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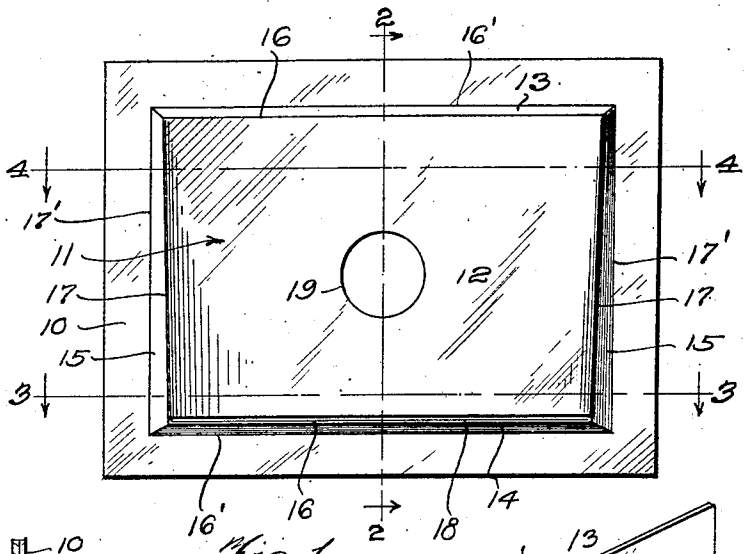


Fig. 1.

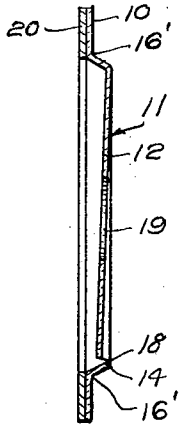


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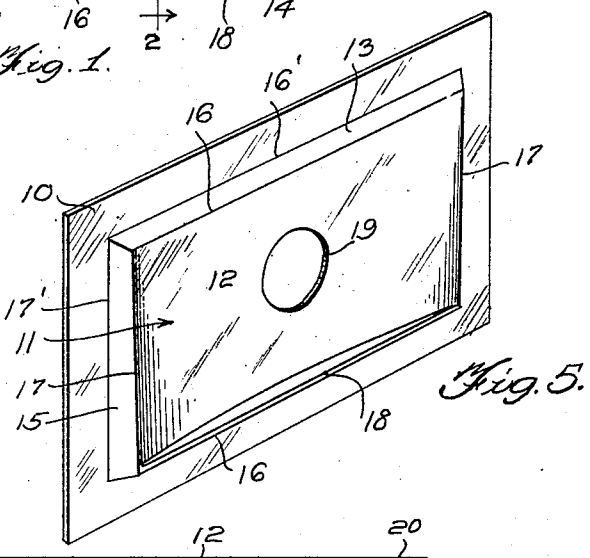


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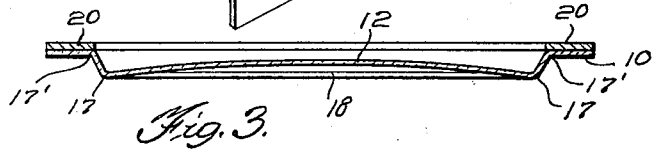


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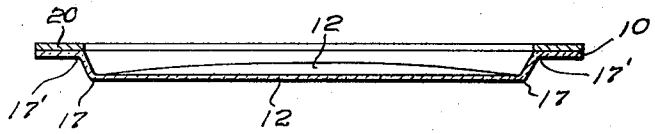


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My invention relates to a card holder and exhibitor.

In accordance with my invention, I provide a card holder and exhibitor which is adapted for receiving an automobile registration card or certificate of title, and which may be attached at a convenient point to the windshield of the automobile, so that the card will, at all times, be visible.

The holder is generally flat and is attached to the windshield by an adhesive, so that it is permanently secured thereto. The holder is, preferably, formed of a resilient transparent or translucent material. The holder is stamped from a single flat sheet of material, and the stamping operation is such that the side of the holder, adjacent to the slot, is bowed inwardly, and will automatically spring inwardly for pressing the card toward the windshield, thus preventing accidental displacement of the card through the slot.

In the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, and in which like numerals are employed to designate like parts throughout the same,

Figure 1 is a side elevation of a holder, embodying my invention,

Figure 2 is a transverse section taken on line 2—2 of Figure 1,

Figure 3 is a longitudinal section taken on line 3—3 of Figure 1, looking in the direction of the arrow,

Figure 4 is a similar view, taken on line 4—4 of Figure 1, looking in the direction of the arrows, and,

Figure 5 is a perspective view of the holder.

The holder is formed of a resilient transparent or translucent sheet, which may be celluloid, or solphane, also called "cellophane" or other suitable material. I prefer to construct the holder of solphane, as it possesses the desired characteristics of transparency, resiliency, etc., and is not explosive. This material may also be secured in any desired color.

The holder, as before stated, is stamped from a single flat sheet, and embodies a marginal rectangular frame 10, carrying a pocket 11, integral therewith. This pocket embodies a face plate 12, connected with the frame 10, by a top portion 13, and end portions 15, as shown. There is also a bottom portion 14. These portions are inclined and converge rearwardly from the frame 10, as clearly shown in the drawings. The outer edges 16′ and 17′ are parallel. The edges 16, of the top and bottom portions are, preferably, parallel, while the edges 17, of the end portions 15, converge downwardly, as shown. The pocket has a longitudinal slot 18, adjacent to the bottom portion 14. The converging of the edges 17 is caused by gradually increasing the inclination of the ends 15, inwardly toward their lower ends, thus producing a fullness in the face plate 12, at its lower edge. The device thus constructed embodies a face plate 12, with a permanent inward bow or curvature within the face plate 12, adjacent to its lower edge. As a result of this, the lower edge of the face plate automatically springs inwardly beyond the edge of the bottom portion 14, pressing the card toward the windshield to prevent the card from accidently passing through the slot, after being inserted within the pocket. This is an important feature of the invention. The face plate 12 is, preferably, provided centrally thereof with an openinng 19, so that the finger may be passed therethrough to engage with the card, to manipulate the same in its removal.

The marginal frame 10 is provided upon its forward side with a cement or adhesive coating 20, applied thereto prior to the installation of the holder upon the windshield. I may use an adhesive which will soften upon being heated, while any other suitable form of adhesive may be employed.

In the use of the holder, it is arranged upon the rear side of the windshield, and placed upon the windshield so that the adhesive 20 will engage with the windshield, thereby securely attaching the marginal frame 10, to the windshield. The slot 18 is postioned at the bottom of the pocket. The face plate 12 may be bent outwardly by inserting the finger in the opening 19, or by the use of a suitable implement, and the card is then inserted upwardly through the slot 18,

into the pocket 11. As soon as the face plate 12 is released, its resilient bowed lower edge will spring inwardly past the edge 16 of the bottom portion 14, thereby pressing the card toward the windshield in a mnaner to prevent the accidental displacement of the card through the slot.

It is to be understood that the form of my invention herein shown and described is to be taken as a preferred example of the same, and that various changes in the shape, sizes and arrangement of parts may be resorted to without departing from the spirit of my invention, or the scope of the subjoined claims

Having described my invention, what I claim is:

1. A card holder and exhibitor stamped from a single sheet of resilient light penetrable material, comprising a marginal frame, a pocket carried by the frame and projecting laterally therebeyond, said pocket embodying a resilient face plate and having a slot at the free edge of the face plate, the resilient face plate being inwardly bowed adjacent to its free edge in a direction longitudinally of the slot.

2. A card holder and exhibitor stamped from a single sheet of resilient light penetrable material, comprising a marginal frame, a pocket carried by the frame and projecting laterally beyond the same, said pocket including a resilient face plate, a top portion, a bottom portion, and side portions, said pocket having a longitudinal slot adjacent to the bottom portion whereby the face plate has a free edge, the side portions having their edges adjacent to the face plate converging downwardly and said face plate being inwardly bowed in a direction longitudinally of said slot.

3. A card holder and exhibitor stamped from a single sheet of resilient light penetrable material, comprising a marginal frame, a pocket carried by the frame and projecting laterally beyond the same, said pocket including a resilient face plate, a top portion, a bottom portion, and side portions, said pocket having a marginal slot adjacent to the bottom portion whereby the face plate has a free edge, the side portions having their edges adjacent to the face plate converging downwardly and said face plate being permanently inwardly bowed in a direction longitudinally of the slot, said face plate having a finger opening formed therein, and an adhesive applied to the marginal frame.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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