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BRACKET AND CARD HOLDER.

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Fig. 1.

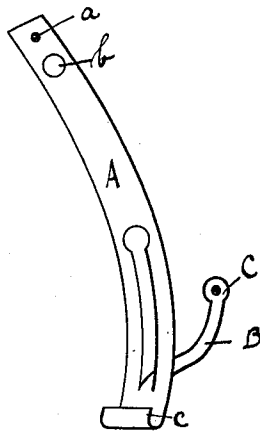


Fig. 2.

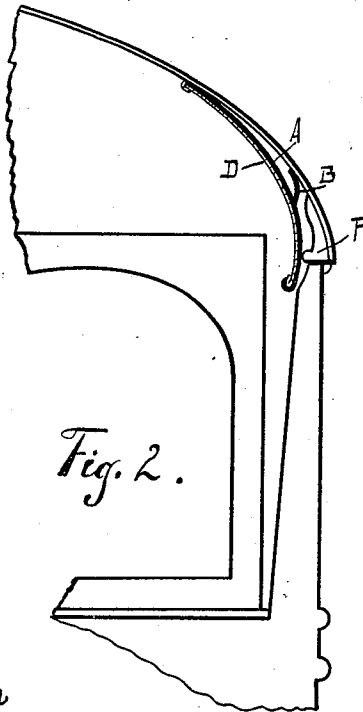


Fig. 3.

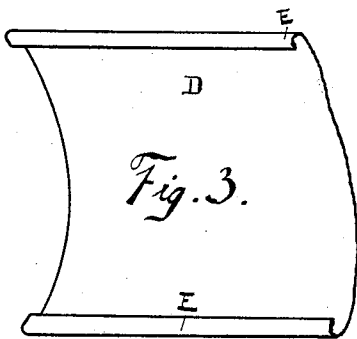
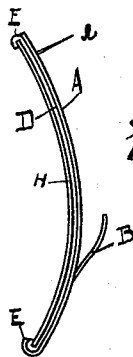


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, FRANK J. MCARDLE and JOHN B. FURAY, of Omaha, in the county of Douglas and State of Nebraska, have invented certain useful Improvements in Brackets and Card-Holders; and we do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification

This invention has relation to a new and novel rack for supporting advertising cards in street cars, the object being to provide a simple device that can be readily adjusted within the car, and within which the cards can be readily inserted or removed.

In the accompanying drawings Figure 2 shows a broken section of a car provided with our improvement as attached. Fig. 1 is a perspective view of one of the main supporting brackets. Fig. 3 shows one of the card holders; while Fig. 4 shows a transverse sectional view of the holder showing the card as inserted.

A represents an ordinary metallic rib or strip, which is provided at its upper end with an opening *a* adapted to engage a screw or nail *e* and below the same with an enlarged opening *b*, while the lower edge of this rib is recurved to form the lip *c*, as shown. A suitable distance from this recurved lip we have stamped out a portion B, which is preferably provided with the enlarged end C having a central nail opening and acts as a bracket, by means of which this rib is secured at its lower end. This bracket portion B is slightly curved outward, as shown in Fig. 2, so that when the rib A is secured to the deck of the car, the lower portion can be forced outward, as will be understood by referring to Fig. 1. This bracket portion B is integral with the rib proper, or may be an independent piece riveted to the strip.

D represents an ordinary curved flexible metallic sheet of any suitable length, the upper and lower edges of which are recurved to form the lips E, adapted to nicely contain an advertising card H, which is held within plates D which are of any suitable length.

In arranging the ribs A the upper portion *a* is secured by means of a brad or screw *e*, and the lower portion secured by means of the outwardly and upwardly extending bracket B, which is secured by means of a screw or nail passing through the end C. This is quite necessary as nearly all cars are provided with a strip of molding F, as shown in Fig. 1, and beyond which the advertising sheets, as now usually employed in street cars, are secured. The strips A are secured to the roof rafter of the car, and the lower portion is permitted to extend outward and in front of the molding, thus bridging the angle formed by the junction of the car roof with the side, so as in no way to injure or mar the appearance of the car.

The card holder proper D is of any suitable length and is inserted within the racks or ribs A by inserting them within the lower lips *c* and then securing the upper portion thereof by means of a screw or nail *e*, which is adapted to pass into the roof rafter properly and passing through the opening *b* within the metallic supporting ribs A. These card holding sections D are of any suitable metal and are preferably flexible or slightly curved, as shown in Fig. 3. Now to insert a card it is simply necessary to place one of the edges into the recurved lip portion E and then permit the other portion to enter into the remaining lip, when the card will be neatly and snugly supported.

The device is noticeable because of its simplicity, and

Having thus described our said invention, what we claim as new, and desire to secure by United States Letters Patent, is—

1. In a card holder, the combination with a main supporting rib having the lower recurved portion *c*, the outwardly extending hanger portion B integral with said rib A proper and provided with an opening, and a card holder having upper and lower recurved lips adapted to rest within the lower edges within one or more of said brackets and secured at the upper ends by means of a suitable screw, all substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

2. In a card holder, the combination with a rib A, having the openings *a* and *b*, the re-

curved lip c, and the outwardly curved bracket
B integral with said rib A, in combination
with the holder D provided with the recurved
lips E, E, adapted to be held within said
5 brackets A, in combination with suitable display
cards, all substantially as and for the
purpose set forth.

In testimony whereof we affix our signatures
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