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Fig. 1.

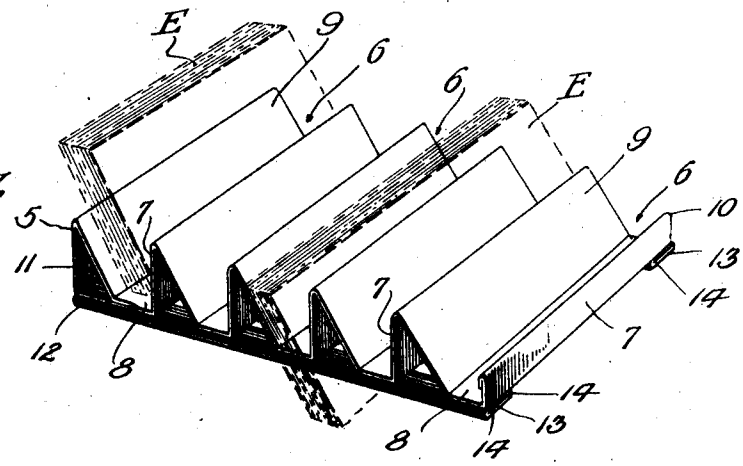


Fig. 2.

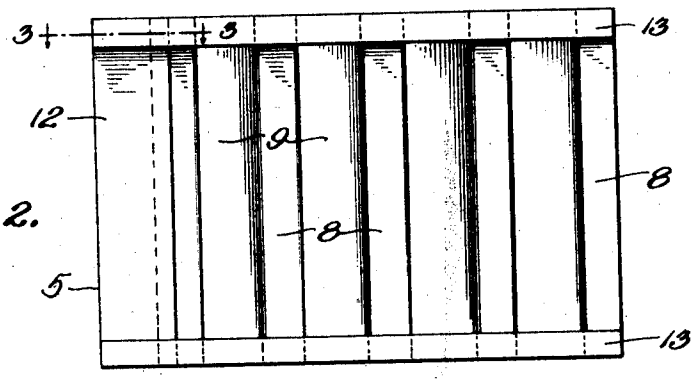
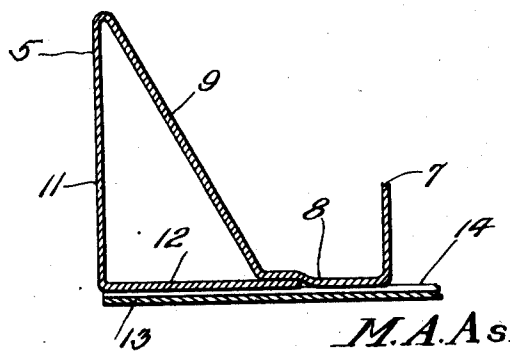


Fig. 3.



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The invention aims to provide an exceptionally simple and inexpensive, yet an advantageous and convenient device, for holding a plurality of envelopes, regardless of their lengths, in such positions that any of them may readily be grasped and removed.

With the foregoing in view, the invention resides in the novel subject matter hereinafter described and claimed, the description being supplemented by the accompanying drawing.

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of an envelope holder constructed in accordance with my invention.

Fig. 2 is a bottom plan view.

Fig. 3 is an enlarged detail vertical section on the correspondingly numbered line of Fig. 2, looking in the direction of the arrows.

In constructing the device, I prefer to use tin or other thin, sheet metal, solder or the like being used wherever desired. In the present showing, the numeral 5 designates a single metal sheet which is bent to provide a plurality of transverse, open-ended, channel-shaped pockets 6, any one of which may contain a plurality of envelopes or the like E, whether they be short or long, the open ends of the pockets permitting long articles to project out of said pockets, as will be clear from Fig. 1. The sheet 5 is so bent that each pocket 6 consists of a vertical front wall 7, a horizontal bottom 8, and a rearwardly inclined back wall 9. Preferably, the front wall 7 of the foremost pocket 6 is of less height than the others and has its upper edge turned downwardly at 10, for reinforcing purposes and to prevent possible injury therefrom. After forming the rearmost of the back walls 9, the metal sheet is bent vertically downward at 11 and is then bent inwardly at 12, and this inwardly bent portion 12 is preferably disposed against and secured to the bottom 8 of the rearmost pocket 6.

A plurality of substantialy rigid strips 13 (preferably two) extend longitudinally beneath all of the pockets 6 and are soldered or otherwise secured to the bottoms 8 and to the inturned portion 12. These strips are preferably formed from thin sheet metal with their longitudinal edges bent upon themselves at 14 to longitudinally stiffen the strips and to present rounded edges with their corresponding advantages over sharp edges.

The strips 13 effectively tie the pocket-forming portions of the sheet 5 together to hold them in proper, spaced relation, and said strips also generally stiffen the structure so that it will maintain its proper shape.

The principal use of the invention is to hold envelopes of any lengths, within a desk drawer, but obviously, it is not restricted to use within a drawer, nor to the holding of envelopes.

Excellent results are obtainable from the exact details disclosed and such details are therefore preferably followed. However, within the scope of the invention as claimed, minor changes as to form, proportion and unimportant details, may be made.

I claim:

1. A holder of the class described comprising a piece of sheet material bent on parallel lines to form a plurality of channel-shaped open-ended pockets, each of which is provided with a vertical front wall, with a horizontal bottom and with a rearwardly inclined back wall, and a plurality of substantially rigid strips extending longitudinally under said pockets and secured to said bottoms, the rear ends of said strips being extended rearwardly beyond the bottom of the rearmost pocket; the rear portion of said piece of sheet material, after forming the rearmost back wall, being bent downwardly and secured to said rearwardly extended rear ends of said strips; the open-ended nature of the aforesaid pockets, permitting articles of different lengths to be positioned therein, with the ends of the articles projecting out of the pockets if necessary.

2. A holder of the class described comprising a piece of sheet material bent on parallel lines to form a plurality of channel-shaped open-ended pockets each of which is provided with a vertical front wall, a horizontal bottom and a rearwardly inclined back wall, and a plurality of substantially rigid strips extending longitudinally under said pockets and secured to said bottoms; the open-ended nature of said pockets permitting articles of different lengths to be positioned therein, with the ends of the articles projecting out of the pockets if necessary.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed my signature.

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