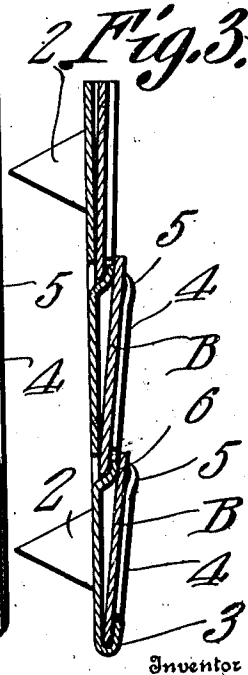
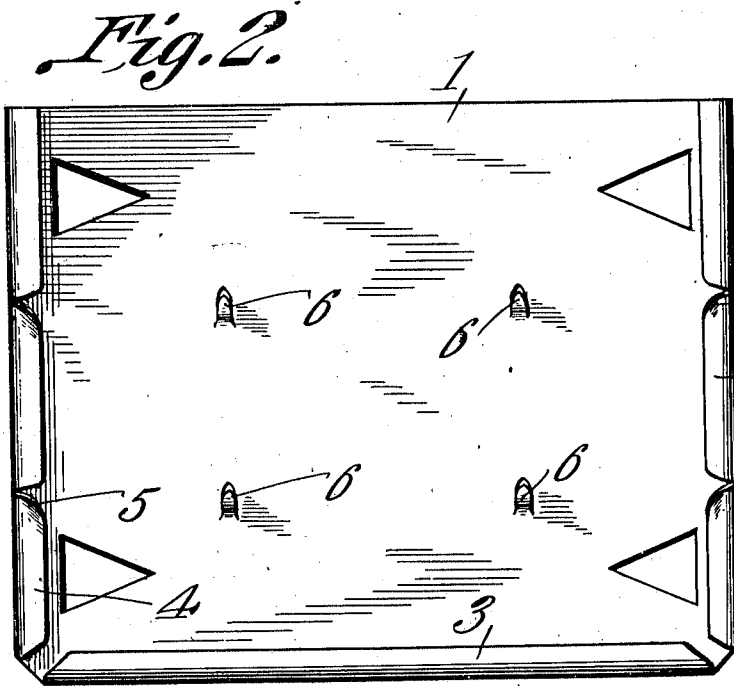
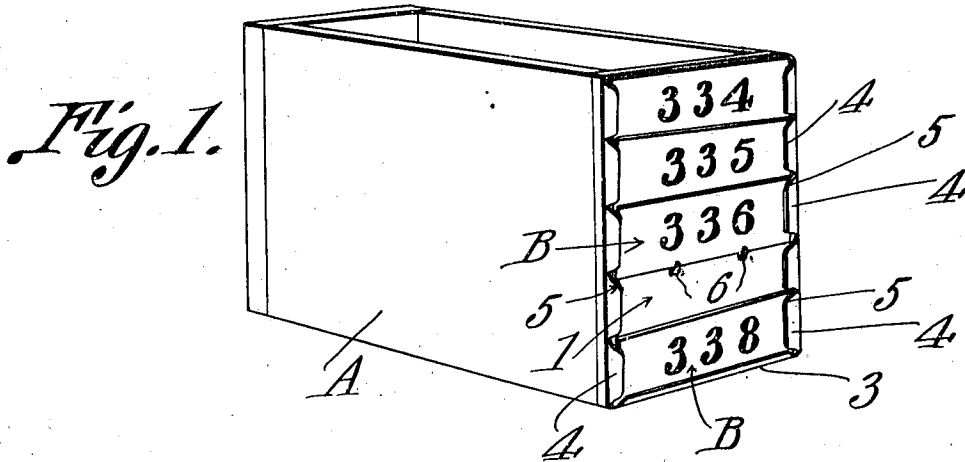


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SAMUEL FREEMAN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Oakland, in the county of Kennebec and State of Maine, have invented a new and useful Card-Holder, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to card holders and is more particularly designed for holding index cards or slips such as used now for example, upon the front ends of trays, drawers or the like containing talking-machine records.

It has been customary, for merchants who handle cylinders of talking machines, to store them in drawers or trays, there being several different cylinders within each tray, each cylinder being indicated by a designating number. As these cylinders are removed and others substituted, it has heretofore been necessary to paste slips of paper or the like upon the front end of the tray and to write or to otherwise indicate upon the slips the numbers of the cylinders contained within the trays. This of course, has produced an unsightly tray.

One of the objects of the invention is to provide a slip holder designed to be secured to the front end of a tray of this type and which is provided with means whereby a series of slips can be placed therein, it being possible to independently remove these slips whereby changes can be made in the holder whenever the contents of the tray are changed and without marring the appearance of the front of the tray.

Another object is to provide a holder of this type which is simple in construction, cheap to manufacture, and which can be readily applied to a tray or other supporting structure.

With these and other objects in view the invention consists in certain novel details of construction and combinations of parts hereinafter more fully described and pointed out in the claim.

In the accompanying drawings the preferred form of the invention has been shown.

In said drawings,—Figure 1 is a perspective view of a tray having a holder such as constitutes the present invention, applied to the front end thereof. Fig. 2 is an enlarged front elevation of the holder, the slips being removed therefrom. Fig. 3 is an enlarged vertical section through the holder and showing slips in position therein.

Referring to the figures by characters of reference *a*—designates a tray of that type especially designed to hold record cylinders of phonographs. The holder constituting the present invention is adapted to be applied to the front end of this tray and consists of a plate 1 having prongs 2 struck from the end portions thereof and designed to be pressed into or through the front end of the tray and, if possible, to be bent so as to prevent the holder from being accidentally disconnected from the tray. A supporting flange 3 is formed along the lower edge of the plate 1 and is bent upwardly and formed along the sides of the plate are inwardly directed retaining flanges 4 arranged in series, and all but the uppermost flange of each series being bent outwardly as indicated at 5 so as to leave a sufficient space between the meeting ends of adjoining flanges to permit the insertion therebetween of the end portions of slips to be supported within the holder. Supporting or spacing lugs 6 are struck from the plate 1 between the flanges 4, these lugs being preferably disposed substantially in alinement with the outturned ends 5 of the flanges.

In using the holder herein described the prongs 2 are pressed into the supporting structure and a slip *b*— can then be placed in the holder. Each of these slips is preferably of a width equal to the length of each of the flanges 4, the length of each slip being equal to the distance between the side edges of the plate 1. The slip is placed between the lower flanges 4 by inserting its ends between the outturned ends 5 of said flanges and the lower ends of the next adjoining flanges. The said slips can then be slid downward between the plate 1 and the flanges 4 and until its lower edge assumes a position upon the supporting flange 3. The upper edge portion of the slip *b*— will thus rest upon the lugs 6 and be held thereby out of contact with the body portion of the plate 1. Another slip *b*— can then be inserted between the next adjoining flanges 4 by inserting them in the same manner between the upper outturned ends of said flanges and the lower ends of the next adjoining flanges. When the slip is slid downwardly it comes into contact with the ears 6 and is supported by them. This operation can be continued until the holder has been filled, it being understood that while the flange 3 supports the lowermost slip, the

ears 6 constitute supports for the remaining slips and also serve to hold adjoining slips spaced apart along their meeting portions. By thus spacing apart the slips it becomes possible to readily grasp the upper edge of any one of them and to slide it upwardly out of engagement with its holding flanges. Obviously, any one of the slips can therefore be readily removed without displacing the remaining slips and another slip can be substituted therefor.

While the device herein described has been especially designed for holding indicating slips upon the front ends of trays and the like, it is to be understood of course that the same may be efficiently used as a ticket holder and can be employed for various other purposes.

Various changes can of course be made in the construction and arrangement of parts without departing from the spirit or seci-

ficing any of the advantages of the invention as defined in the appended claim.

What is claimed is:—

A card holder consisting of a plate, a series of separated inwardly directed retaining flanges along each side of the plate, each flange being inclined downwardly toward the plate and all of the flanges lying parallel, and lugs outstanding from the plate between the upper ends of the flanges, each lug constituting means for limiting the downward movement of a card thereabove, and for spacing the upper edge of the card therebelow away from the plate.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own, I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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