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Fig. 1.

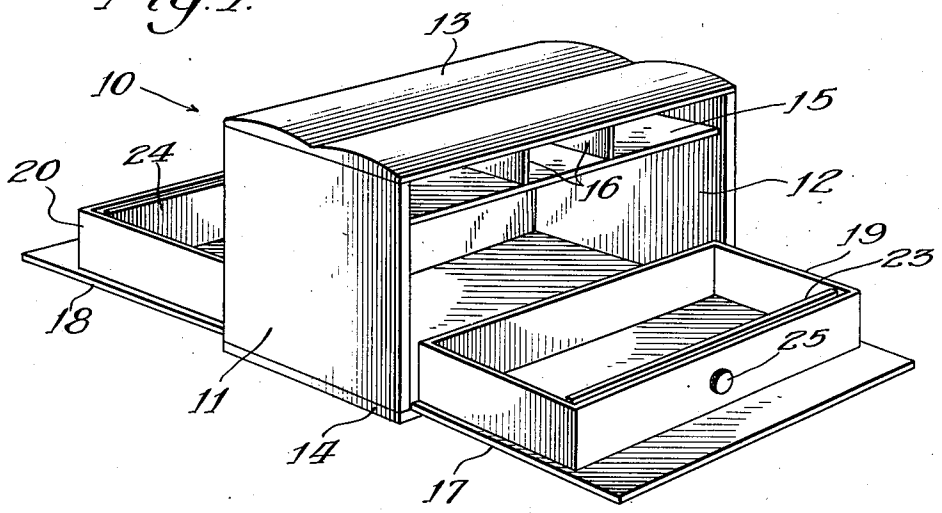
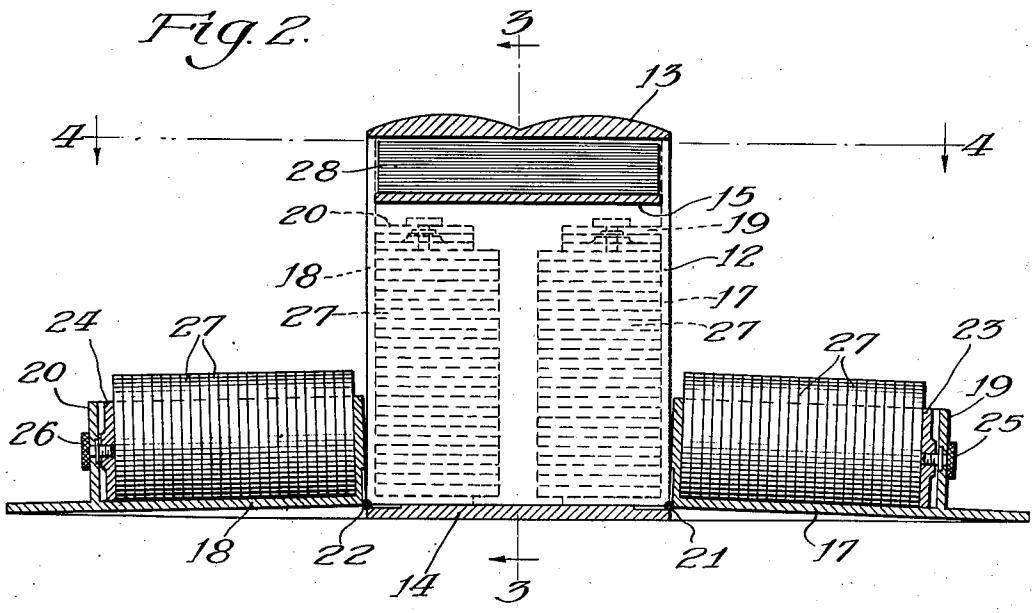


Fig. 2.



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Fig. 3.

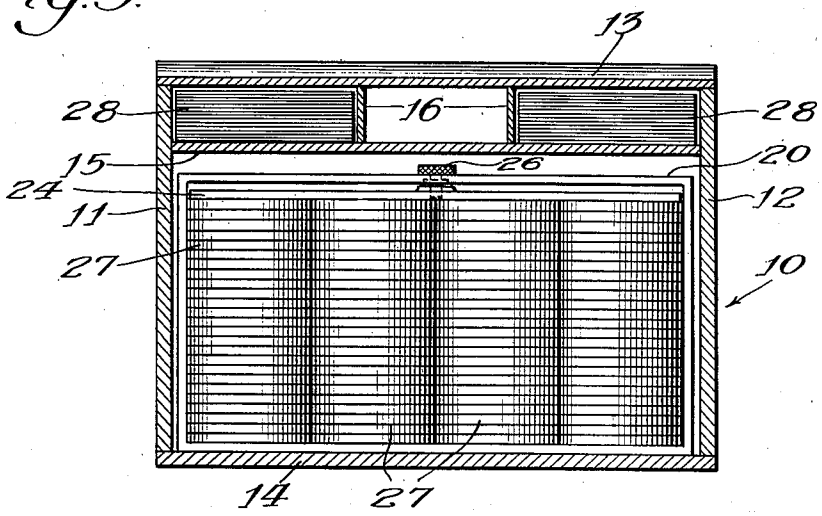
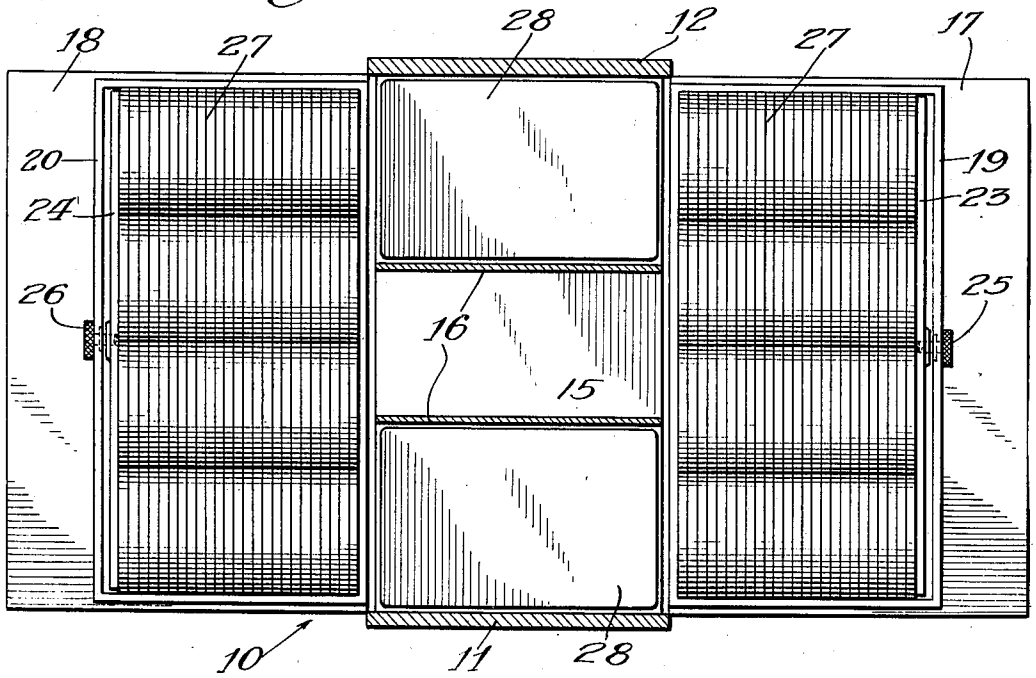


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The invention disclosed by the present specification together with the accompanying drawings relates to a poker chip holder.

Prevalent poker chip holders usually consist of heavy blocks or are made up otherwise clumsily and unattractive—and they serve their purpose clumsily. The invention introduced herewith presents a unit which is inherently neat and compact, lending itself to snappy, attractive forms—and it serves its purpose efficiently.

This unit fundamentally comprises simple box-like containers. To serve securely for storage, these containers combine compactly in the form of a storage rack, each container contrived to accommodate poker chips snugly in compact stacks. To respond to requirements in the course of a game, these containers in a simple way open up widely, exposing the chips conveniently for ready use.

Other effects and purposes of this invention will become patent as it becomes unfolded in the following detailed description, in connection with the accompanying drawings, all of which is made a part of this specification, terminating in the set of conventional claims.

In the drawings as figures:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the preferred form of the invention, showing its containers open in a position for service.

Figure 2 is a vertical cross section of the same with poker chips in the containers.

Figure 3 is a section taken on line 3—3 of Figure 2.

Figure 4 is a plan section taken on line 4—4 of Figure 2.

In the drawings with reference to details of the figures:

The numeral 10, Fig. 1, points to the holder as a unit in its preferred form. It comprises:

1. A medial box-like housing having end walls 11 and 12, a top wall 13 and a bottom wall 14. The medial housing embraces a full shelf 15, enclosing a rectangular space between it and wall 13. This space is divided into three compartments by the vertical partitions 16. The compartments thus constructed are contrived to accommodate snugly two decks of cards 28 and a pad of paper—the extreme compartments for cards, the one in the middle for a pad.

2. Two containers 17—18 hinged to the medial housing. These containers are box-like in form having walls 19—20. They are shaped and sized to contain snugly several stacks of poker chips 27 in contiguous relationship. These containers turn into and out of the medial housing on their hinges 21—22, said containers fitting into the said housing snugly all around.

Each container is equipped with a movable interior wall, 23 in one and 24 in the other. This movable wall or auxiliary means actuated by thumb screws 25 in one and 26 in the other, serves as a tightening device to keep the chips securely in place when the containers are turned from a horizontal position as shown in Figure 1 to a vertical position as shown by the dotted lines in Figure 2.

The containers are comparatively shallow which makes each stack of chips readily accessible.

Figures 1 to 4 inclusive exemplify the unit in its simplest construction. It is a compact facility. The containers therein hold the chips snugly and the axial—medial—housing fits snugly around the containers. The chips when not in use are concealed securely in a storage rack, and when required for playing are exposed easily for ready withdrawal.

The unit as disclosed herein is inherently neat because for one thing it is compact—the ultimate in efficiency. Because for another thing it is rectangular in form. It may be made in wood or other materials. The form suggested in Figure 1 where the top of the housing is grooved medially is that of a form resembling a set of books, the effect of which may be brought out strikingly by covering the exterior of the unit with leather.

The invention outlined herein is of course susceptible to various changes and modifications, the details here shown being merely for disclosure and not in limitation. The text herein is limited in description. The accompanying drawings reveal only fundamentals. The right is therefore reserved to make such adaptations, developments and expansion as properly fall within the scope and purpose suggested by the herein combined text and drawings disclosures, summarized conventionally in the appended claims.

I claim:

1. A poker chip holder comprising at least two box-like containers, having rectangular walls hinged to a similarly box-like frame, each of said containers having a bottom extending beyond the container walls to form a flange, at least on one side thereof, the said containers constructed internally to hold a plurality of poker chips, all of the same size, disposed within the said containers edgewisely in stacks, the lower chip edges in said stacks contacting the container

bottoms below and the upper chip edges, diametrically opposite to the said bottom contacting edges, exposed substantially above the walls of the said containers, the hinging of the said containers to the said frame contrived to make possible for the said containers to rest in a substantially horizontal position on the table, thereby to expose accommodated partially exposed poker chips for ready withdrawal from said containers, and also to make possible for the said containers to turn towards each other, the said frame embodying at least one playing card compartment abutting the said box-like containers when the said containers are turned toward each other to combine with said frame into the combination constituting the said poker chip holder, the interior thereof embracing snugly the said uniform poker chip stacks, the said container bottoms forming closure means, one on each side, for the said box-like frame, the flange extensions of said bottoms, extensionally, forming closure means for the said playing card compartments.

2. A poker chip housing comprising a box-like frame having a main poker chip container compartment and an auxiliary card compartment, said compartments being open, and a box-like container hingedly attached within said frame at either side thereof for swinging movement toward and outward from the poker chip compartment of said frame, the said box-like containers forming closure means for said poker chip container compartment and having an extension forming a closure for said card compartment.

3. A poker chip housing as claimed in claim 2 wherein means are associated with said box-like containers for holding therein poker chips securely in place during a swinging movement of said containers.

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