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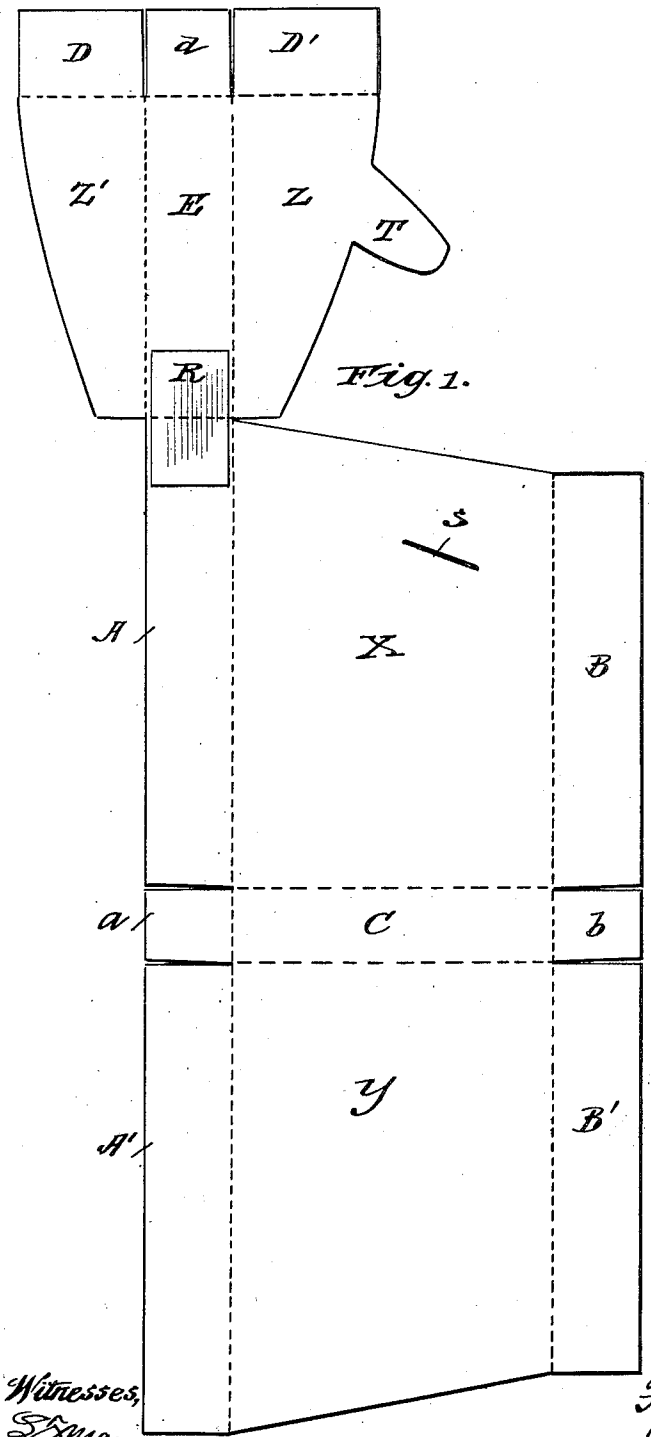


Fig. 1.

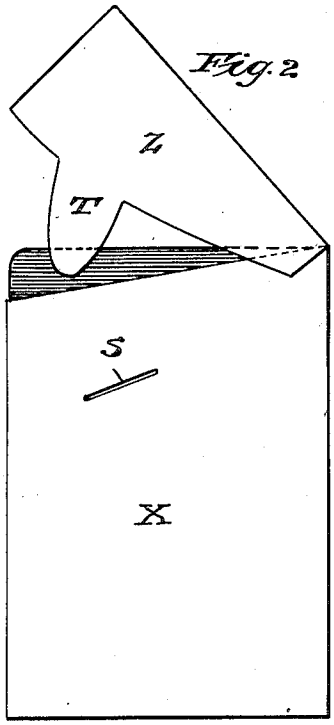


Fig. 2.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, FRANCIS AMELIA MOONERT and HIRAM K. WHITNER, citizens of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Card-Cases; and we 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, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

Our invention relates to improvements in card cases, known in the art as playing cards and like articles of merchandise.

The object of our invention is to provide a neat receptacle for said cards and also to enable those using said cards to extract them from, and replace them in, said receptacle with greater expedition than heretofore.

Our invention when assembled consists of a receptacle having a sloping mouth adapted to leave exposed a triangularly shaped portion of a so-called pack of cards. And integral to said case we provide a covering, or cap, adapted to engage over said sloping mouth of said receptacle, thereby presenting a neat appearing card case, box form, as hereinafter more particularly shown.

Figure 1 shows a so-called blank, having the various parts integral to our card case and of such form as a die or cutter would make in cutting said blank out of a sheet of card board or paper of a proper texture. Fig. 2 shows a card case assembled by means well known in the arts to which our invention appertains. The dark shading represents the protruding portion of a pack of cards above the sloping mouth of said receptacle.

In Fig. 1, A, A′, B, B′, *a*, *b* and C indicate members pertaining to the receptacle portion of said card case by which the dimensions, thickness or edges and bottom, may be attained when said indicated members are joined by means well known in the art pertaining to paper box making. D, D′, *d* and E indicate members pertaining to the cap of said card case, by which the dimension, thickness or edges and top of said cap is formed, in like manner as the receptacle is formed. X and Y, respectively, indicate a side of said receptacle portion of said card case. Z and Z′, respectively, indicate a side of said cap or covering to said receptacle. R indicates a reinforcing piece, which member may be placed inside of the fabric or outside with reference to the interior or exterior of said card case, and, as shown, embraces a section of both the receptacle and the cap, whereby strength is added to the unbroken fabric that forms the union or hinge member in said card case. T indicates a tongue or projecting member pertaining to said Z member in said cap. S indicates a slit adapted to receive the tongue in locking engagement when said cap is closed down over the sloping mouth of said receptacle in said card case.

In Fig. 2 is shown a receptacle having a longer edge and a shorter edge and a cap having a shorter edge and a longer edge, a tongue T and a slit S the locking members hereinbefore referred to. It will be obvious that the function of said tongue is to keep the cap or cover of said card case closed upon the receptacle of said card case and hold it in a locked position by virtue of the insertion of said tongue in said slit and by virtue of the bulk of said pack of cards contained in said receptacle. Furthermore, it will be obvious that when said reinforcing piece R consists of a rubber-like texture it will perform a double function; it will reinforce the union between said receptacle and said cap or cover, and by its contractibility it will tend to draw said cap or cover down over the mouth of said receptacle.

Having thus described our invention, we will now in claims point out what is new and novel.

1. A blank comprising side sections X Y, intervening bottom section C integral therewith and separated therefrom by scoring lines, and end sections A B A′ B′ integral with said side sections, said bottom section C having end flaps *a b* lying between the said end sections, said blank having a top member E, provided with side sections Z, Z′, integral flaps extending from members Z Z′ E the intermediate flap being separated from the end flaps by slots one of said side sections Z having an integral tongue T adapted to interlock with the slot S, in the side section X the member E being connected only with the member A as an extension thereof.

2. A blank comprising side sections X Y, intervening bottom sections C integral therewith and separated therefrom by scoring lines, and end sections A B A′ B′ integral with said side sections, said bottom section

C having end flaps *a b* lying between the said end sections, said blank having a top member E, provided with side sections Z, Z′, integral flaps extending from members Z Z′ E the intermediate flap being separated from the end flaps by slots one of said side sections Z having an integral tongue T adapted to interlock with the slot S, in the side section X the member E being connected only with the member A as an extension thereof, a reinforcing piece R being adapted to strengthen the continuation between the said end section A and the member E.

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