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CARD HOLDER

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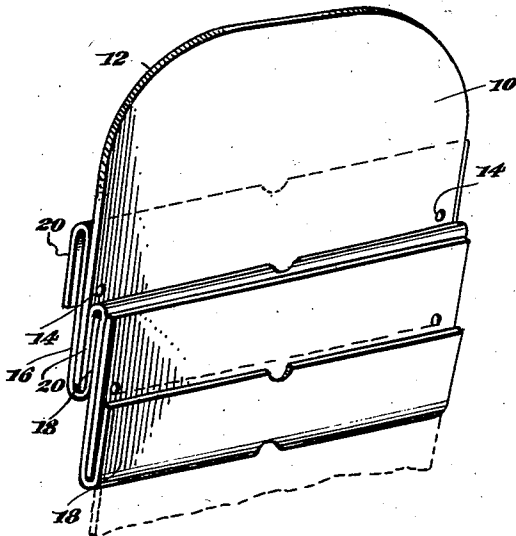


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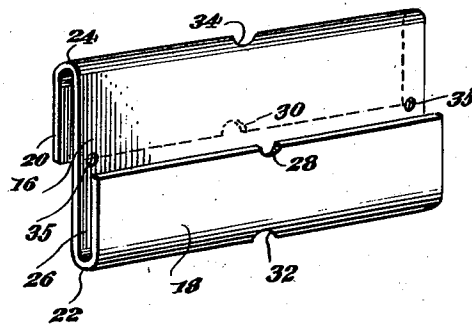


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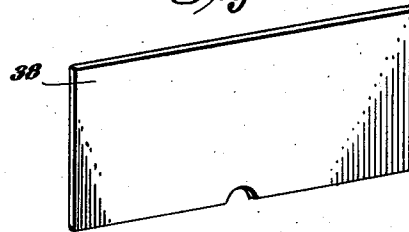


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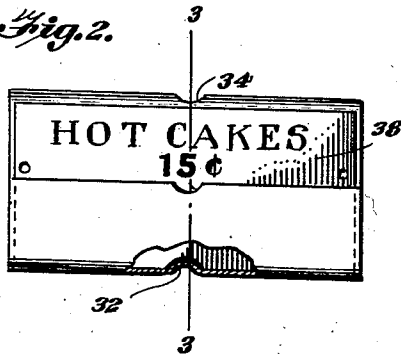


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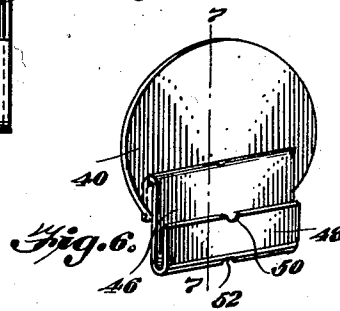


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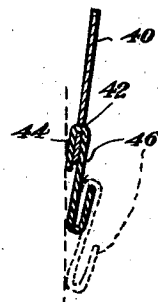


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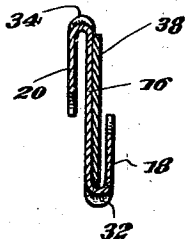
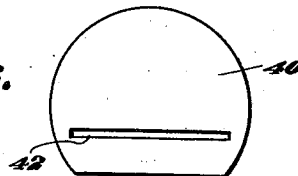


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The present invention relates to card holders applicable for receiving menus, cards and signs.

The primary object of the invention is to provide a device of the above mentioned character adapted to accommodate any desired number of cards or signs which cards may be of varying sizes or shapes without affecting the display.

A still further object of the invention is to provide a card and menu holder which may be built up by sections detachably connected to receive any number of cards desired.

A still further object of the invention is to provide a card and menu holder of the above-mentioned character having means for preventing lateral displacement of the cards once they have been correctly positioned.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will become apparent during the course of the following description of the accompanying drawing where:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the card holder illustrating several sections secured together.

Figure 2 is a front elevational view of a unit or section having a portion broken away to illustrate the manner in which the cards are held in place.

Figure 3 is a vertical cross sectional view taken on line 3-3 of Figure 2 looking in the direction of the arrows and showing the general shape of the detachable units.

Figure 4 is a perspective view of one of the card holding units showing the indentations therein for preventing lateral displacement of the cards and holder units.

Figure 5 is a perspective view of one of the cards showing the indentation in one edge thereof adapted to cooperate with the indentations in the card holder.

Figure 6 is a perspective view of a modified construction and means of attachment.

Figure 7 is a vertical cross sectional view taken on line 7-7 of Figure 6 illustrating in detail the construction of the modification; and

Figure 8 is a front elevational view of the supporting member.

In the drawing, wherein for the purpose of illustrating the invention, attention is first directed to Figures 1 to 5 inclusive wherein the reference character 10 will be employed to generally designate a supporting plate capable of being attached to a wall or other vertical surface. The plate 10 is provided with a curved upper edge 12 and a straight lower edge.

Advertising matter or the like can be printed on the plate or pictures may be provided thereon, and along the lower portion of the plate at each end thereof are openings for connection to one of the card holding units.

Each card holding unit comprises a flat plate 16 having wings 18 and 20 return bent as at 22 and 24 respectively to form pockets or troughs 26 into which cards or signs may be placed for the purpose of display.

The wings 18 and 20 extend inwardly on opposite sides of the plate 16 to substantially the median line thereof and the extreme free edges of the wings 18 and 20 are notched as at 30 for receiving indentations 32 and 34 formed centrally in the respective return bent portions 22 and 24.

Each cardholding unit is provided at its ends with opening 35 for registry with the opening 14.

After one of the card holding units above described is secured to the plate 10 as shown in Figure 1 additional units may be coupled together by inserting the upper wing 20 of one unit in the lower wing 18 of an adjacent unit. The meeting indentations and notches will prevent lateral displacement or relative sliding motion between the coupled sections to prevent their displacement.

The cards or signs 38, shown in Figure 5 are slid in between the wings 18 as shown in Figure 3 so that notches 40 formed in the lower edge of the card or sign will receive the indentations 32 in the lower wing 18.

Any number of card holding units may be assembled as shown in Figure 1 by interlocking the rear wing 20 of the last unit with the front wing 18 of the last suspended unit.

In Figures 6, 7 and 8, there is shown a card or plate 40 which may be attached to a wall or vertical surface by means of a suitable fastening element and said plate is substantially circular in shape and may be formed of metal, wood or paperboard. Formed in the lower portion of the plate 40 is an elongated slot 42 for receiving the rear wing portions 44 of card holding units 46. The front wing portions 48 of the card holding units may receive a card or sign or an additional card holding unit may have its rear wing interlocked with the front wing 48 of the card holding unit attached to the plate 40.

The card holding units 46 are similar to the card holding units shown in Figures 1 to 4 inclusive and the front and rear wings are notched as at 50 for receiving the indentations 52 of

interlocked units to thereby prevent lateral displacement of the units.

It is to be understood that the form of the invention herewith shown and described is to be taken as a preferred embodiment of the same and that various changes in the shape, size and arrangement of parts may be resorted to without departing from the spirit of the invention or the scope of the subjoined claims.

Having thus described the invention, what I claim is:

1. A display card holder comprising a base plate for attachment to a wall surface, a horizontal slot formed in the base plate, a card

holding unit removably secured in the slot and a trough formed on the card holding unit for receiving a card and interlocking engagement with additional card holding units.

2. A display card holder comprising a plurality of card holding units, each unit having a trough shaped card receiving portion, said trough shaped card receiving portions being interlocked to define an articulated structure, one of said trough shaped portions having a projection thereon and the other trough shaped portion having a recess for receiving said projection for preventing lateral displacement of the units.

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