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FILE FOLDER

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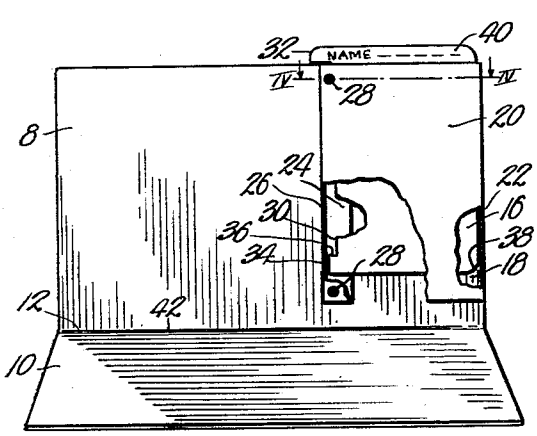


Fig. 1.

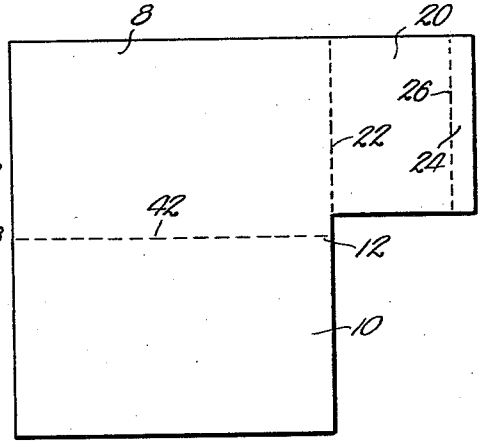


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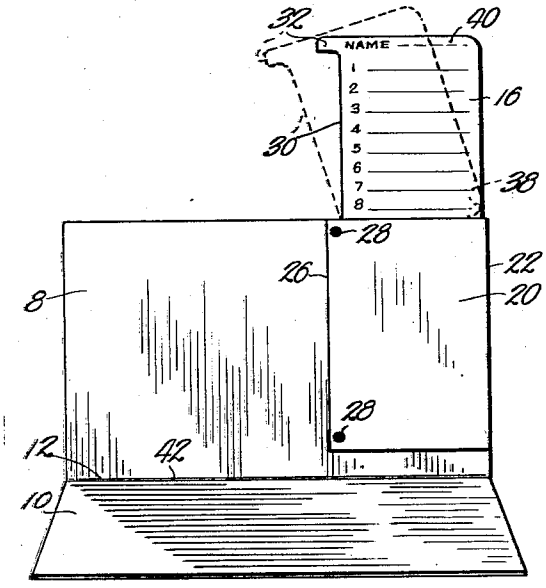


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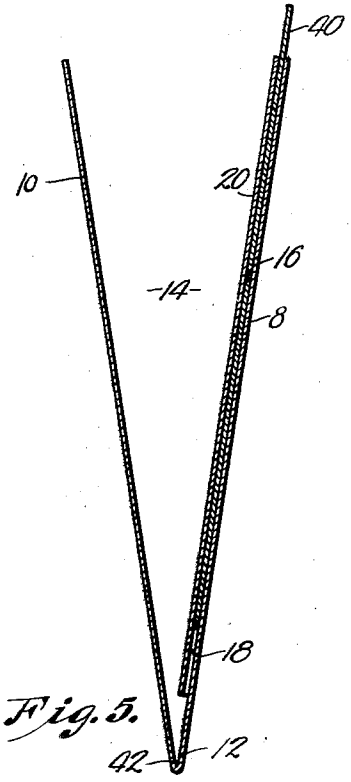


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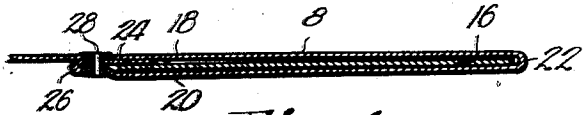


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This invention relates to filing devices and particularly, folders in the nature of those having a pair of opposed walls, one of which carries an upwardly projecting tab designed for receiving data indicating the type of material placed in the compartment formed by the two walls of the body, and the primary object of the invention is to provide such a folder wherein the said tab is created upon a portion of a slidable record card deposited within a pocket created on one of the walls so that the card may be moved to and from a position within the pocket or entirely removed therefrom for separate storage when it is desired to close the file.

This invention has for one of its primary aims the provision of a folder of the aforementioned character which has a pair of walls hingedly interconnected along one edge thereof and disposed to present a filing compartment, one of said walls having a specially designed pocket for the reception of a record card that may be moved to and from a position within the pocket and which has means for stopping movement in both directions.

The invention has for another object the provision of a file folder assembly wherein is included a uniquely formed record card having parts that cooperate with members on the folder for limiting the movement of the card and for permitting its removal through manipulation and without destroying any part of the device.

Other objects of the invention will appear during the course of the following specification, referring to the accompanying drawing wherein:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a folder made in accordance with the present invention.

Fig. 2 is a plan view of the blank from which is created the wall members of the folder.

Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the file folder showing the record card in two positions.

Fig. 4 is an enlarged fragmentary detailed sectional view through the folder taken on line IV—IV of Fig. 1; and

Fig. 5 is an enlarged vertical cross sectional view through the folder showing the record card in place within the pocket.

It is well known in the art that file folders should be equipped with tabs that project upwardly and outwardly from one edge of a wall forming a part of the folder body and that these tabs are usually integral with the wall and may be written upon only through the use of pen or pencil and cannot be reached by a standard typewriter. It is also known in the art that a record card identifying the nature of the contents of the file is desired which eliminates the necessity of leafing through the papers in the file to determine certain information with respect thereto. This separate data is usually kept in a card file or visible index record remote from the file folder and necessitates double handling when the user requires both the card and folder before him.

The primary aim of this invention, therefore, is to supply a filing device of the conventional, general form but which has specific physical characteristics capable of maintaining a complete and efficient record in condensed form adjacent to the material from which the condensed information has been obtained.

In the preferred embodiment illustrated herewith, the folder comprises a pair of wall members 8 and 10 respectively that are hingedly interconnected along a line of fold 12 and which lie in superimposed relation when walls 8 and 10 are moved together to form a filing compartment 14 therebetween.

When the folder is in the operative position, walls 8 and 10 are superimposed with the contained sheets in compartment 14 therebetween.

Wall 8 is toward the rear of the filing cabinet and the specially formed card 16 is slidably supported thereby. A pocket 18 receives card 16 and this pocket is formed by disposing a sheet of material 20 over a portion of wall 8. It has been found in practice, that sheet 20 is preferably formed integrally with wall 8 and wall 10 by cutting a blank such as shown in Fig. 2. This sheet 20 is moved over a portion of wall 8 by folding the material along a line 22 so that pocket 18 is open at the top and bottom.

A rebent portion 24 on sheet 20 lies between sheet 20 and wall 8 when the parts are assembled and after rebent portion 24 is created by folding along line 26, sheet 20 is fastened to wall 8 through the medium of rivets or similar members 28, which pass transversely through pocket 18.

A guide-way is thereby formed between rebent portion 24 and sheet 20 for the reception of one edge of record card 16, which is provided with an elongated notch 30 at one of its longitudinal edges to present a pair of outwardly extending ears 32 and 34 respectively. Ear 32 is slightly longer than ear 34 so as to overhang rebent portion 24 and sheet 20. Ear 34 normally rides along the run-way between rivets 28 and the uppermost rivet travels in notch 30 as card 16 is moved to and from the position shown in Fig. 1.

One edge of ear 34 is inclined as at 36 to engage beneath upper rivet 28 and positively precludes accidental displacement of card 16. Removal of

card 16 may be accomplished by drawing the same sidewise to the position illustrated in dotted lines of Fig. 3, so that ear 34 may be withdrawn from beneath upper rivet 28. The corners of card 16 are rounded as at 36 to facilitate the removal as clearly shown in the drawing.

A portion of card 16 extends upwardly beyond pocket 18 and both the upper edges of wall 8 and sheet 20. This upwardly extending portion has as a part thereof, ear 32 and forms an indicial receiving tab so as to broadly identify the contents of the file. This indicia receiving tab 40 is of the same general nature as the conventional integral tabs of file folders, but when matter is to be printed upon the same, card 16 is merely removed from pocket 18 and the card run into a standard typewriting machine. The remaining part of the card may contain other data relating to the contents of the file and when it is desired to check as to the date of a last letter, or any other information that can be placed upon the card 16, all that is necessary is to move the card to the full line position shown in Fig. 3 and then observe the entries thereon. This may be done without expanding the drawer within which the file is contained, and further, without removing the folder from its normal position in a record case.

The use of rebent portion 24 insures that pocket 18 will receive card 16 without binding and as is the custom, walls 8 and 10 are hingedly interconnected along line 42 after the folder has been formed of a single sheet of material having a blank such as that shown in Fig. 2.

The operation of the component parts of the device is apparent to one skilled in the art, and while the preferred embodiment of the invention has been shown and described, it is desired to be limited only by the scope of the appended claims.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new and desired to be secured by Letters Patent is:

1. A folder of the character described comprising a pair of wall members hingedly interconnected to form a filing compartment therebetween; a sheet of material overlying a portion of one of said walls having certain marginal edges thereof secured to the wall and forming a pocket between the juxtaposed free portions of said material, and said sheet extending inwardly from one edge of the wall; and a record card slidably mounted in the pocket with a portion thereof projecting outwardly from said edge of the wall in a plane parallel therewith.

2. A folder of the character described comprising a pair of wall members hingedly interconnected to form a filing compartment therebetween; a sheet of material overlying a portion of one of said walls having certain marginal edges thereof secured to the wall and forming a pocket between the juxtaposed free portions of said material, and said sheet extending inwardly from one edge of the wall; and a record card slidably mounted in the pocket with a portion thereof projecting outwardly from said edge of the wall in a plane parallel therewith, said record card having an elongated notch formed therein at one edge thereof, said pocket having a member extending transversely therethrough and through said notch to limit the movement of the record card within the pocket.

3. A folder of the character described comprising a pair of wall members hingedly interconnected to form a filing compartment therebetween; a sheet of material overlying a portion of one of said walls having certain marginal edges thereof secured to the wall and forming a pocket between the juxtaposed free portions of said material, and said sheet extending inwardly from one edge of the wall; and a record card slidably mounted in the pocket with a portion thereof projecting outwardly from said edge of the wall in a plane parallel therewith, said record card having an ear thereon overhanging one of the marginal edges of said sheet of material to limit the movement of said record card in one direction.

4. A folder of the character described comprising a pair of wall members hingedly interconnected to form a filing compartment therebetween; a sheet of material overlying a portion of one of said walls having certain marginal edges thereof secured to the wall and forming a pocket between the juxtaposed free portions of said material, and said sheet extending inwardly from one edge of the wall; and a record card slidably mounted in the pocket with a portion thereof projecting outwardly from said edge of the wall in a plane parallel therewith, said record card having a pair of ears extending outwardly from one edge thereof, said pocket having a member extending transversely therethrough between said ears to limit the movement of said card in at least one direction.

5. A folder of the character described comprising a pair of wall members hingedly interconnected to form a filing compartment therebetween; a sheet of material overlying a portion of one of said walls having certain marginal edges thereof secured to the wall and forming a pocket between the juxtaposed free portions of said material, and said sheet extending inwardly from one edge of the wall; and a record card slidably mounted in the pocket with a portion thereof projecting outwardly from said edge of the wall in a plane parallel therewith, said record card having a pair of ears extending outwardly from one edge thereof, said pocket having a member extending transversely therethrough to engage one of said ears to limit the inward movement of the card, the other of said ears being relatively long to overhang one of the marginal edges of said sheet of material to limit the inward movement of the record card and to form a part of the outwardly projecting portion of the said record card.

6. A folder of the character described comprising a pair of wall members hingedly interconnected to form a filing compartment therebetween; a sheet of material overlying a portion of one of said walls having certain marginal edges thereof secured to the wall and forming a pocket between the juxtaposed free portions of said material, and said sheet extending inwardly from one edge of the wall; and a record card slidably mounted in the pocket with a portion thereof projecting outwardly from said edge of the wall in a plane parallel therewith, said record card having a pair of ears extending outwardly from one edge thereof, said pocket having a member extending transversely therethrough between said ears to limit the movement of said card in at least one direction, said sheet of material having a rebent portion along one edge disposed between the said one wall and the sheet of material to form a guideway for one of the ears.

7. A folder of the character described comprising a pair of wall members hingedly inter-

connected to form a filing compartment therebetween; a sheet of material overlying a portion of one of said walls having certain marginal edges thereof secured to the wall and forming a pocket between the juxtaposed free portions of said material, and said sheet extending inwardly from one edge of the wall; and a record card slidably mounted in the pocket with a portion thereof projecting outwardly from said edge of the wall in a plane parallel therewith, said record card having a pair of ears extending outwardly from one edge thereof, said pocket having a member extending transversely therethrough between said ears to limit the movement of said card in at least one direction, said sheet of material having a rebent portion along one edge disposed between the said one wall and the sheet of material to form a guide way for one of the ears, the opposite edge of said sheet of material being joined to the said one wall at the corresponding edge thereof.

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