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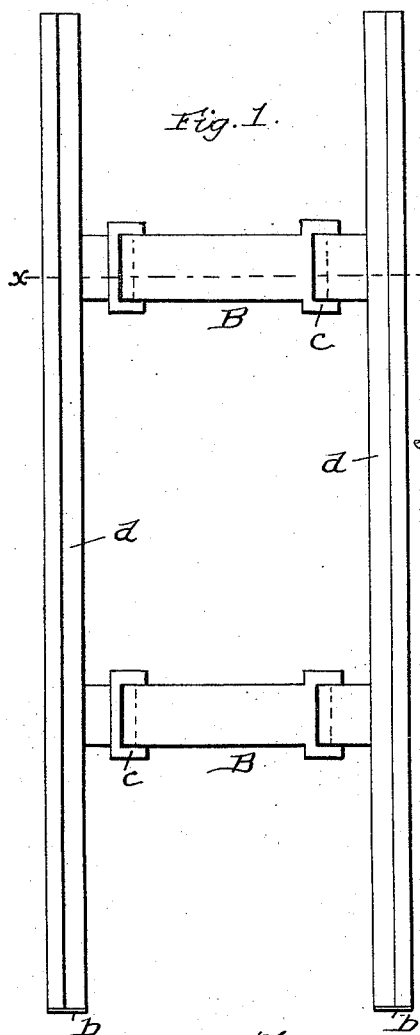


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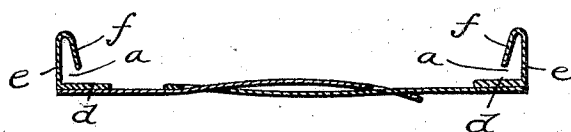


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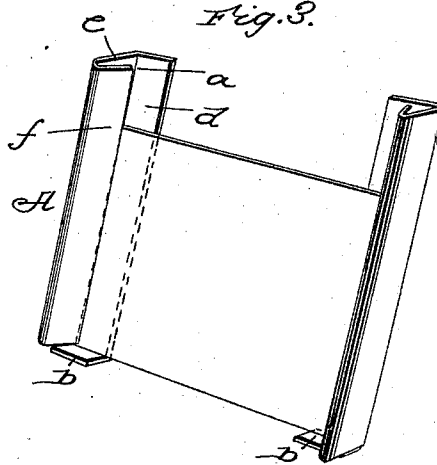
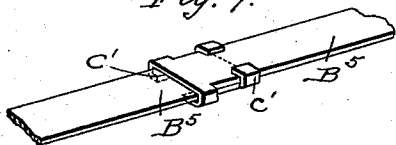


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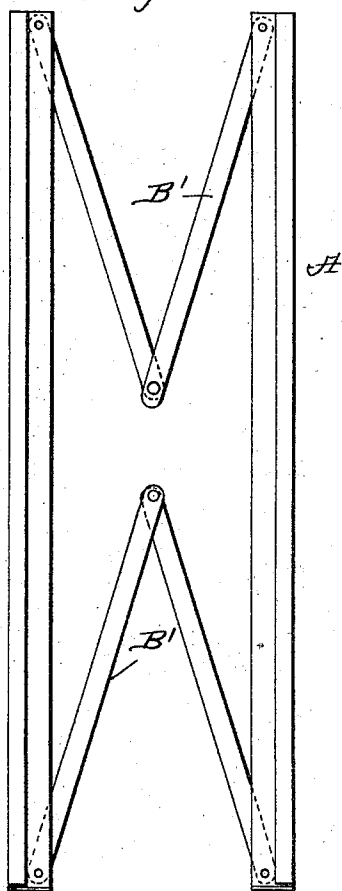


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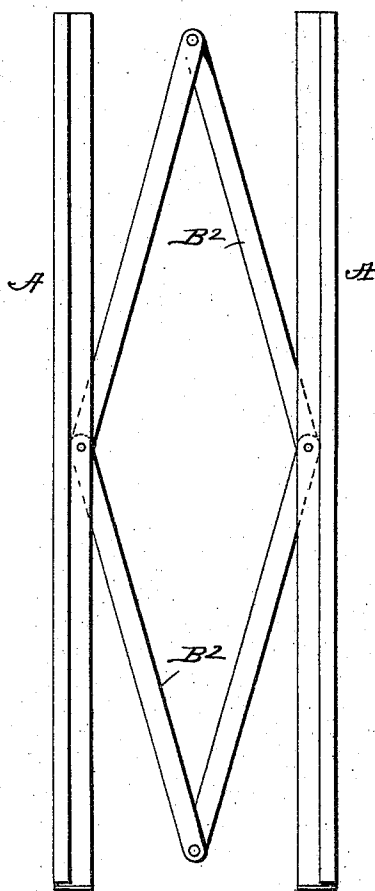
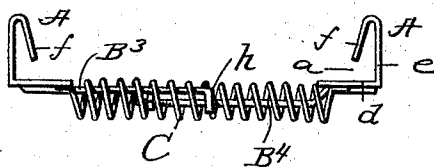


Fig. 6.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE T. BEELAND, a citizen of the United States, residing at Macon, in the county of Bibb and State of Georgia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Card-Holders; and I 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.

My invention relates to improvements in card holders; and it has for one of its objects to provide a card holder or tray, designed more especially for holding carded jewelry, embodying such a construction that it may be readily adjusted to adapt it to receive and hold cards of various sizes.

Another object of the invention is to provide a card holder or tray embodying such a construction that cards can only be placed in and removed except by force from the same at one end thereof.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will be fully understood from the following description and claims when taken in connection with the annexed drawings, in which—

Figure 1, is a plan view of my improved card holder or tray. Fig. 2, is a transverse section taken in the plane indicated by the line *x, x*, of Fig. 1. Fig. 3, is a detail, perspective view illustrating the closed end of the holder or tray. Figs. 4 and 5, are plan views of modifications. Fig. 6, is a transverse section illustrating another modification, and Fig. 7, is a detail, perspective view of another modification.

Referring by letter to said drawings, and more particularly to Figs. 1, to 3, thereof,—
A, indicates the side bars of my improved holder or tray, which are provided with grooves or ways *a*, in their inner sides to receive the edges of the cards and have one of their ends closed as shown at *b*, to prevent cards dropping or being taken out through the same, and B, indicates the links or straps through the medium of which the bars A, are adjustably connected together so as to enable them to receive cards of various sizes between them. These links or straps B, are fixedly connected at one end to the under sides of the bars A, in any approved manner

and they are each provided at their opposite ends with eyes *c*, to receive the other, whereby it will be seen that the bars may be drawn apart or pushed toward each other according to the size of the cards it is desired to place between them. There is considerable friction however between each of the eyes *c*, and the link or strap which it receives, and it will therefore be perceived that the bars A, will not be liable to casual movement after they have been adjusted and will consequently be able to securely hold the cards.

While the bars A, and straps B, may be made of any suitable material, I prefer, for the sake of cheapness, to make them of sheet metal. Thus in making each of the bars A, I take a piece of sheet metal of suitable length and width and bend it so as to form the bottom wall *d*, the side wall *e*, and the inwardly and downwardly extending wall *f*, which latter in conjunction with the wall *d*, forms the groove or way *a*, after which I bend one end of the piece of metal up at one end as indicated by *b*, so as to close one end of the groove or way *a*. After the bars A have been formed as just described, the links or straps B, are passed each through the eye of the other and are soldered or otherwise connected to the under side of the bars A.

I prefer in practice to employ two pairs of links or straps B, to connect the bars A, but it is obvious that more or less might be employed if found desirable.

In using my improved device the cards containing jewelry or other articles to be handled or displayed, are inserted one after the other in the grooves or ways *a*, at the open ends of the bars A, until the holder is full and the card first inserted bears against the closed ends *b*, of the bars. When thus arranged in the holder, the cards can be removed only through the open ends of the bars except by force, and it will therefore be appreciated that they are not likely to casually drop out and that it is difficult for a customer to surreptitiously remove a card. It will also be seen that if a card is surreptitiously removed, the dealer will quickly notice the fact as the removal of a card will leave a vacant space in the holder.

In addition to the advantages above mentioned, my improved holder is convenient to

handle, and on account of its compactness a large number may be neatly arranged in a safe or other small space without injury to the jewelry which they carry.

5 In Fig. 4, of the drawings I have illustrated a modified construction of holder which embodies the bars A, before described and links or straps as B', for adjustably connecting the same. These links or straps B', of which
10 two or more pairs may be employed, are pivotally connected at one end to the bars A, adjacent to the ends thereof and have their opposite ends pivotally connected together so as to permit of the distance between the bars
15 being increased or diminished according to the size of the cards to be placed between them. The pivotal connections of the links or straps are however made tight in order to prevent casual movement of the bars A, when
20 they have been adjusted.

The construction shown in Fig. 5, is similar to that shown in Fig. 4, except that the ends of the links or straps B², therein employed are connected to the bars A, at the middle thereof,
25 instead of at their ends.

In Fig. 6, of the drawings, I have shown the bars A, as connected by two rods B³, B⁴, and an interposed spiral spring C, which surrounds the rods. The rod B³, is provided
30 with an apertured lug h, to receive the rod B⁴, and said rod B⁴, is provided with a nut at its end, whereby it will be seen that when the bars A are spread apart to receive large cards they will be guided in their movements and
35 held stiff and rigid, by the two pairs of rods and two springs employed; the said springs also serving to draw the bars inwardly or toward each other so that they will press against the edges of the cards and securely hold the
40 same.

In lieu of the links or straps having eyes c, at their ends, I may employ the links or straps B⁵, illustrated in Fig. 7. These links or straps B⁵, are provided at their ends with
45 the bent ears c', the ears of one link or strap engaging the other so as to permit of the links or straps being adjusted and yet prevent a disconnection of the same.

All of the constructions which I have disclosed are very cheap, simple, and compact 50 and they are all adapted to hold cards in such a manner as to prevent a casual displacement of the same, and are also adapted to prevent the surreptitious removal of a card, which is a desideratum especially when the holders 55 are to be employed for holding carded jewelry.

Having described my invention, what I claim is—

1. A card holder comprising the side bars A, respectively formed from a single piece of sheet metal bent to form the bottom d, the side wall e, and the inwardly and downwardly extending wall f, which serves in conjunction with the bottom d, to form a groove or way a, and also bent to close one end of the groove 65 or way a, and a connection between the said bars, substantially as specified.

2. A card holder made entirely of metal and comprising the side bars A, respectively formed from a single piece of sheet metal bent 70 to form the bottom d, the side wall e, and the inwardly and downwardly extending wall f, which serves in conjunction with the bottom d, to form a groove or way a, and also bent to close one end of the groove or way a, 75 and the links or straps arranged in pairs and connected at one end to the side bars and each link or strap of a pair having an eye at its opposite end which receives the other link or strap, all substantially as and for the purpose 80 set forth.

3. A card holder comprising side bars having grooves in their inner sides and the links or straps arranged in pairs and fixedly connected at one end to the side bars and each 85 link or strap of a pair having an eye at its opposite end, which receives the other link or strap, all substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in 90 presence of two witnesses.

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