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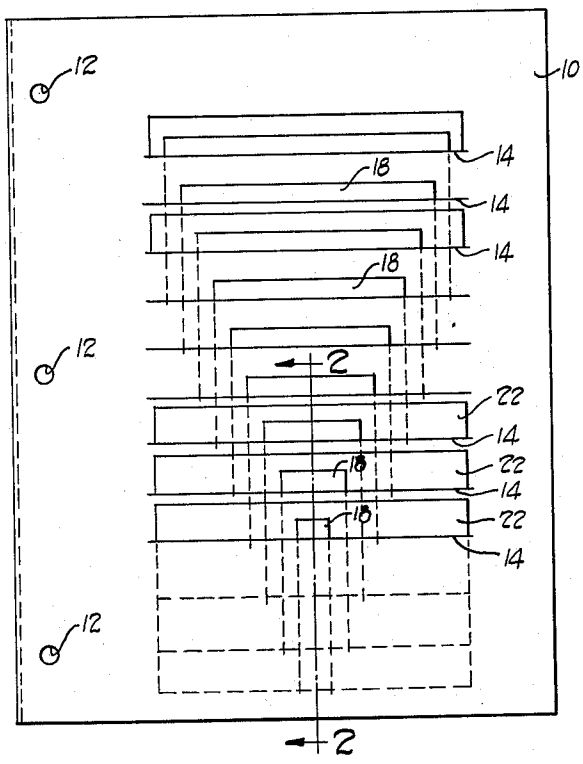


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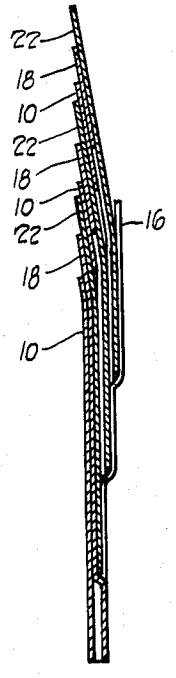


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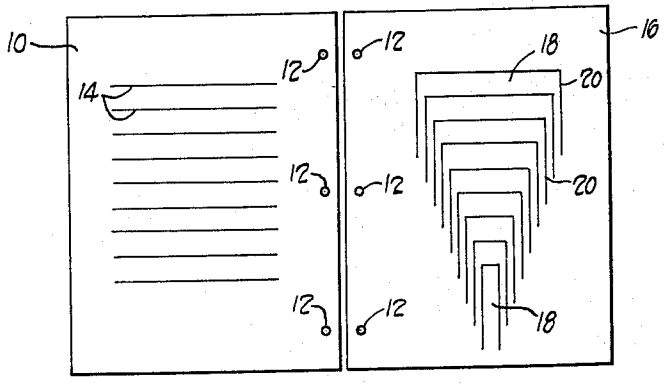


Fig. 3

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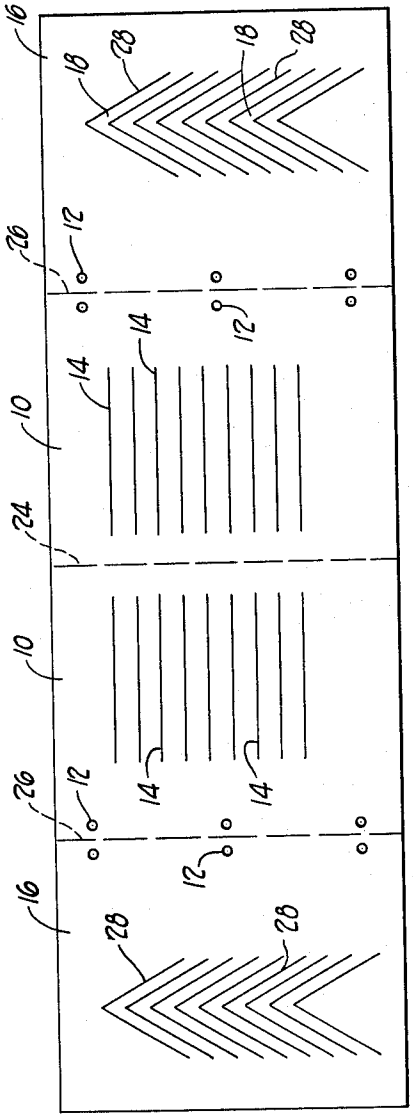


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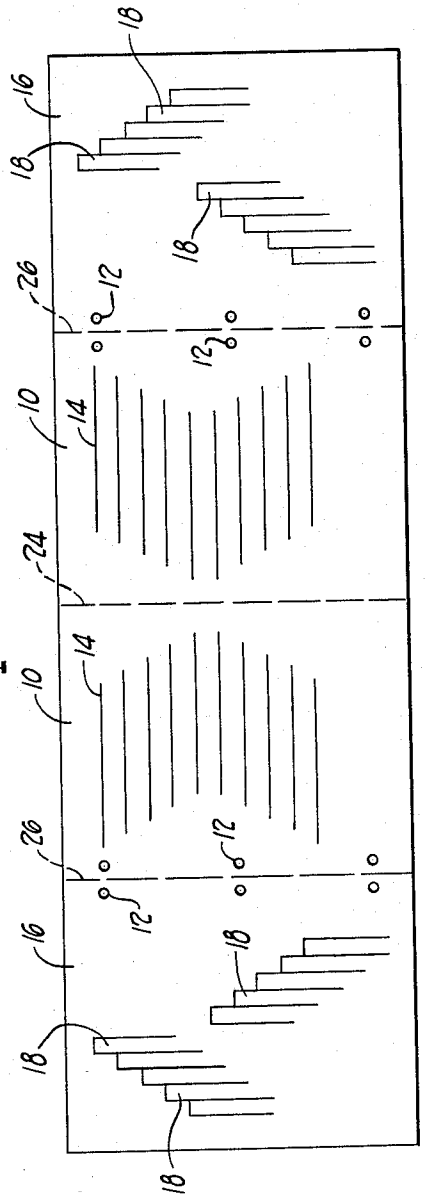


FIG. 5

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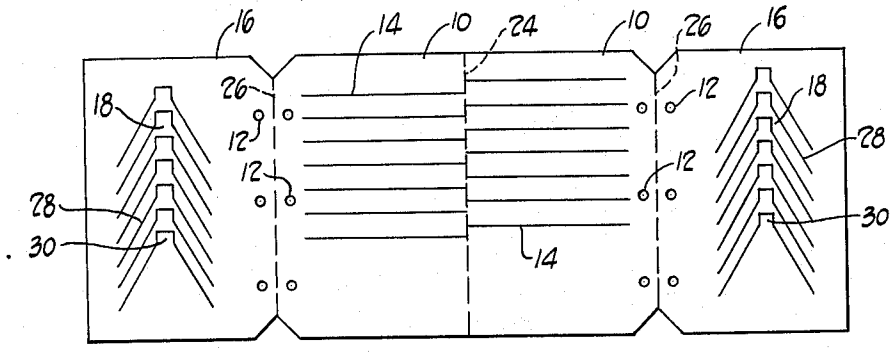


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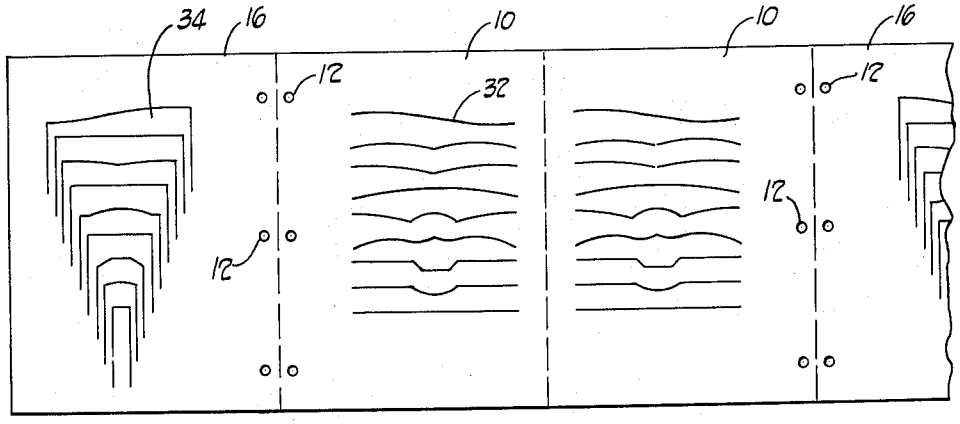


Fig. 7

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This invention relates to visible file systems and more particularly to a holder for receiving and storing cards with an exposed margin.

One of the objects of this invention is to provide a holder for cards wherein a sheet is provided with a plurality of slits arranged to receive a tongue formed in a second sheet to form a pocket.

Visible filing systems have been constructed in various forms requiring special apparatus and special cards in the operation thereof. A visible filing system herein described contemplates the provision of pockets of standard dimensions for holding commercially available and standard cards. A sheet or portion of a sheet has a plurality of uniformly spaced slits preferably transverse the longitudinal axis of the sheet or portion thereof. In a second sheet or a second portion of a sheet a plurality of tongues is formed by cutting the sheet. The tongues have a length approximating the width of the card and the point at which the tongue terminates in the second sheet is positioned below a slit in the first sheet a distance equal to the width of the card less the width of the margin of the card to be exposed.

Assembly of the card holder is accomplished by inserting the free end of a tongue through an appropriate slit. When the device is assembled, the sheet having the plurality of slits is contiguous to the sheet having the plurality of tongues, the free end of each tongue respectively being inserted through and engaging a slit in the first sheet. In so doing, a pocket is formed by each slit and tongue combination.

Accordingly, it is an object of this invention to provide a visible card holder wherein simple cuts in separate panels of the sheet form elements which cooperate to provide a plurality of pockets in an envelope for receiving and holding cards.

Another object of this invention is to provide a visible card holder having a plurality of spaced parallel cuts in one panel and a plurality of equally spaced tongues in a second panel with each of said tongues being inserted in an appropriate cut for forming a pocket which receives a card inserted through the cut and behind the tongue.

A further object of this invention is to provide a visible card holder having a plurality of spaced pockets in a panel, one end of each of said pockets respectively being at the edge of the panel.

A still further object of this invention is to provide a visible card holder susceptible to economical manufacture and available to the user at minimum cost.

Other objects and advantages more or less ancillary to the foregoing, and the manner in which all the various objects are realized, will appear in the following description, which, considered in connection with the accompanying drawings, sets forth the preferred embodiment of the invention.

In the drawings:

Fig. 1 is a front view of the visible file fully assembled and with cards in place;

Fig. 2 is a fragmentary sectional view taken along line 2—2 of Fig. 1 with parts enlarged for purposes of clarity;

Fig. 3 is a plan view of a file as prepared for assembly;

Fig. 4 is a plan view of another form of file before assembly;

Fig. 5 is a plan view of a file showing an alternate tongue arrangement;

Fig. 6 is a plan view of a file showing an alternate pocket arrangement; and

Fig. 7 is a plan view of an unassembled file showing the operative elements in different forms.

As shown in the drawings, and particularly in Figs. 1 and 2, the visible card holder includes a front panel **10** formed from a sheet of paper-like material. The panel **10** is provided with punched holes **12** of standard location and spacing for removable insertion of the panel **10** in a binder or cover. A plurality of slits **14** is cut in the panel **10**, the length of the slits being slightly longer than the length of a standard card to facilitate the insertion of the card through the slit **14**. The slits **14** are spaced to provide an area for the exposure of a marginal portion of a card.

As shown in Fig. 3, a rear panel **16** of similar size to the panel **10** is formed of a sheet of material having general qualities of paper and is provided with punched holes **12** for mounting in a cover in register with the panel **10**. A plurality of tongues **18** is formed in the panel **16** by a series of U-shaped cuts **20**. The cuts are made in the form of an inverted U and overlap as necessary to provide joinder of the tongue **18** to the panel **16** at each side. The legs of the cuts **20** have a length slightly less than the width of a conventional record card thus allowing a marginal area of the card to project beyond the end of the tongue **18** when the card is placed in the cut **20** to the bottom thereof. When the cuts **20** are made in the panel **16**, the uppermost end or the free end of the tongue **18** is located slightly above the opposed slit corresponding thereto. Accordingly, the spacing of the tongues **18** and the spacing of the slits **14** coincide.

When the card holder is in the assembled and operative condition, the free end of the lowermost tongue **18** is inserted through the lowermost slit **14** with the panels **10** and **16** in register and contiguous to each other. Each tongue **18** is inserted through a slit **14** with a margin thereof projecting above the slit **14** as shown in Fig. 1. For purposes of illustration, a card **22** is shown inserted through the slit **14** and behind the tongue **18**. The slit **14** restrains the card against lateral movement while the cuts **20** maintain the card **22** in its proper vertical position as required to hold the card **22** with a marginal area thereof exposed for carrying identifying information.

In Fig. 4, a form of card holder is illustrated wherein the two front panels **10** and the two rear panels **16** are formed from a single sheet. A center fold **24** is provided between the panels **10**, and a side fold **26** is located between the front panel **10** and rear panel **16** respectively and intermediate between the holes **12**. The slits **14** are formed in the panel **10** in a manner similar to those illustrated in Fig. 3.

A plurality of chevron cuts **28** is disposed in spaced relation in the panels **16** and is formed with the apex of the cut being located a distance from the lower ends of the cuts **28** a distance slightly less than the width of the card **22** to be inserted.

At assembly the panel **16** is placed in overlying relationship to panel **10** by folding at the fold **26**, and the free ends of the tongues **18** formed by the chevron cuts **28** are inserted through the slits **14**. The unit is then folded about the center fold **24** with the panels **10** being to the outside and the panels **16** folded to the inside. When the unit is mounted in a cover an envelope

is achieved having pockets on both faces for receiving cards **22**.

In Fig. 5, a card holder is shown having the slits **14** in staggered relation. The tongues **18** are of uniform width and are cut in the panel **16** in staggered side-by-side relationship. The tongues are uniform in length and the spacing of the free ends thereof corresponds to the spacing of the slits **14**. When assembled the card holder of Fig. 5 is folded in the manner of that described in connection with the holder of Fig. 4 and results in the envelope with pockets in each outer panel **10**.

In Fig. 6, the card holder is illustrated as having a pair of front panels **10** and rear panels **16** formed from a single sheet. The slits **14** are positioned in offset relation and have one end of each slit terminating at the center fold **24**. By virtue of the offset, a continuous panel is provided at the fold line. This feature also accepts maximum width of cards between the fold line **24** and the holes **12**.

The tongues **18** are formed by chevron cuts **28** with tabs **30** at the apex of the cuts **28**. The tabs **30** project through the slits **14** for guiding the card **22** behind the tongues **18**.

In Fig. 7, the panels **10** have a series of slits **32** illustrated as being of various forms. Tongues **34** may also have corresponding irregular forms as dictated by the design of the card **22** to be inserted in the holder or by the arrangement of the identification material on the margin of the card **22**.

It is also understood that where physical dimensions of the cards will permit, such as calling cards, two rows of pockets on each panel are contemplated. Also the folding arrangement between the panels is only illustrative of a preferred form and not limiting since other folding arrangements may be utilized.

Having thus described this invention in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains to make and use the same, and having set forth the best mode contemplated of carrying out this invention, I state that the subject which I regard as being my invention is particularly pointed out and distinctly claimed in what is claimed, it being understood that equivalents or modifications of, or substitutions for, parts of the above specifically described embodiments of the invention may be made without departing from the scope of the invention as set forth in what is claimed.

What is claimed is:

1. A visible card holder comprising a supporting sheet having a plurality of slits therein, and a second sheet having a plurality of tongues joined thereto and engageable with the slits.

2. A visible card holder comprising a supporting sheet having a plurality of parallel slits therein, and a second sheet having a plurality of tongues joined thereto and engageable with the slits.

3. A visible card holder comprising a supporting sheet having a plurality of slits therein, a second sheet contiguous to the first sheet, and a plurality of tongues joined to the second sheet and engaged with the slits.

4. In a visible card file a series of slits formed in a panel, a second panel, tongues formed from the material of said second panel and joined thereto in a series corresponding to the spacing of said slits, the free end of said tongues projecting through a corresponding slit whereby a card may be inserted through said slit and between said tongues and said second panel.

5. In a visible card file a series of parallel slits formed in a panel, a second panel, tongues formed on said second panel and joined thereto in a series corresponding to the spacing of said slits, the free end of said tongues projecting through a corresponding slit whereby a card may be inserted through said slit and between said tongues and said second panel.

6. In a visible card file a series of slits formed in a panel, a second panel, tongues formed on said second panel and joined thereto in a series corresponding to the spacing of said slits, the free end of said tongues projecting through a corresponding slit whereby a card may be inserted through said slit and between said tongues and said panel, the joinder of the tongue to the second panel being spaced from the slit through which the tongue projects a distance equal to the width of the card less the width of the exposed margin.

7. A visible card file comprising a first and second panel, slits formed in the first panel, and tongues formed in the second panel, the free end of each of said tongues projecting through a slit, the length of said tongue being less than the width of a card to be placed in said slit and behind said tongue.

8. A visible card file comprising a first and second panel, slits formed in the first panel, and tongues formed in the second panel, the free end of each of said tongues projecting through a slit, the length of said tongue being less than the width of a card to be placed in said slit and behind said tongue, said tongues being in the form of an inverted U.

9. A visible card file comprising a first and second panel, slits formed in the first panel, and tongues formed in the second panel, the free end of each of said tongues projecting through a slit, the length of said tongue being less than the width of a card to be placed in said slit and behind said tongue, said tongues being in the form of chevrons symmetrical along the medial line of said slits.

10. A visible card file comprising a first and second panel, slits formed in the first panel, and tongues formed in the second panel, the free end of each of said tongues projecting through a slit, the length of said tongue being less than the width of a card to be placed in said slit and behind said tongue, said slits being positioned with one end of each slit respectively adjacent an edge of the first panel.

11. A visible card file comprising a first and second panel, slits formed in the first panel, and tongues formed in the second panel, the free end of each of said tongues projecting through a slit, the length of said tongue being less than the width of a card to be placed in said slit and behind said tongue, said slits being positioned with one end of each slit respectively adjacent an edge of the first panel, said tongues being in the form of chevrons symmetrical along the medial line of said slits.

12. A visible card file comprising a first and second panel, slits formed in the first panel, and tongues formed in the second panel, the free end of each of said tongues projecting through a slit, the length of said tongue being less than the width of a card to be placed in said slit and behind said tongue, said tongues being side by side throughout a portion of their length.

13. A visible card file comprising a first and second panel, slits formed in the first panel, and tongues formed in the second panel, the free end of each of said tongues projecting through a slit, the length of said tongue being less than the width of a card to be placed in said slit and behind said tongue, said tongues being side by side throughout a portion of their length, said slits being displaced in accordance with the displacement of said tongues in relation to the location of the free ends thereof.

14. A visible card file comprising first panels joined at a fold, second panels joined to the first panels at folds, slits formed in the first panels, and tongues formed in the second panels, the free ends of each of said tongues projecting through a slit when said first and second panels are folded in contiguous relation, the length of said tongue being less than the width of a card to be placed in said slit and behind said tongue.

15. A visible card file comprising first panels joined at a fold, second panels joined to the first panels at folds, slits formed in the first panels, and tongues formed

in the second panels, the free ends of each of said tongues projecting through a slit when said first and second panels are folded in contiguous relation, the length of said tongue being less than the width of a card to be placed in said slit and behind said tongue, said slits having one end respectively adjacent the fold between the first panels.

16. A visible card file comprising first panels joined at a fold, second panels joined to the first panels at folds, slits formed in the first panels, and tongues formed in the second panels, the free ends of each of said tongues projecting through a slit when said first and second panels are folded in contiguous relation, the length of said tongue being less than the width of a card to be placed in said slit and behind said tongue, said slits having one end respectively adjacent the fold between the first panels, the slits in one of said first panels being offset from the slits in the other of said first panels.

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