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DISPLAY CARD HOLDER

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Fig. 1.

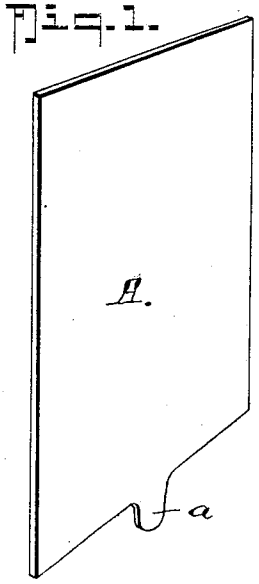


Fig. 2.

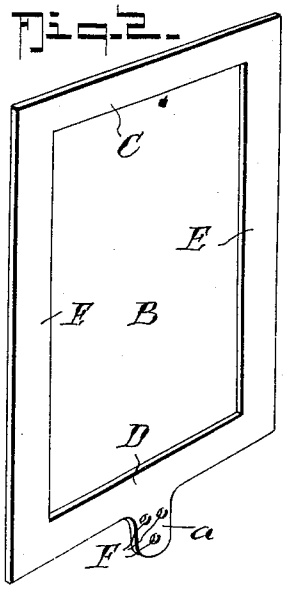
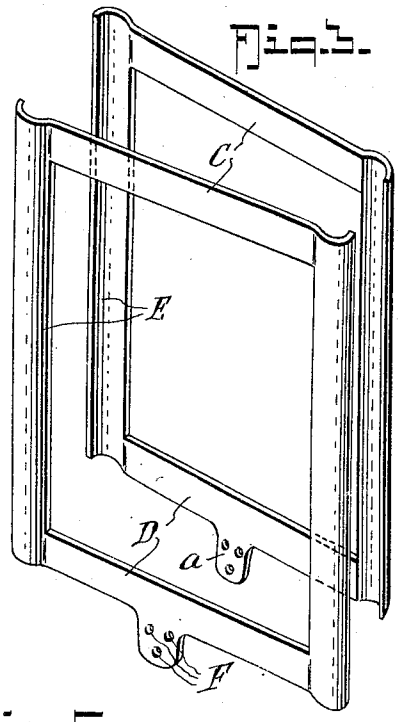


Fig. 3.



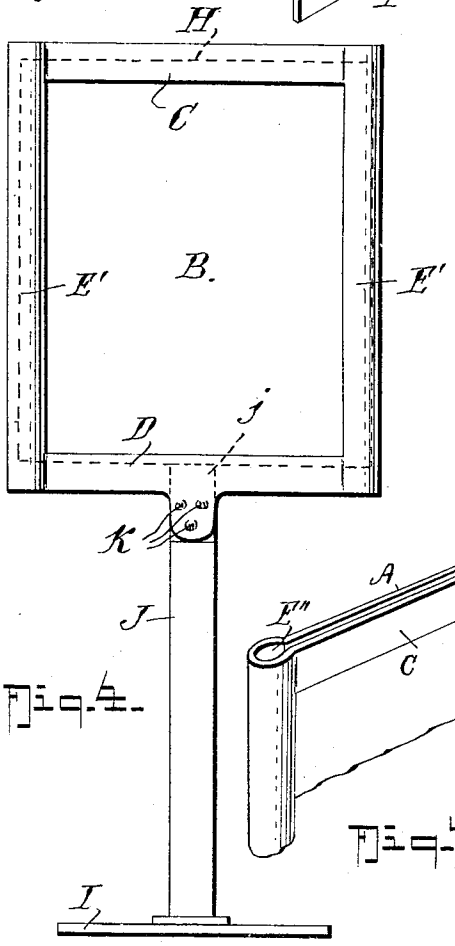


Fig. 4.

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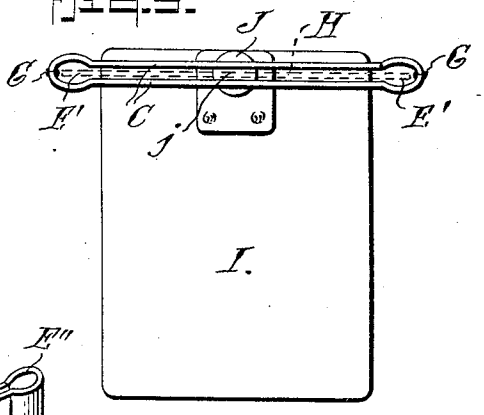
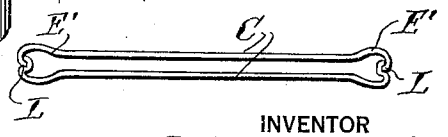


Fig. 7.

Fig. 6.



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The present invention relates to display holders for cards and the like, and consists of a metal frame into which a card may be inserted, constructed to surround the card at its edges and permit its central portion to be displayed, it being formed of two metal parts spaced apart to receive the card, but united at its side edges to retain the card in the holder.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a sheet metal blank out of which a single section that enters into the construction of a holder may be formed. Fig. 2 is a similar view of the blank advanced one step in its fabrication. Fig. 3 is a perspective view showing blanks, identical, and completely shaped and in condition to be united to form the card holder. Fig. 4 is a front view of a completed holder. Fig. 5 is a top plan view of the same. Fig. 6 is a top plan view of a holder of a different construction from that shown in Fig. 5, its support or stand being omitted. Fig. 7 is a perspective view of another embodiment of the invention.

Referring to the drawings A, Fig. 1, represents a sheet metal blank from which one section of the card frame of a holder like that shown in Fig. 4 is constructed. It is rectangular in outline, and from its lower edge extends an integral tab or projection *a*. The central portion of the blank is cut out, as represented in Fig. 2, forming an opening B through which the card may be displayed, and which is bounded by a top cross piece C, a bottom cross piece D, and side pieces E. Each section for a frame like that shown in Figs. 4 and 5, is completed by having its side pieces E curved, as represented in Fig. 3, and its tab *a* perforated, as at F.

In forming a card holder, two identical blanks such as shown in Fig. 3 are brought together, with the outer edges of the curved side parts E in engagement, as represented in Fig. 5, where they are united, as by brazing, indicated at G. This makes a card frame with hollow side portions E′, in which may lie the side edges of the card H to be displayed.

The top cross pieces, C, C, are spaced apart, as represented in Figs. 5 and 6, forming an opening through which the card may be easily slipped into the frame.

The frame just described may be supported by a stand, as represented in Figs. 4 and 5, where I designates a suitable base from which rises a standard J, to which is secured the card frame, by means of rivets K passing through the openings F in the tabs *a* and registering openings in the upper portion of the standard J. This portion, *j*, of the standard is flattened and fits between the bottom frame pieces D, as represented in Figs. 4 and 5, and it serves as a stop and support on which the card H rests when on display in the holder.

The card frame or holder just described is simple and cheap to manufacture, is of very sturdy construction, the tubular form of its sides E′ adding greatly to the strength and stiffness of the frame, while the manner of uniting the frame to the standard J eliminates a weak structural feature in card holders of the kind to which this invention relates, as heretofore frequently constructed.

As an alternative manner of uniting the front and back frame sections to form the tubular sides E′, the edges of the side pieces E may be seamed together, as represented at L, Fig. 6.

The front frame section only need be formed with the opening B, leaving the back section imperforate, as represented in Fig. 7, it being there shown as like the plate A, Fig. 1, while the hollow side portions E″, are formed entirely from the side parts E of the front frame section. It will be understood without further illustration that the hollow sides of the card frame could be formed entirely from the side edges of a plate like A, properly curved, and united with a flat plate in which is formed an opening B, such as the plate shown in Fig. 2.

What is claimed is—

1. A card holder formed of a pair of metal plates secured together at their edges, one of the plates having an opening for the display of the card, and the plates being shaped to have tubular side portions in which slide the edges of the card, and the plates being spaced apart at one end of the holder for the insertion and removal of cards.

2. A card holder comprising a back plate, a front plate in which is formed an opening through which the card may be seen, the plates being united at their side edges and shaped to form tubular portions at the sides of the said opening in which lie the edges of the card on display, the plates at the end of the holder above the opening being spaced apart to permit ready insertion and removal of the cards.

3. A card holder comprising a pair of identical metal plates, each having its center portion removed to permit the card to be seen, and forming top, bottom and side marginal enclosing parts, the side parts of the opposite plates being curved to constitute, when united along their edges, tubular guides in which the cards may move, and the opposing top parts being spaced apart to permit the cards to be inserted into the holder and removed therefrom.

4. A card holder comprising front and back plates, in the former of which is formed an opening for the display of the card, the plates being united at their side edges and shaped to form tubular portions to receive the edges of the card on display, the plates at the ends of the holder being spaced apart, at the upper end to permit the ready insertion and removal of the cards, and a support for the holder comprising a standard, the upper end of which fits between the lower spaced apart portions of the plates forming the holder and is riveted thereto.

5. A card holder comprising a front plate in which is formed an opening for the display of the card, tubular guides at the side edges of the plate open at their upper ends to receive the card, and a standard for supporting the holder.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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