the holder is attached.

With the foregoing object in view, my invention comprises a frame, preferably rectangular and formed of sheet metal having sides projecting outwardly from the article of furniture or other support member to which the frame is attached, said sides being reversely bent to form inwardly extending card-holding flanges inclined away from the sides and toward the central portion of the frame, each flange terminating so close to the support member that the edges of the card enclosed within the frame will be engaged thereby. One of the sides is provided with a slot through which a card may be pushed into the frame, the lower face of the slot being arranged outwardly of the edges of the flanges which engage the card whereby the latter is secured within the frame in such manner that the ready removal thereof,—in fact its removal without destroying the same,—is prevented.

In the drawing accompanying and forming a part of this specification, Figure 1 is a plan view of a card holder embodying my invention.

Fig. 2 is a longitudinal section taken on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a transverse section taken on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 4 is an end view showing the slotted side wall of the frame.

Fig. 5 is a fragmentary section on an enlarged scale illustrating the way in which a card is inserted in the frame.

In the particular drawing selected for more fully disclosing the principle of my invention, 10 is a support member, such as the back of a theatre chair or other article of furniture, such as a filing cabinet, to which my improved card holder is secured in any suitable manner, such as by the screws 11 passing through the horizontal extensions 12 of the walls 13, 13', of the frame.

The frame consists of four walls which with the extensions 12 may form an integral structure stamped or pressed from a single metallic sheet.

Each wall, 13, 13', 14, 14', projects outwardly from the support member and has formed integral therewith an inwardly extending card-holding flange 15 which is inclined away from its outwardly-extending wall and toward the central portion of the frame, and each terminates sufficiently close to the surface of the support member to engage the edge of a card, such as 16, which is enclosed within the frame.

By this means a card of any material may be maintained flat against the support, each of its edges being firmly engaged by the card-holding flanges.

One of the walls, such as 13, is provided with a slot 17 for receiving the card intended to be placed within the frame. The lower face of said slot is disposed outwardly of the card-engaging edges of the flanges for the purpose of preventing the removal of the card. As indicated in Fig. 5, the card is inserted through the slot 17 and forced into the position shown in Fig. 2, the four edges of the card extending beyond the several card-engaging flanges and thereby being locked securely within the frame. It will be obvious that the card cannot be removed without inserting a sharp implement through the central portion thereof and forcing it outwardly away from the flanges, thereby destroying it.

Having thus described an illustrative embodiment of my invention without, however, limiting the same thereto, what I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

The combination with a support member of a card holder comprising a frame having side walls projecting outwardly from said support member, inwardly-extending card-holding flanges integral with said walls, respectively, said flanges being inclined away from the respective walls and toward the central portion of said frame and each terminating sufficiently close to the surface of said support member to engage the edge of a card enclosed within said frame, and one of said walls being provided with a card-receiving slot near its outer end, the lower face of said slot being disposed outwardly of the card-engaging edges of said flanges.

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