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Fig. 1.

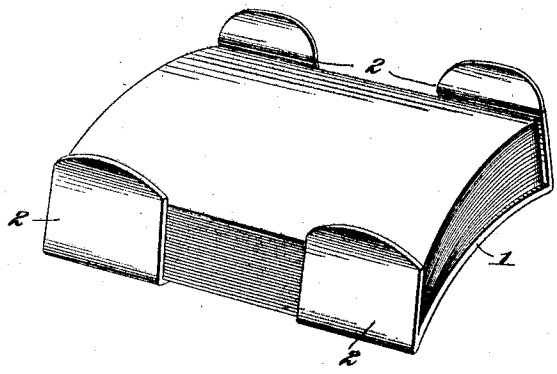


Fig. 2.

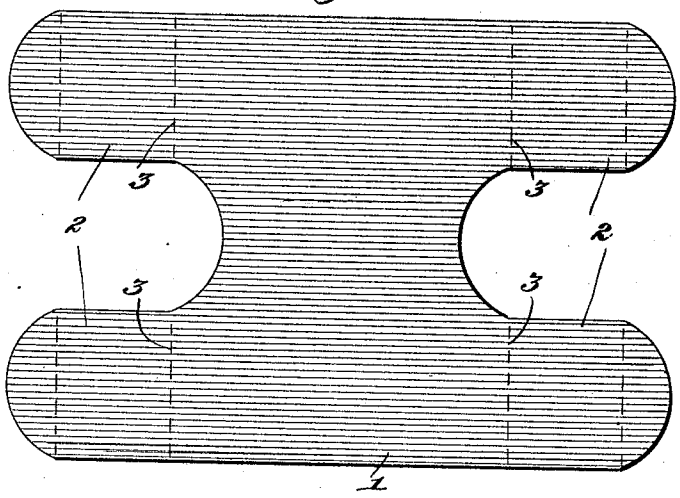
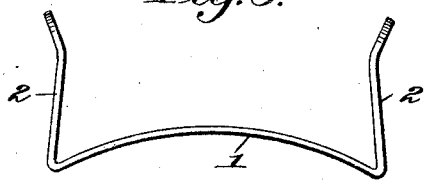


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MAX H. MALWITZ, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Eau Claire, in the county of Eau Claire and State of Wisconsin, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Card Holders, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to card holders for playing cards.

The invention consists in the following construction and adaptation of a sheet of metal fashioned from a single piece to form a ready depository for playing cards. The details of the device will first be fully described and the features of novelty therein set forth in the claim.

Figure 1 of the drawing represents a perspective view of my invention showing a pack of cards held therein.

Figure 2 is a view of the cut blank from which my holder is formed.

Figure 3 is an end view after being bent to shape.

The invention is based on the well known fact that any one or more of a pack of playing cards if flexed slightly will return to their original shape instantly when released from the flexing pressure imposed thereon. A familiar illustration of this fact will be observed by holding a pack of cards in the hand and applying to the opposite edges a pressure between the thumb and fingers. This flexing causes the cards of the pack to curve more or less in accordance with the degree of pressure applied. When the pressure is released the cards quickly reassume their original straight shape.

I utilize the above principle for securing the cards in my improved holder, in which, while securely held, they may be instantly taken out or replaced as often as desired.

Figure 2 represents a blank cut from a sheet of metal.

Figure 3 shows the blank after being bent to shape and Figure 1 is a perspective view of my holder with the cards in place therein.

The back 1 is curved as shown. The side pieces 2 are bent up from the back on the line of the dotted lines 3 so that the inner sides of the pieces 2 are parallel or slightly converging as shown in Figure 3 so as to constrict the edges of the cards.

The pack of cards is held in one hand between the thumb and one or more of the middle fingers. Pressure is then applied to the edges of the cards causing them to curve slightly more than is shown in Figure 1. The card holder is then preferably held in the other hand and the cards placed therein, the thumb and fingers passing along the spaces between the side pieces. After the cards are shoved against the back of the holder the fingers are relaxed and the cards are held against the sides of the holder by the resilient force of the edges of the cards.

The cards are taken out of the holder by the reverse action just described.

I claim—

A playing card holder having an inwardly curved back with opposite constricting inwardly bent sides and finger spaces bent up from the edges of the curved back, the space between and parallel with said bent sides being open and unobstructed at both ends, substantially as set forth.

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