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Fig. 1.

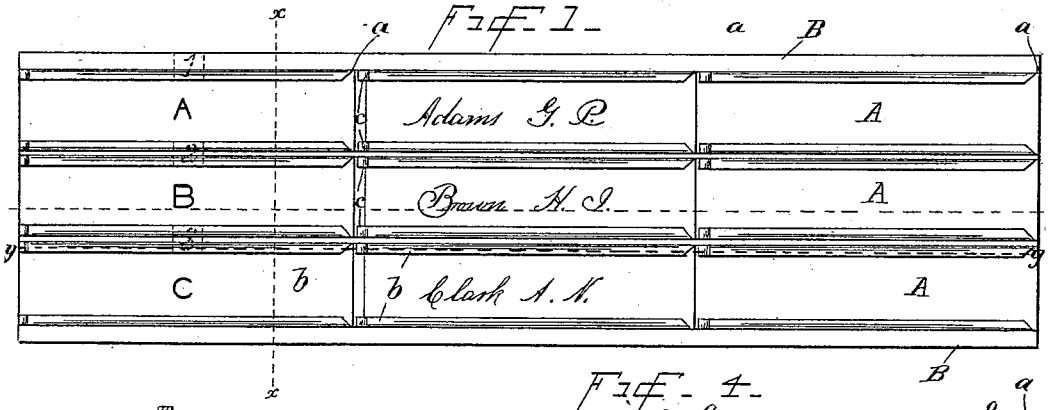


Fig. 2.

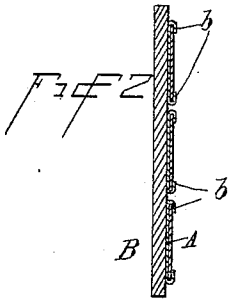


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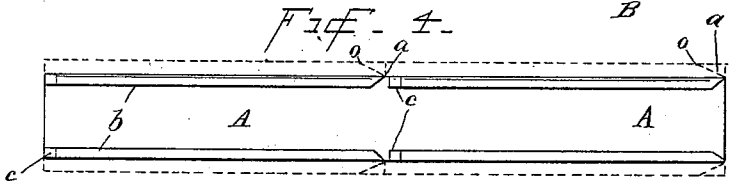
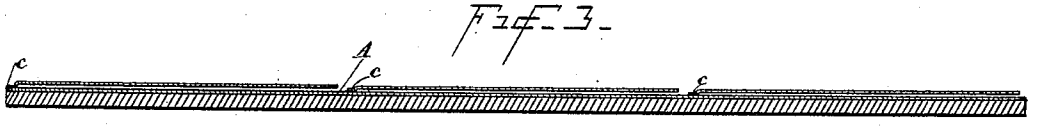


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES R. WEST, a citizen of the United States, residing at Evansville, in the county of Rock and State of Wisconsin, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Card Holders or Slides; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, which will enable others, skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to various new and useful improvements in slides or holders for cards, which may be conveniently used for the purposes to be set out hereinafter.

The objects of my invention are to provide and produce a card slide or holder, which can be readily and economically manufactured, by which cards will be held securely in place and uniformly arranged with the face in full view, and from which the cards may be quickly and easily removed when necessary.

The invention relates, secondly, to a particular arrangement of these slides or holders and in the addition of reference slips or cards, by which a very handy and effective device is obtained for use in hotels, post and express offices, as will be explained hereinafter.

For a better comprehension of my invention attention is invited to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 is an elevation of a number of the slips arranged together and showing the reference-cards in place; Fig. 2, a cross-sectional view taken on the line *x x;* Fig. 3, a longitudinal sectional view taken on the line *y y*, and Fig. 4 a plan view of the blank before being bent into form.

In all of the above views corresponding parts are designated by the same letters of reference.

A A A represent the slips for holding the cards, nailed or otherwise fastened to a suitable board or background B. Each slip or holder is capable of holding one or more cards, as will be noticed from an inspection of the drawings.

In the drawings each slide or holder is shown as being capable of holding three cards; but it should be understood that the slides may be made either larger or smaller without departing from the spirit of my invention.

Each slide is made of a suitable strip of sheet metal, preferably tin or brass. Each strip is first cut perfectly rectangular, as shown in dotted lines, Fig. 4. A number of serrated-shaped notches *a*, arranged at suitable distances apart, are now cut in each side of the blank. The notches on both sides of the blank are arranged in line with each other, as shown. When the blank has been thus prepared, the sides are turned over all along at the dotted lines *o o*. It will now be seen that this last operation will have formed a number of turned-over flanges *b b*, which are adapted to grasp the card. The rear ends of each of these flanges *b b* is now pinched or closed downward on the body of the blank, so as to prevent the card from being forced beyond the rear of each flange and also for the purpose of uniformity of arrangement. The blanks may be made as long as necessary and may be provided with as many flanges as may be desired, so that any number of cards may be held. By pinching and closing the rear ends of each flange, as described, a small incline *c* is formed so as to allow for the easy entrance of the card between the flanges directly in the rear of each incline. Each card which is inserted in the slide is made somewhat longer than the flanges which receive it, so that when each card is in position the forward end will lap over on the inclines *c* of the flanges directly in front of it. By this means the card may be easily removed from its position within the holder. When a number of these slides or holders are arranged one above the other, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, they may be applied to a number of useful purposes in commercial life. For instance, by placing a small number above each pair of flanges, as shown in dotted lines, Fig. 1, to represent the number of rooms in a hotel or tavern, a very convenient hotel directory may be formed by inserting the name of each guest in the pair of flanges directly beneath the number of the room which has been assigned to him. A series of these slides or holders, when arranged on a board or in a frame, may also be used in post-offices, for containing the forwarding letter-list, by arranging the letters

of the alphabet in the slides, as shown in Fig. 1. The names on the forwarding-list are now written on separate cards with the addresses, and these cards are inserted in the slides beneath the proper letter for each. In this way the forwarding-list will be always kept in full view, and since the alphabetical letter-cards are interchangeable in the frame the cards containing names beginning with some particular letter are not limited or restricted to any number of slides which may be used. In precisely the same way a similar device may be used for an on-hand package record in express offices, and it may be for other purposes in commercial life.

Having now described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is as follows:

An improved card holder or slide composed of a single strip or blank of metal having one or more notches *a a* on its sides and bent to form flanges, and with the rear end of each flange pinched inwardly to form an incline to retain the card within the holder and to guide the next card into the succeeding holder and secured one above the other and side by side on the backing B for the reception of cards, and a number of cards having the letters of the alphabet thereon and arranged with relation to these sides, substantially as described.

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