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Fig. 1.

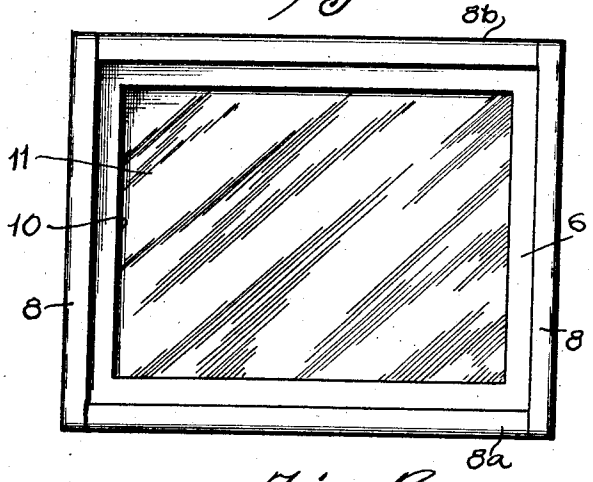


Fig. 3.

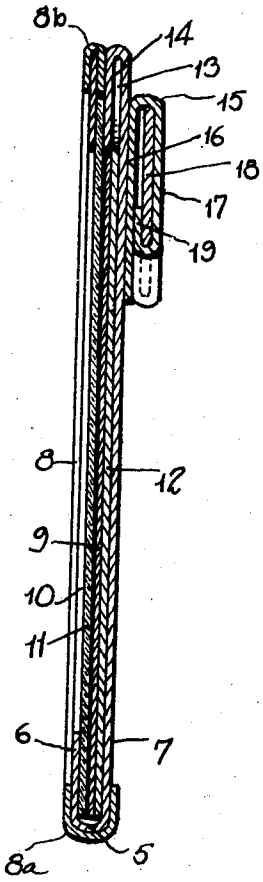


Fig. 2.

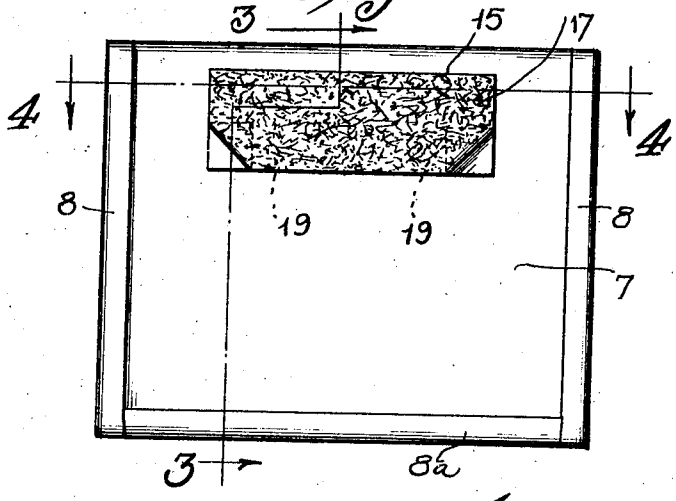
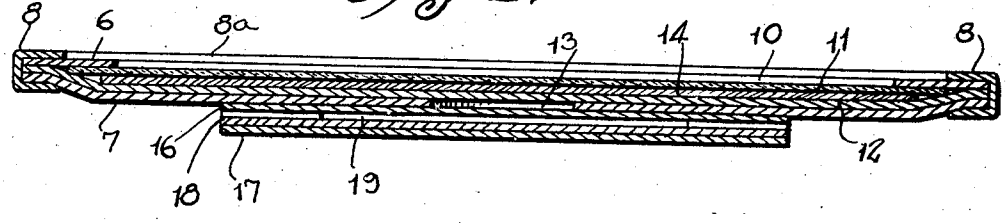


Fig. 4.



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This invention relates to a device for holding automobile license certificates, which are required by certain States to be carried in the vehicle.

The primary object of the present invention is to provide a holder of the above kind which is simple in construction and inexpensive to manufacture, and which may be conveniently mounted on the vehicle at any desired place.

A further object is to provide a holder of the above kind including a container for the license certificate which is extremely light in weight and durable in construction, and simple and efficient means for attaching the container to the vehicle at any desired place.

A still further object is to provide a holder which is ornamental and neat in appearance, and which embodies a container so constructed as to permit the certificate to be conveniently inserted or removed.

Other objects will become apparent as the nature of the invention is better understood, and the same consists in the novel form, combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter more fully described, shown in the accompanying drawing and claimed.

In the drawing, wherein like reference characters indicate corresponding parts throughout the several views,

Figure 1 is a front elevational view of an automobile license certificate holder constructed in accordance with the present invention;

Figure 2 is a rear elevational view thereof;

Figure 3 is an enlarged vertical section taken on line 3—3 of Figure 2; and

Figure 4 is an enlarged horizontal section taken on line 4—4 of Figure 2.

Referring more in detail to the drawing, the present license certificate holder includes a container in the nature of a card case or envelope and having a body portion formed from an elongated rectangular sheet of flexible material such as cloth or leather, said sheet being folded substantially intermediate its ends as at 5 upon a transverse horizontal fold line to provide front and back walls 6 and 7 which are bound together along their side edges by colored adhesive strips 8. A flexible non-metallic card case is thus formed, closed at the bottom and sides, and open at the top for the ready insertion and removal of the license certificate 9. A further colored adhesive strip or binding 8^a is provided across the bottom of the container body at the fold 5, and a still further colored adhesive binding strip 8^b is provided on the upper edge of the front wall 6. The front wall 6 of the container or card case is provided with a central relatively large rectangular opening as at 10 which is closed by a transparent sheet 11 of isinglass or the like that is disposed at the inner side of the front wall 6 and may have its margin secured to the latter about the opening 10, by means of adhesive or the like. In this way, a display window is provided through which the printed matter on the license certificate card may be readily seen or read, and as the inner edges of the binding strips 8, 8^a, and 8^b are disposed in uniformly spaced relation to and outwardly of the walls of the opening 10, a double frame effect is had at the front of the container or card case as shown clearly in Figure 1. This enhances the appearance of the device and also insures durability. A rectangular stiffening and reinforcing sheet 12, of pastboard or the like, is applied and secured to the inner face of the back wall 7 by means of adhesive or the like, said stiffening and reinforcing sheet 12 being of approximately the same size as the back wall and provided centrally of its upper edge with a thumb notch 13. The back wall 7 is provided at its upper edge with an extension in the form of a closure flap 14 adapted to be normally inserted in the top of the container body in front of the upper edge portion of the stiffening and reinforcing sheet 12 as shown clearly in Figure 3.

The means for attaching the container to the vehicle consists of a "sticker" embodying a rectangular sheet of adhesive material folded intermediate its ends as at 15 upon a transverse horizontal fold line to provide similar front and back portions 16 and 17 respectively having their adhesive surfaces exposed at the front and rear of the same. The front portion 16 is stuck or adhesively secured to the back wall 7 of the container centrally of the upper portion of the latter as shown clearly in Figures 2 to 4 inclusive, and the portion 17 is adapted to be stuck or adhesively secured to the surface of the vehicle at any place desired, by moistening the rear adhesive surface of the portion 17 and pressing it against the surface of the vehicle. In order to stiffen and reinforce the free portion 17, a sheet of cardboard 18 is placed between the portions 16 and 17 and against the inner or front face of said

portion 17 as shown clearly in Figure 3. This cardboard sheet 18 has its lower corners cut away on angles and the lower corner portions of the part 17 are folded around the oblique edges of the stiffening sheet 18 and adhesively secured to the adjacent rear surface portions of the part 16 as generally indicated at 19. In this way, the stiffening sheet 18 is effectively retained in place and the portions or parts 16 and 17 are held connected so that when the device is attached to the vehicle the container will not readily swing and become accidentally detached.

It will be readily seen that when the device is attached to the vehicle as described above, access can be conveniently had to the license certificate when occasion so requires and without requiring detachment of the holder from the vehicle. The device is constructed entirely of non-metallic material so as to be extremely economical to manufacture and light in weight. Moreover, the construction is composed of a minimum number of simple and cheap parts which afford convenient and economical manufacture.

What I claim as new is:—

1. An automobile license certificate holder comprising a flat flexible envelope adapted to receive a license certificate and having an opening and a transparent sheet of material in the rear of said opening through which the certificate is visible, said envelope having an inlet at the top, a "sticker" adhesively secured to the upper portion of the back of the envelope and adapted to be adhesively secured to the automobile, said "sticker" embodying a sheet of adhesive material folded upon an intermediate transverse horizontal line to provide a front portion attached to the back of the envelope and a back portion adapted to be secured to the automobile, and a stiffening sheet disposed between said front and back portions and having cut away lower corners, the lower corners of said back portion being folded around said corners and adhesively secured to said front portion.

2. An automobile license certificate holder comprising a flat flexible envelope adapted to receive a license certificate and having an opening and a transparent sheet of material in the rear of said opening through which the certificate is visible, said envelope having an inlet at the top, a "sticker" adhesively secured to the upper portion of the back of the envelope and adapted to be adhesively secured to the automobile, said envelope embodying an elongated sheet of material folded intermediate its ends upon a horizontal line to provide front and back walls connected at the bottom of the envelope, strips of adhesive material binding said walls together at the sides of the envelope, and further strips of adhesive material binding the upper edge of the front wall and secured about the fold connection of the front and rear walls.

3. An automobile license certificate holder comprising a flat flexible envelope adapted to receive a license certificate and having an opening and a transparent sheet of material in the rear of said opening through which the certificate is visible, said envelope having an inlet at the top, and a "sticker" adhesively secured to the upper portion of the back of the envelope and adapted to be adhesively secured to the automobile, said envelope embodying an elongated sheet of material folded intermediate its ends upon a horizontal line to provide front and back walls connected at the bottom and secured together at the sides of the envelope, a stiffening sheet applied to the inner face of the back wall, and a closure flap on the upper edge of the back wall foldable into the upper end of the envelope over the upper end of said stiffening sheet.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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