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CARD CASE

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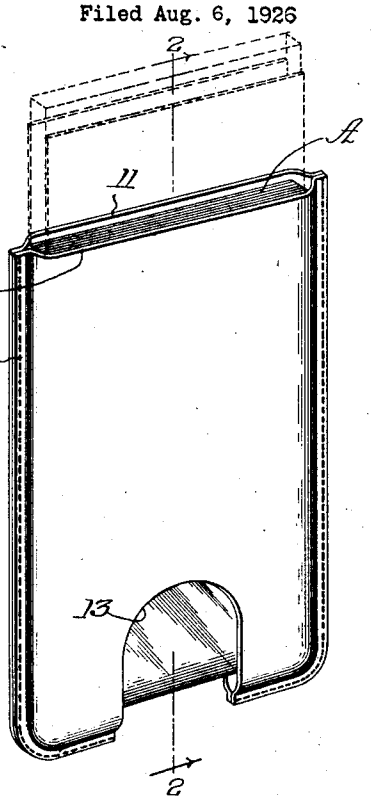


Fig. 1

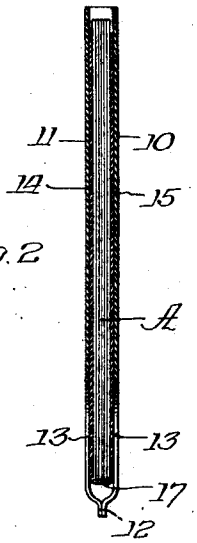


Fig. 2

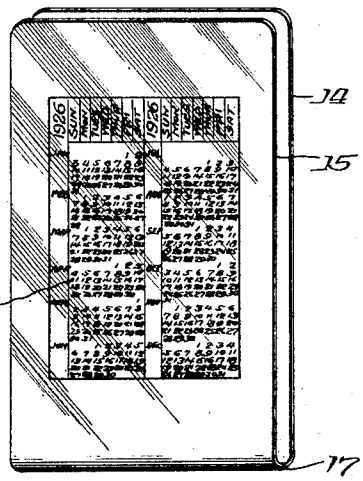


Fig. 3

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My invention relates to card cases, and particularly to a novel case of extreme simplicity.

One of the objects of my invention is to provide a card case in which the usual bulkiness is absent and in which a relatively large number of cards may be carried and dispensed without involving the use of a device of substantially greater thickness than the cards themselves.

The device comprises but two elements. First, a leather pouch or receptacle having an open top and provided with a notch or cutout in the closed end; and, second, a folder that may be composed of thin flexible metal, celluloid or heavy paper, adapted to be inserted in the leather container with its open end upward, and to receive the cards of the user. The closed end of the folder will, therefore, appear within the notch or cutout in the container, and pressure of the finger applied to the end of the folder will serve to eject the folder and contained cards.

The invention will be more readily understood by reference to the accompanying drawing, in which;

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a card container constructed in accordance with my invention, the cards and folder being shown in dotted lines in ejected position;

Fig. 2 is a sectional view on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1; and

Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the folder.

The invention comprises essentially a leather container consisting of two duplicate halves, 10, 11, the marginal edges of which are brought together and stitched as at 12. The body portions of the leather are pressed oppositely outward to provide a space therebetween for the cards, indicated at A. The lower or closed end of the pouch or container is provided with a cut-out or notch, 13, which may be rather deep as shown, and wide enough to permit the user's finger to enter therein. Preferably the container will be formed of relatively flexible leather to thereby accommodate itself to a greater or less number of cards as required.

The second element as best shown in Fig. 3, consists of a folded section of material such as celluloid, aluminum or paper. The two folds or sides, 14, 15, of the member may be of equal length as shown, and may contain a calendar or other indicia, 16, as shown, on one or both sides. The folded or closed end, 17 of the folder is adapted to fit into the closed end of the container. The cards, A, are contained within the folder and are fully protected against soiling, particularly at the cut-out portion of the container. Preferably the sides 14, 15 of the container are, as shown in dotted lines in Fig. 1, of less length than the cards, so that when in ejected position, as shown in Fig. 1, the ends of the cards may readily be grasped for removal, one at a time.

In operation, the cards being placed in the folder and the folder in position in the container, the pressure of a finger applied to the folded end of the folder in the notch serves to raise the folder and cards into the dotted line position of Fig. 1. The pressure of the finger of the other hand on the sides of the container serves to compress the same and to hold the cards in elevated position while one thereof is being removed. Thereafter the cards and folder are permitted to drop or are pushed back into the container.

The extreme simplicity of the device and its adaptability commends it to the user of business cards. The lack of bulkiness and complexity makes the device thoroughly usable under all circumstances.

It is obvious that some modifications may be made in the form, arrangement and materials of the parts, and I do not wish to be limited except as indicated in the appended claims.

I claim:

1. A device of the character described including a flexible relatively thin receptacle having an open top and oppositely disposed notches formed in the bottom, and a folder mounted in the receptacle and adapted to receive a plurality of cards, said folder having a closed bottom edge and open top, the open top being positioned upwardly in the receptacle and the closed bottom normally received between the oppositely disposed notches but adapted to be raised in the receptacle to expose the ends of the cards by engaging the bottom edge of the folder with a finger raised in the notches of the receptacle.

2. A device of the character described including a flexible relatively thin receptacle having an open top and oppositely disposed notches formed in the bottom, and a folder mounted in the receptacle and adapted to receive a plurality of cards, the folder being of less length than the cards and having a

closed bottom edge and open top, the open top being positioned upwardly in the receptacle and the closed bottom normally received between the oppositely disposed notches but adapted to be raised in the receptacle to expose the ends of the cards above the end of the receptacle by engaging the bottom edge of the folder with a finger raised in the notches of the receptacle.

In testimony whereof I have affixed my signature.

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