

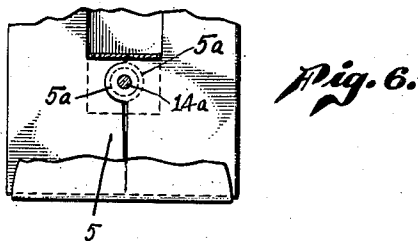
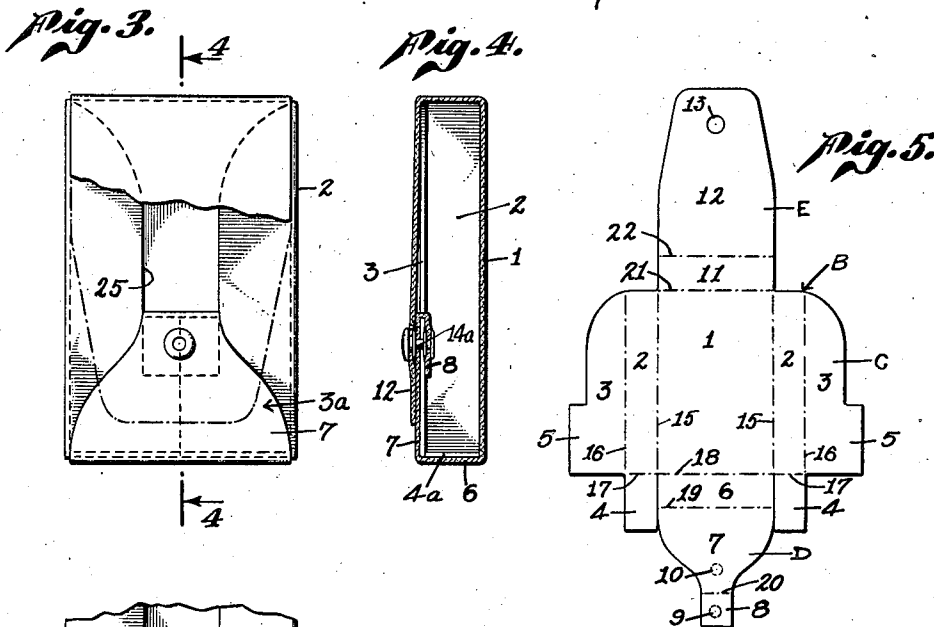
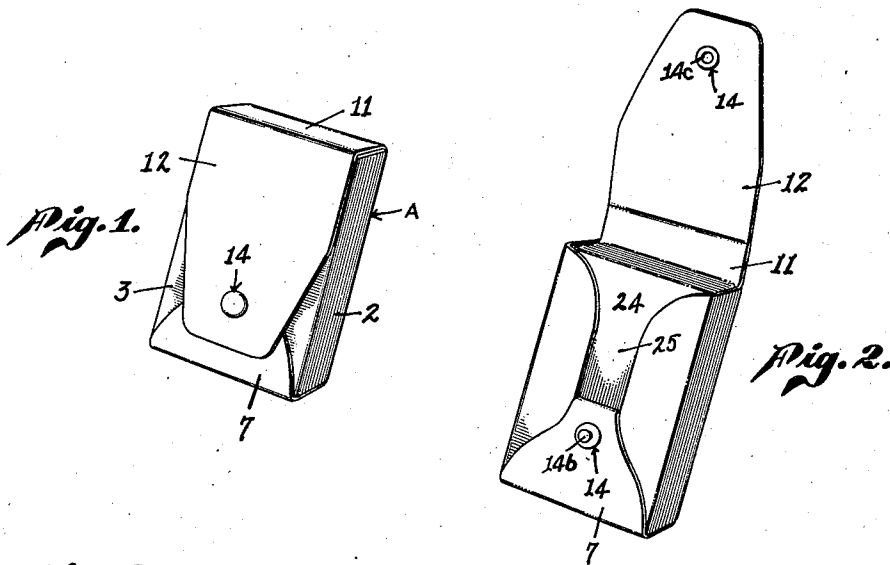
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This invention relates to improvements in cases for playing cards and articles of like nature.

A general object of my invention is to provide a playing card case of simple and inexpensive construction which will afford protection to playing cards or other like articles held therein and which will likewise provide easy access thereto when desired.

Another object of my invention is to provide a device of the character described which is light, compact and durable.

Another object of my invention is to provide a case with a snap fastened or buttoned down cover flap, whereby injury to or soiling of the cards will be prevented and at the same time convenience will be afforded in extracting the cards from the case.

A further object of my invention is to provide a playing card case which is preferably formed from a single sheet of leather or other suitable material cut to provide foldable sections which may be secured to provide a formed container for a deck of cards, without the use of any stitching and with a minimum of cement or other adherent. A modified form of my invention is adapted to have the sections thereof shaped and fastened solely by use of a snap fastener and without the use of any cement or other adherent whatsoever and without any stitching.

A still further object is to provide a device of the character described which is formed of a single sheet of leather or other suitable material which is scored or creased or otherwise outlined to define foldable sections with certain free ends thereof overlapped and riveted at a single point by the shank of a snap fastener which also provides closing means to hold the cover flap when the cards are in place.

Still another object of my invention is the provision of a device formed from a single sheet of leather or other suitable material which is stamped or cut in a novel form and manner so as to provide a relatively firm, formed case for playing cards and other like articles and wherein certain of the foldable sections complement and reinforce one another and cooperate to provide a case of surprising lightness, strength, and durability. I may employ either flexible, semi flexible, stiff or rigid material which can be scored or grooved at the bends in order to weaken the material sufficiently to provide sections foldable at the corners.

Other objects and advantages will become apparent from a further description of my invention and reference to the accompanying drawing.

In the drawing:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a device embodying my invention with the cover flap in a closed position.

Figure 2 is a perspective view of the same device showing the cover flap in an opened position.

Figure 3 is a front plan view with part of the cover flap cut away.

Figure 4 is a vertical sectional view taken on the line 4—4 of Figure 3.

Figure 5 is a plan view of the pattern or blank from which the same device as shown in the preceding figures, is formed.

Figure 6 is a fragmentary plan view partly in section showing a modified form of my invention.

Referring in detail to the drawing, the invention illustrated in its simplest embodiment in Figures 1 through 5 of the drawing comprises a rectangular pouch A which is produced from a single sheet of leather or other material cut to the pattern or blank B of which a plan view is shown in Figure 5. The material is stamped or cut out preferably by means of suitable dies to provide a blank of the requisite shape and dimensions. Referring particularly to Figure 5, the dotted lines there represent shallow grooves or scored lines along which the blank is to be folded. These grooves which are cut or pressed in the leather or other material weaken the material sufficiently to permit the easy folding or bending thereof along the lines indicated.

The said blank B includes an intermediate section C, a bottom end section D and a top end section E.

The intermediate section comprises a rectangular shaped back wall 1, parallel side walls 2, and front wall sections 3 forming part of a front wall 3a.

The side walls 2 are formed with extension tabs 4 which are adapted to form an auxiliary bottom wall 4a. The front wall sections 3 are formed with tabs or ears 5 for a purpose hereinafter indicated.

The bottom end section D comprises a bottom wall 6 and a part 7 which is adapted to lie over a portion of the front wall sections 3.

The extreme end 8 of the front wall part 7 is adapted to fold over and engage the tabs or ears 5 when the device is assembled. The shank of a snap fastener is designed to extend through the end portion 8 when folded over, hole 9 then registering with hole 10. It is not necessary to punch these holes in advance of the riveting operation, as the insertion of the snap fastener may accomplish this, but for the sake of clarity

in illustration I have shown the holes as described.

The top end section E comprises a flap including an end cover section 11 and an extension 12. A hole 13 for attaching the female part of a snap fastener 14 is shown in the extension 12. The fastener which is of a conventional type comprises the shank 14a, the male coupling part 14b, and the female part 14c.

The assembly of the device may be explained as follows: After the blank B has been cut out or formed or stamped, the intermediate section C may be bent inwardly at lines 15 and again at lines 16 so as to form the side walls 2. The extension tabs 4 are then bent inwardly along the lines 17 so as to form the auxiliary floor or bottom 4a. The bottom end section D is then bent inwardly along the line 18 and again at 19 so as to form the bottom wall 6. The end portion 8 is then bent over along the line 20 so as to lie over and enclose the tabs 5, the latter of which abut but do not overlap in the form illustrated in Figures 1 to 5. A small amount of glue or cement or other adhesive may be used to firmly hold the parts 8, 7, and 5 interlocked.

After applying the cement or other adhesive and folding the end portion 8 over and against the tabs 5, a riveting device may then be used to rivet the shank of the fastener at the location of the holes 9 and 10 which of course register when the end portion 8 is folded as described.

Thereafter the top end section E may be folded inwardly along the line 21 and again at 22 so as to form the part 11 and permit the cover flap to be fastened by snapping the female part of the snap fastener over the male part as previously described. The playing card case is then completed and a pack of cards 24 as illustrated may be inserted or withdrawn as desired. When the playing card case is in its completed form it will be seen that the extension tabs 4 lie within and against the bottom wall 6 thereby effecting an auxiliary bottom wall. This construction is important as it closes the lower side corners of the case and provides an additional thickness of material against which the ends of the playing cards may bear when inserted in the playing card case. Generally the playing card case comprises a rectangular pouch having substantially flat back and front walls spaced by substantially flat sides and bottom and an open end for the insertion and withdrawal of cards, a flap comprising a substantially flat section to cover the open end and an extension to overlie a part of the front wall, and fastening means to detachably secure the flap to the front wall, the pouch being formed from a blank made of a single piece of sheet material folded along lines defining the corners of the pouch. The opening at the upper end of the pouch merges with an opening 25 formed by the novel configuration of the sections 3 and 7, the latter in combination with the former providing a pleasing and ornamental appearance in addition to utility in rendering the cards more accessible when the cover flap is open. This opening 25 extends approximately halfway down from the upper end of the front wall, the word approximately meaning halfway slightly more or less, the object being to obtain the functional advantage of being able to readily flex and spread the walls to increase the opening 25 and the opening at the top for the ready insertion or withdrawal of cards.

In the modified form of the device illustrated in Figure 6 the edges of the tabs 5 abut but do not overlap except in the region where the shank

of the snap fastener rivets the parts together as previously described. In this form the tabs 5 are provided with ears 5a which overlap and through which the shank 14a of the snap fastener passes. When this type of construction is used no cement or adhesive whatever is necessary.

While I have described the several parts and features of my invention in certain preferred embodiments, it is to be understood that those parts and features are susceptible of variations and changes without departing from the essential ideas and the spirit of this invention or the scope of the appended claims.

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

1. A seamless playing card case comprising a rectangular pouch having substantially flat back and front walls spaced by substantially flat sides and bottom, an open end for the insertion and withdrawal of cards, a flap comprising a substantially flat section to cover the open end and an extension to overlie a part of the front wall, and fastening means to detachably secure the flap to the front wall, the said pouch being formed from a blank made of a single piece of flexible sheet material folded along lines defining the corners of the pouch, said blank comprising an intermediate section forming the back wall, sides, and including ears foldable to abut and form part of the front wall, and a bottom end section forming the bottom and having a part extending up to complete the front wall, said bottom end section also having an extension folded inwardly and downwardly over the portions of the intermediate section which comprise a part of the front wall approximately midway between the top and bottom of the pouch, and the folded parts being secured in completed form solely by a fastening device at the junction of the parts forming the front wall.

2. A playing card case made of flexible sheet material from a single blank cut with a central area adapted to form the back and wings adapted to be folded to form the sides and one wall of the front, the portions of the wings forming the one wall of the front having lateral extensions at the lower part adapted to be brought together when assembling but affording an intermediate open space between complementary vertical free edges in the upper portion of said wall said open space extending approximately halfway down from the upper end of the front wall, a lower area adapted to be folded to form the bottom and a second wall of the front overlying the lower region of the first mentioned wall, a fastening device passing through the said lateral extensions and second wall at the junction of the extensions thereof as securing means for retaining the case in assembled form, and an upper area adapted to be folded to form the top and a front cover overlying the front.

3. A playing card case made of flexible sheet material from a single blank cut with a central area adapted to form the back and wings adapted to be folded to form the sides and one wall of the front, the portions of the wings forming the one wall of the front having lateral extensions at the lower part adapted to be brought together when assembling but affording an intermediate open space between complementary vertical free edges in the upper portion of said wall said open space extending approximately halfway down from the upper end of the front wall, a lower area adapted to be folded to form the bottom and a second wall of the front overlying the lower

region of the first mentioned wall, the portion of the lower area adapted to form the second wall of the front tapering in width from the bottom upward when assembled so that the upper extremity thereof is the same width as the open space between the vertical edges along the upper portion of the first mentioned wall, a fas-

tening device passing through the said lateral extensions and second wall at the junction of the extensions thereof as securing means for retaining the case in assembled form, and an upper area adapted to be folded to form the top and a front cover overlying the front.

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