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CARD CASE

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FIG. 1.

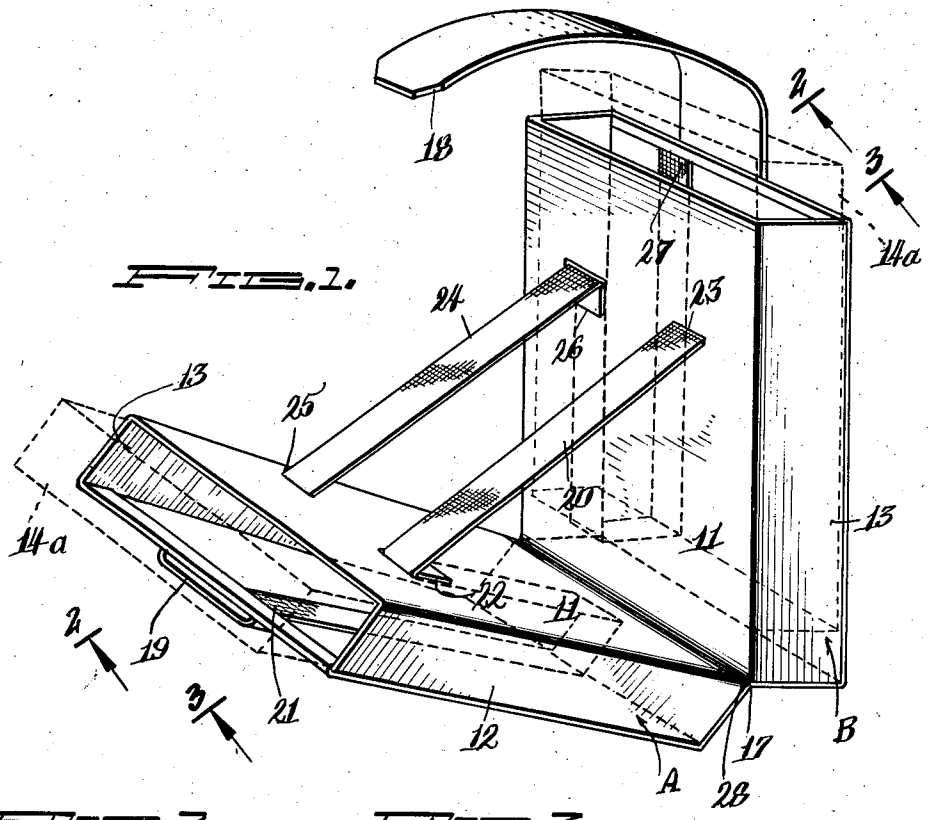


FIG. 2.

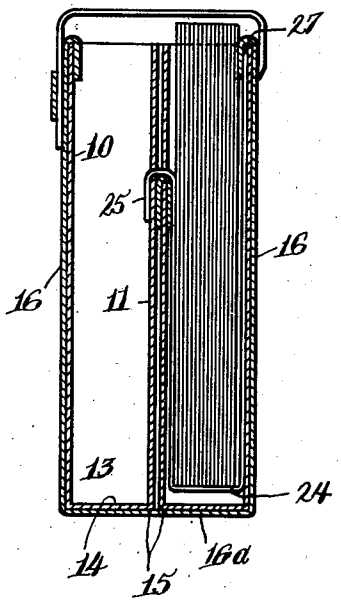
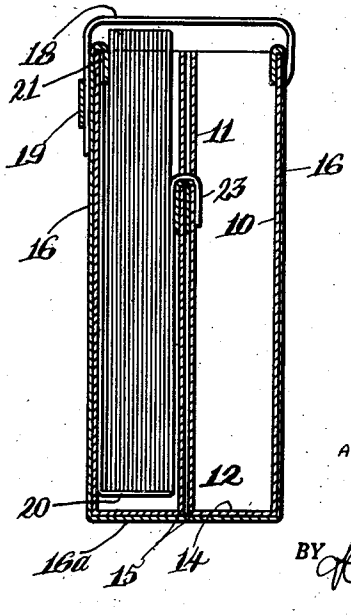


FIG. 3.



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This invention relates generally to improvements in card cases, but more specifically to a double case adapted to carry two packs of playing cards.

The main object of the invention resides in the production of cases into which two packs of cards may be easily placed and from which the removal of each pack of cards is facilitated by diverging each case of the double case about a lower hinge or fold.

A further object of the invention resides in the provision of a double case for playing cards wherein the individual cases are joined together by at least a common bottom wall to permit a hinge movement about an axis common to the lower and opposing transverse edges of the individual cases.

A further object of the invention resides in the provision of a double case for packs of playing cards wherein means are provided to project each pack of playing cards a distance above each case depending upon the angular displacement between the cases to facilitate removal of each pack. Conversely, upon the reduction of the angular displacement between the cases the packs of playing cards automatically are lowered within each case until a normal enclosed position is attained upon complete closure of the double case about the hinge or fold line joining the cases at the bottom walls.

Another object of the invention resides in the provision of a double case for double packs of playing cards which is simple in construction, convenient to use and economical to manufacture.

These objects and other incidental ends and advantages of the invention will hereinafter appear in the progress of the disclosure and as pointed out in the appended claim.

Accompanying this specification is a drawing showing a preferred form of the invention wherein:

Figure 1 is a view in perspective showing the double case in operative position wherein each pack of playing cards is projected above the mouth of each case by virtue of an intermediate open position of the double case.

Figure 2 is a sectional view of the double case along the projecting means for the pack of cards in case B when the double case is in closed position.

Figure 3 is a sectional view of the projecting means for a pack of cards in case A when the double case is in closed position.

In accordance with the invention and the preferred form shown, the double case is comprised of single cases A and B each of the cases A and

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B being comprised of usual front and rear walls 10 and 11, side walls 12 and 13 and bottom wall 14. A pack of cards indicated generally by numeral 14a is adapted to be received in each case so that the lower edges of the cards rest adjacent the bottom wall 14 and the upper edges of the cards lie below or along the open top edges of the case.

Cases A and B are suitably joined together whereby the rear walls 11 normally are in abutment when the double case is in closed position and diverge from each other about the lower and inner transverse edges 15 when the case is in open and card-projecting position. As shown the means for joining case A and B consists of an elongated strip 16 which is secured to the front walls 10 of each of the cases A and B and to the bottom walls 14 in any suitable manner as by an adhesive. The bottom of the elongated strip 16 indicated by 16a serves as the hinge member along an intermediate line of fold 17. Suitable locking means for cases A and B may be associated with the elongated strip 16 such as a flap 18 secured to the elongated strip 16 adjacent the front wall of pack B and a loop 19 secured to the elongated strip 16 adjacent the front wall of case A.

The means employed for projecting the packs of cards in cases A and B as shown consists of tape means secured between the cases A and B. Thus tape 20 is secured at one end to the inner surface of front wall 10 adjacent the upper edge thereof as at 21 and proceeds through slit 22 of the rear wall of case A and is anchored at the rear wall of case B at a point opposite slit 22 as indicated by numeral 23. Tape 24 is anchored at the rear wall of case A at a point indicated by numeral 25 and proceeds through a slit 26 in the rear wall 11 of case B and is anchored at the front wall of case B as indicated by numeral 27.

It is to be observed that tapes 20 and 24 proceed from the rear wall 11 of case A below the upper edge and along a line parallel therewith while the anchor point 23 of tape 20 and the slit 26 through which tape 24 passes also lie along a parallel line and the same distance below the upper edge of the rear wall 11 of case B.

Thus as shown in Figures 2 and 3 tape 24 is adapted to project the pack of cards within case B while tape 20 is adapted to project the pack of cards within case A when packs A and B are moved or are diverged about the fold line 17 of the bottom wall 16a of the strip. The weight of each pack of cards when closing the cases A and B will cause the tapes 20 and 24 to assume the positions shown in Figures 2 and 3 while the open

position of cases A and B will force the tapes **20** and **24** to assume the positions shown in Figure 1.

Thus has been described a double case for two packs of cards wherein no effort is required to draw out each pack of cards from each case by the fingers since the slightest angular position between cases A and B will cause an equal projection of each pack of cards from the mouth of each case.

By diverging cases A and B completely for one hundred eighty degrees, it is possible for cases A and B to assume a co-extensive position and in this position tapes **20** and **24** would lie along the rear walls **11** of cases A and B. For this purpose it may be desirable to join the rear walls **11** of each case as by a strip **28**, as shown in Figure 1.

I wish it understood that all minor changes and modifications of the position, material, integration and means of affixation of the parts may all be resorted to without departing from the spirit of the invention nor the scope of the appended claim.

I claim:

A case for playing cards comprising a pair of compartments each having front, rear, side and bottom walls, means connecting the compartments at the bottom walls for angular movement about contacting edges of said bottom walls, a tape member having a loop portion to support a pack of cards in each compartment, each loop portion having one end fixed to normally contacting front and rear walls of the respective compartments and the other end penetrating the opposite wall of the respective compartments and fixed to said opposite wall whereby on separation of the compartments during relative angular movement the loops are raised carrying the pack of cards above the tops thereof and on a bringing together of the compartments the weight of each pack of cards causes a descension thereof and a lowering of the loops supporting the same.

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