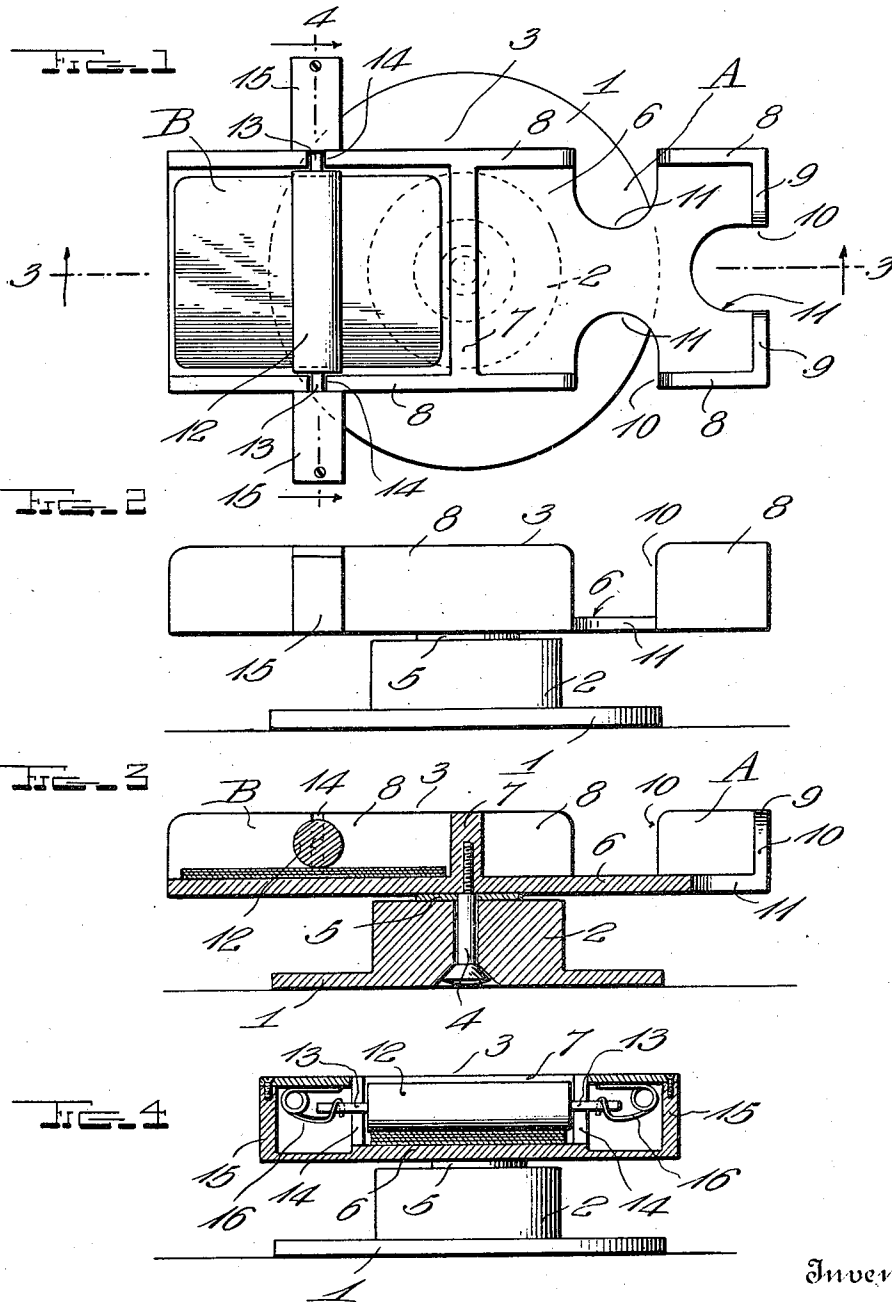


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, EDWARD MICHELL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Detroit, in the county of Wayne and State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Holders for Playing-Cards; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to improvements in receptacles for holding playing cards.

The principal object is to provide a device of this character which will provide spaces for both the portion of the deck of cards being dealt and the discards, the receptacle for the deck being so arranged that each of the players can readily draw a card without the face thereof being seen by the other players. With this general object in view, my invention resides in the novel features of construction, combination and arrangement of parts which will hereinafter be more particularly described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawing: Figure 1 represents a plan view of my improved card holder; Fig. 2 is a side elevation thereof; Fig. 3 is a vertical longitudinal section taken on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1; Fig. 4 is a vertical transverse section taken on the line 4—4 of Fig. 1.

In the embodiment illustrated, my invention comprises a base 1 preferably circular in shape and having a raised portion 2 in its center upon which the card receptacle 3 is revolvably mounted. The base with the raised portion has an upright aperture extending therethrough in which a screw 4 or other pivot member is disposed, the upper end projecting above said raised portion and receiving the receptacle 3 thereon, a spacing member or washer 5 being preferably disposed between said raised portion and the bottom of the receptacle.

The card receptacle 3 is provided with an elongated bottom 6 substantially rectangular in shape and divided in its middle by the upright wall 7 which forms the ends of the two card holders composing the receptacle. Side walls 8 are secured to the sides of the bottom 6 and to the ends of said wall 7. These walls 8 are spaced apart a distance equal to the width of an ordinary playing card, or slightly greater, so that said cards can be readily removed from the

holders. One end of the bottom is provided with an end wall 9, this providing a card holder A in which the discards are preferably placed. The sides and end wall 9 of this holder A are preferably cut away as shown at 10, the bottom 6 being also recessed as shown at 11 to provide finger openings so that the cards contained in the holder can be readily removed. The other receptacle B has its outer end open so that the cards contained therein can be readily slipped out, thus overcoming the necessity for lifting the cards over the side or end walls. This arrangement allows the cards to be taken from the holder without their faces being seen by any of the players.

In order to retain the deck of cards in the holder B and to prevent more than one being slipped out at a time, I provide a tension roller 12 which is of a length substantially equal to the width of the holder. The ends of the roller are provided with the trunnions 13 which are disposed in the vertical slots 14 formed in the side walls 9, thus allowing the roller to move vertically to increase or decrease the distance between it and the bottom 6, so that packs of cards of different thicknesses can be disposed in the holder.

The ends of the trunnions project beyond the side walls 8 and into housings 15 which are secured to the outer sides thereof. In these housings are disposed the springs or other tension devices 16 which bear against the tops thereof and the trunnions 13, thereby normally forcing the roller downwardly into engagement with the bottom of the receptacle.

In using the holder, the deck of cards to be drawn from is disposed in the compartment B beneath the roller 12, the tension of the springs on the trunnions thereof forcing the same into engagement with the uppermost card of the pack. The player desiring a card draws off the uppermost one and then revolves the receptacle 3 until the open end of the holder B comes opposite to the next player, who thereupon draws his card, and so on until all of the players have been served with the requisite number of cards. In playing games in which there are discards, the same are placed within the receptacle A until the game is over, when they can be readily removed therefrom and shuffled with the others.

From the foregoing, it will be seen that I have invented a very neat card holder which will effectively hold both the discards and the main portion of the deck, from which any number of cards can be drawn without the other players seeing their faces. Because of the simplicity of the article it will be seen that the same can be manufactured at a very slight cost.

I claim as my invention:

1. In an article of the class described, a base, a receptacle rotatably mounted thereon and comprising a number of card holders, one of said holders having an open end, and a roller tension device extending transversely across said last mentioned holder and movable vertically to receive a pack of cards.
2. In an article of the class described, a base, a receptacle rotatably mounted thereon and comprising a number of card holders, one of said holders having an open end, the side walls of said last mentioned holder being vertically slotted at opposite points, a roller disposed between said walls, trunnions on the ends of said roller and disposed within said walls, and tension means for forcing said roller downwardly, said roller being movable vertically to receive a pack of cards.
3. In an article of the class described, a

base, a receptacle rotatably mounted thereon and comprising a number of card holders, one of said holders having an open end, a roller disposed between the side walls of said last mentioned holder, housings adjacent the ends of said roller, and tension means within said housing for forcing said roller downwardly, said roller being movable vertically to receive a pack of cards.

4. In an article of the class described, a base, a receptacle rotatably mounted thereon and comprising a number of card holders, one of said holders having an open end, the side walls of said last mentioned holder being vertically slotted at opposite points, housings secured to said walls adjacent said slots, a roller disposed between said walls transversely thereof, trunnions on the ends of said roller and projecting into the slots and the housings, and springs within said housings engaging the ends of said trunnions to force said roller downwardly, said roller being movable vertically to receive a pack of cards.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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