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COMBINATION CARD AND MEMORANDUM BOOK.
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EUGENE A. OLSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at East Hartford, in the county of Hartford and State of Connecticut, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Combination Cards and Memorandum-Books, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a combination card and memorandum book. From the title given it will be obvious that the article involves cards bound into a book, the cards being of such character that they may when necessary be withdrawn or removed from the book for presentation purposes. The cards may be of any suitable character; ordinarily they are in the form of business cards. That is to say the cards bound in the book yet removable therefrom when necessary, bear upon their surfaces some indication of the character of the business of the owner of the book. The printing may be of any desirable character; that is to say it may be engraved or it may be printed. Between each two cards is disposed a memorandum sheet and these sheets are bound into the book and they serve a dual function. On the one hand they protect the engraved or printed surfaces of the card for the rubbing effect of the one next it while two of such sheets practically inclose a card and thus give it the maximum protection. What is most important however, is the fact that these memorandum sheets or pages are adapted to bear, as their title implies, memoranda of various kinds. For instance if a cigar salesman visits and leaves one of his cards with a prospective customer, he will have accessible at once a surface upon which he can jot down in ink ordinarily with the aid of a fountain-pen, or with a pencil, some fact in connection with the visit he has just made to the merchant to whom his card has been presented. This is merely illustrative because the book is capable of general use. The important advantage which I obtain is proper protection for the cards and at the same time the instant availability of writing sheets upon which facts can be placed.

In the drawings accompanying and forming a part of the present specification I have shown in detail one of the several forms of embodiment of the invention which I will set forth fully in the following description. I am not restricted to this particular disclosure, however. I may depart therefrom in several respects within the scope of the invention defined by the claims following said description.

Referring to said drawings:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a book involving the invention opened out to show the inside construction.

Fig. 2 is a longitudinal sectional view of the upper portion of the book with several of the cards removed and on an enlarged scale.

Fig. 3 is a top plan view with the top cover removed.

Like characters refer to like parts throughout the several views.

The book shown best in Fig. 1 is denoted in a general way by 2. It comprises a back cover as 3 and a top cover as 4, the two covers being generally made of some suitable material such as paper stock although this is not an essential matter. In addition to the two covers are the cards 5 each 80 card being removable connected with stubs as 6 as by score lines 7. This is a desirable way of removable associating the cards with their respective stubs although the effect may be obtained in some other way.

The stubs 6 may be permanently bound as by stitching 8 between the back cover 3 and the top cover 4. The cards as will be inferred may have engraved, printed or otherwise produced upon them matter conforming to the desire of the owner. This matter which is generally engraved, consists ordinarily of his name, address and occupation. The superficial area of the respective cards 5 is a little less than that of the back and top 3 and 4, although this is not a vital consideration. The cards are of paper or any other suitable material which is used in the formation of business cards.

Between each pair of cards is disposed a writing sheet as 9. This writing sheet as will be implied from its designation, may be used to receive memoranda of various kinds. The book is particularly useful to commercial travelers who as a rule carry fountain-pens and in view of this consideration I prefer that the sheet 9 be of such nature as to receive ink writings. The paper sheets 9 thoroughly protect the engraved surfaces of the cards and as each card is between two paper sheets it is obvious that they are protected the maximum extent.
In use as I have intimated the owner of the book may call upon a prospective cus-

tomer and after having presented his card will put upon the sheet in front of such card, data such as he will wish to retain and recall when he returns to his base wherever that may be.

What I claim is:

A combination card and memorandum book comprising cards, each card having a stub and a printed card portion removably connected with the stub, means for binding the stubs and therefore the cards together, and writing sheets held in the book by the binding of the stubs and each card being interposed between two sheets to thus inclose the same and therefore to protect the printed surfaces thereof, the stock of the writing sheets being thinner than that of the card members.

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

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