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Fig. 1.

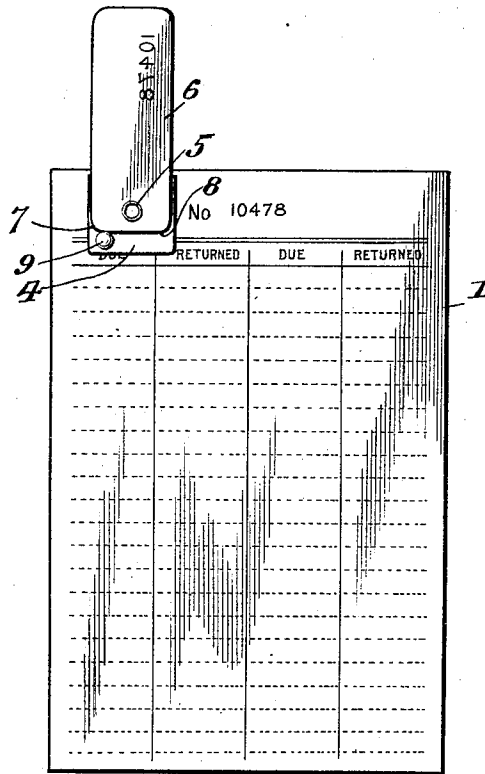


Fig. 2.

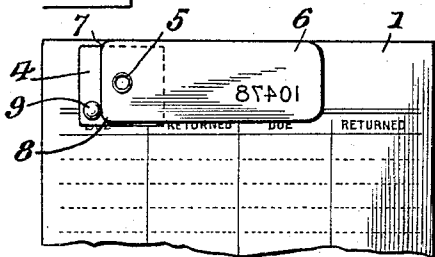


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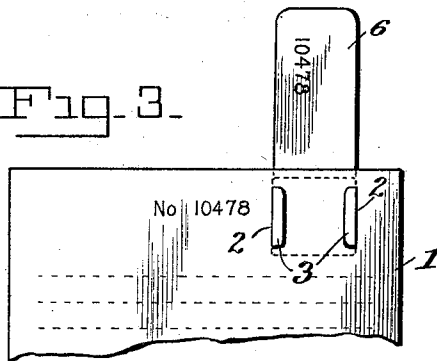
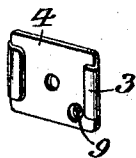


Fig. 4.



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This invention relates to new and useful improvements in cards and more particularly to a library card, having an improved and adjustable as well as removable number plate thereon, the number plate bearing a stamped number thereon co-related to indicia carried on the card to which it is attached and co-related cards.

The primary object of the invention resides in providing a card to which is applied a plate capable of adjustment to two different positions, the one for use in a stamping machine and the other to an inoperative position so as to permit the card to be filed or inserted in a pocket in the book or elsewhere.

Still another object of the invention resides in providing an improved clip plate to which the number plate is swivelled and having means for limiting the movement of the number plate in the two desired positions with respect to the card.

A still further object resides in providing an attachment for a library card which is capable of complete application with one operation of a machine.

With these and numerous other objects in view, our invention consists in the novel features of construction, combination and arrangement of parts, as will be hereinafter referred to and more particularly pointed out in the specification and claims.

In the accompanying drawing, forming a part of this application,

Figure 1 is a front elevation of the library card, having our improvement incorporated thereon and showing the number plate in its extended position for introduction to a stamping machine.

Figure 2 is a fragmentary view showing the number plate disposed in a horizontal and inoperative position.

Figure 3 is a rear fragmentary elevation of the library card showing the method of securing the clip plate thereto, with the number plate in its upright position, and

Figure 4 is a perspective view of the clip plate removed.

In describing our invention, we shall refer to the drawing in which similar reference characters designate corresponding parts

throughout the several views and in which 1 designates a card such as used in public libraries, although the particular invention may be readily applicable to cards of various types for various uses. The particular card shown and for which our invention is particularly applicable has a number applied to the top thereof, and our invention comprises primarily the application to the upper portion of the card of a numbered, adjustable plate bearing a number thereon similar to the number appearing on the card, the plate being capable of adjustment to two different positions. The card 1 is provided adjacent one upper corner with a pair of spaced-apart slots 2 into which are inserted and clinched the tongues or flanges 3 of a clip plate 4. These flanges are formed integral with the side edges of the plate 4 and are insertable through the slots 2 of the card and bent back upon themselves to secure the plate to the card through the medium of a machine for this specific purpose.

The plate 4 is preferably rectangular in design and has swivelled centrally thereof as shown at 5, a small elongated number plate 6. The connection between the plate 6 and the plate 4 occurs intermediate the side edges of the plate 6 adjacent one end thereof and the corners of said plate 6 are rounded. For convenience, we have designated one rounded corner adjacent the swivel 5 by the numeral 7 and the other corner is designated by the numeral 8. The clip plate 4 has a stud 9 struck up therefrom adjacent one lower corner so that upon the movement of the plate 6 in one direction, the rounded corner 7 will strike the stud and limit the movement of said plate 6 with respect to the plate 4, and upon movement of the plate in the opposite direction, the corner 8 will contact with the stud 9 to limit the movement of the plate 6 in this direction.

The plate 6 has impressed therein a number corresponding to the number on the card 1. When it is desired to remove a book from the library, the owner of the card presents the same to the clerk and by moving the plate 6 upwardly, the number thereon will be projected beyond the edge of the card so that the

plate 6 may be inserted in the proper machine for printing the number on another card. The stud 9 will obviously limit the swinging movement of the plate 6 to an upright or vertical position with respect to the card. When the plate is removed from the machine, it may be thrust downwardly and the stud 9 will limit the movement of the plate 6 so that the same will be in a substantially horizontal position. In this horizontal position, the side edge of the plate 6 is substantially flush with the upper edge of the card 1 so that the plate will not interfere with the placing of the card in an envelop or pocket or other place provided for the same. The clip plate and the number plate are constructed of very thin metal and constitute a very thin projection on the upper end of the card, and will not obstruct the ready insertion or introduction of the card into a pocket or envelop. The plates are so formed and constructed that with one operation of a specific machine, the plates 4 and 6 may be swivelled together and simultaneously clipped to a card.

As considerable difficulty has been encountered in the use of various devices for library cards heretofore, it will be seen that the present device will produce an exceptionally efficient means for accomplishing the desired results. It will further be seen that the device is extremely simple and durable in construction and capable of manufacture and application to use under the most economical conditions.

The operation of our improved device may be readily understood from the foregoing description, and it will be seen that we have provided a simple, inexpensive and efficient means for carrying out the objects of the invention.

While we have particularly described the elements best adapted to perform the functions set forth, it is obvious that various changes in form, proportion and in the minor details of construction may be resorted to without departing from the spirit or sacrificing any of the principles of the invention.

Having thus described our invention, what we claim is:

1. In combination with a card having upon its obverse surface an identification number, a plate applied to the card and having a pivot stud and a stop stud spaced from the pivot stud, a second plate pivotally mounted upon the pivot stud of the first-mentioned plate and having upon its one surface an identification number corresponding with that of the identification number of the card, the second-mentioned plate being adapted to swing over the identification number of the card, one edge of said second-mentioned plate being adapted to abut said stop stud to limit the pivotal movement of said second plate in both directions, as and for the purposes described.

2. An identification card comprising a card body, a plate disposed upon one surface thereof and having a pivot stud and a stop stud spaced therefrom, a second plate pivotally mounted upon the pivot stud of the first-mentioned plate, said second-mentioned plate having angularly disposed edge portions, one of the said edge portions adapted to assume a position flush with the edge of the card and the other edge portion of the said mentioned plate at the same time to engage said stop stud.

3. In a book charging system for libraries, an article of manufacture comprising a specific reader's card having conventional indicia thereon and provided with a space at one end thereof having a specific reader's identification number printed therein, a plate carried on said card at the last mentioned end of the latter having a specific identification number embossed therein identical with the specific identification number on said card, said plate with its identification number corresponding with the one on said card being used separately and constituting substantially an inseparable part of said reader's card in the application of the latter to use in said system, and means for movably retaining said plate normally on said card within the border confines of the latter, said plate being adapted to be withdrawn beyond said border confines and introduced into a printing machine for reproducing the embossed number of said plate on a library card.

4. In a book charging system for libraries, a specific reader's card having a specific reader's identification number thereon and a plate carried on said card at one end thereof having a specific identification number embossed therein corresponding identically with the reader's identification number on said card, said plate with the number thereon being normally carried within the border confines of said card and disposable beyond the border confines of said card proper and adapted to be introduced in a machine for printing the number of said plate on library record cards, as and for the purposes described.

In testimony whereof we affix our signatures.

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