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Fig. 1.

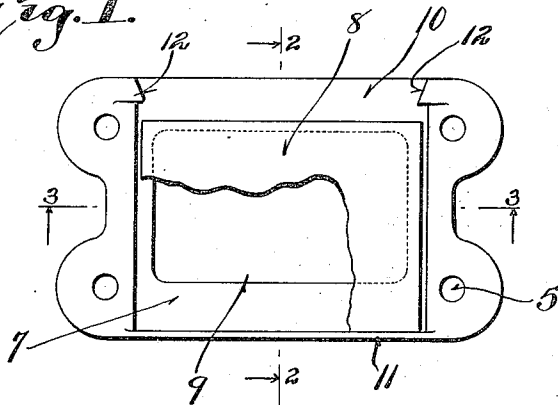


Fig. 2.

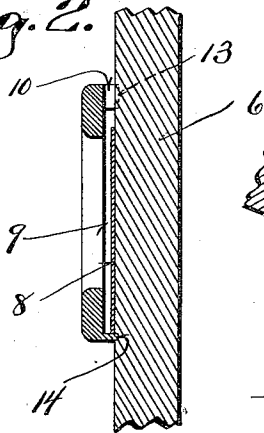


Fig. 3.

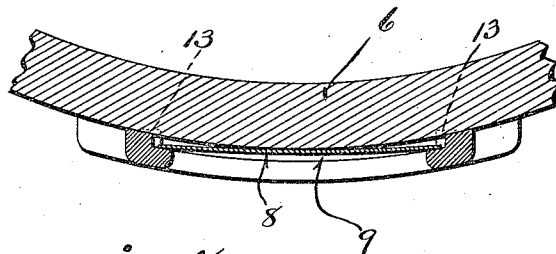
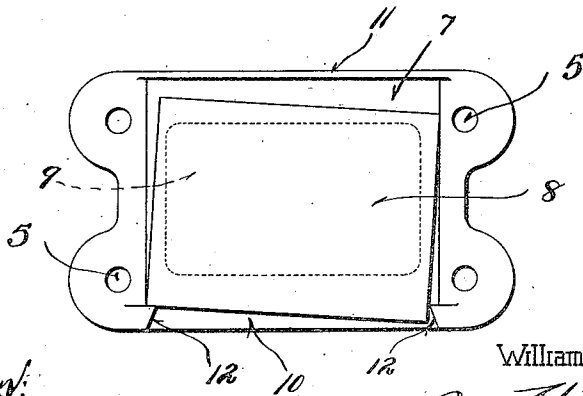


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM F. LUICK, a citizen of the United States, and resident of Milwaukee, in the county of Milwaukee and State of Wisconsin, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Shipping-Card Holders; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof.

My invention relates to an improved shipping card holder which is more especially adapted for use on containers which are shipped to customers and subsequently returned for use in future shipments.

It has been a common custom in connection with shipments of this kind to use ordinary shipping tags with various means of attaching them to the container and in some instances the tags were made water proof or otherwise made of tough material to prevent mutilation, but owing to the rough handling many of the tags were detached and lost so that it became difficult, if not impossible, to identify the containers. For this reason it has been proposed to provide skeleton frames for permanent detachment to the container, and in which the tags may be inserted and replaced by new tags when desired.

With the above facts in mind, it is a general object of the invention to provide a skeleton frame of this kind, in which a card is positively held against accidental removal or mutilation, but from which the cards can easily be removed by a suitable instrument when it is desired to insert a new card for another shipment.

A more specific object is to construct a frame of the character described, wherein a slot is provided through which the card may be inserted by bowing or bending and wherein abutments are provided to engage the edges of the card after the same has been inserted, whereby its removal is prevented.

In describing my invention reference will be had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a rear elevational view of the card holder with the card in its normal position therein.

Figure 2 is a vertical transverse section on the line 2—2 of Figure 1.

Figure 3 is a horizontal transverse section on the line 3—3 of Figure 1, and

Figure 4 is a rear elevational view show-

ing the manner in which my improved holder prevents the card from being removed.

Referring more specifically to the drawings, the holder is made, as shown, in the form of a rectangular frame, which is provided with screw holes 5 for attaching the same to the side of the container 5. The frame is provided with an offset portion 7, which in combination with the side of the receptacle, forms a shallow pocket within which the card 8 is received and held. The pocket is provided with a rectangular opening 9; through which the larger portion of the card is visible, and with a throat 10 through which the card is inserted.

The frame is provided at the opposite sides of the throat 10, with opposing lugs 12, the distance between the lugs being less than the width of the card, so that the card must be distorted or buckled in order to be inserted past the same. After the card has been inserted in the pocket, it rests against the flange 11 on the opposite side of the pocket. The lugs 12 are inclined inwardly toward the side of the container, so that when the frame is secured to the container the lugs bite into the side thereof as shown at 13, thus preventing the card from slipping up underneath the lugs. The flange 11 is also extended inwardly so as to bite into the wall of the container, as shown at 14.

From the foregoing description it will be seen that I have provided a card holder which will efficiently protect the card against mutilation, and from which it will be practically impossible for the card to become accidentally removed. When the container is turned over to empty the same and the card falls toward the throat 10, the corner of the card will engage one of the lugs 12 to prevent the card from passing through the opening as shown in Figure 4.

While I have shown my invention as applied to a container having a cylindrical side, it is, of course, equally adaptable to a flat surface. It will also be understood that various other changes may be made in the shape or size or minor details thereof, without departing from the spirit of the invention.

I claim as my invention:

1. A shipping card holder comprising a skeleton frame provided with means for attaching it to a receptacle, the underside of

- said frame being offset to provide a shallow pocket having a throat through which the card may be inserted, opposed lugs extending from the opposite sides of the throat, the distance between the lugs being less than the width of the card to be inserted, said lugs operating on the mere insertion of a card to retain said card, and prevent the withdrawal thereof.
2. A shipping card holder comprising a skeleton frame provided with means for attaching it to a receptacle, the under side of said frame being offset to provide a shallow pocket having a throat through which the card may be inserted, opposed lugs extending from the opposite sides of the throat, the distance between the lugs being less than the width of the card to be inserted, said lugs being inclined toward the under side of the frame so as to bite into the walls of the container when the same is attached and operative on the mere insertion of a card to retain said card.
3. A shipping card holder comprising a card, a skeleton frame provided with means for attaching it to a receptacle, said frame being longitudinally curved to fit a cylindrical surface, the under side of said frame being offset to provide a shallow pocket having a throat through which the card may be inserted, said pocket following the curved contour of the frame, opposed lugs extending from the opposite sides of the throat, the distance between the lugs being less than the width of the card to be inserted, said lugs being inclined toward the other side of the frame so as to bite into the wall of the container when the frame is attached, the opposite side of the frame having a flange which also bites into the wall of the container and forms the bottom of the pocket, the movement of the card through the throat being operative to distort the card, and the card by reason of its elasticity preventing its withdrawal past said lugs.
- In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand at Milwaukee, in the county of Milwaukee and State of Wisconsin.
- WILLIAM F. LUICK.