

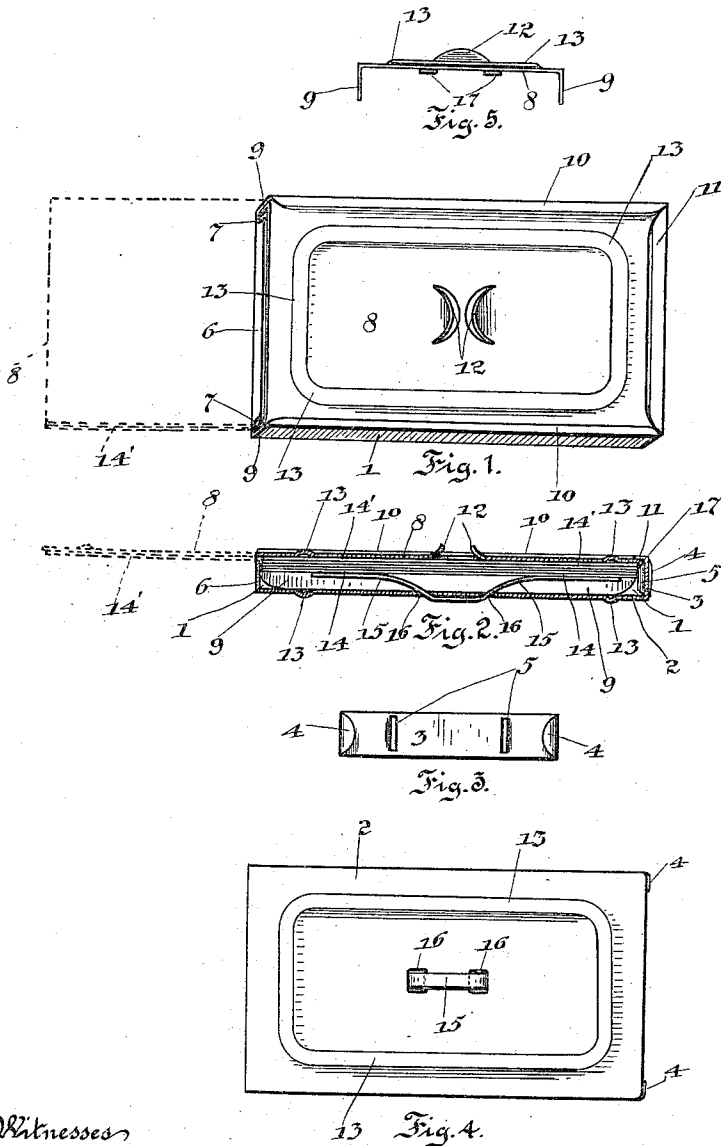
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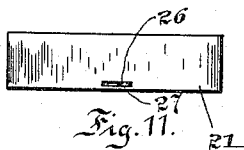
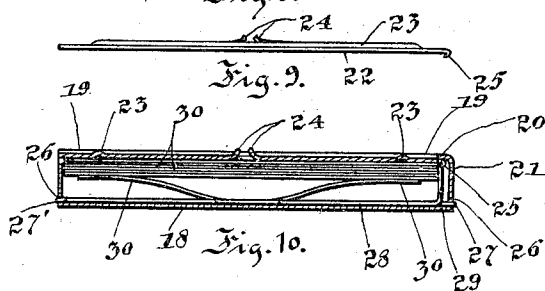
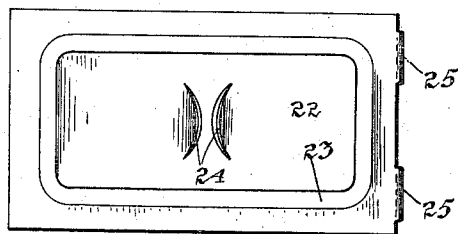
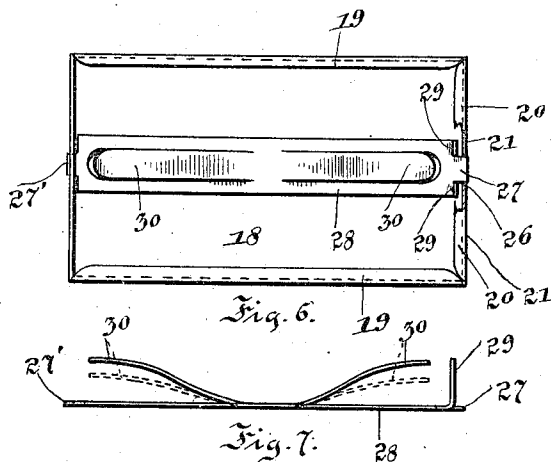
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWARD F. HAMILL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, county of Cook, and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Card-Cases, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in business card cases adapted to be carried in one's pocket and has for its object the provision of a card case having improved means for holding and delivering cards one by one.

A further object of my invention is to provide a card case which shall be simple of construction, inexpensive to manufacture, and efficient in operation.

Other objects will appear hereinafter.

With these objects in view my invention consists in the novel construction and arrangement of parts as will be hereinafter fully described and particularly pointed out in the appended claims.

My invention will be more readily understood by reference to the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, and in which,

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved card case, Fig. 2 is a longitudinal section thereof, Fig. 3 is an end elevation, Fig. 4 is a bottom plan view, Fig. 5 is an end elevation of the case cover, Fig. 6 is a top plan view of a modified form of the card case, Fig. 7, is a side elevation of a resilient member shown in Fig. 6, Fig. 8 is a top plan view of the cover for the case as shown in Fig. 6, Fig. 9 is a side elevation of said cover, Fig. 10 is a longitudinal section of the modified form of the case showing cards in position therein, and Fig. 11 is an end elevation of said modified form of the case.

The preferred form of my invention as illustrated in the accompanying drawings comprises a sheet metal case having sides 1 and a bottom 2. The end 3 of the case is reinforced by extensions 4 of the sides 1 as shown in Figs. 3 and 4. Lips 5 are provided on the end 3 of the case as shown in Fig. 3, said lips serving as stops for the cards for a purpose to be described hereinafter. The end 6 of the case opposite the end 3 is provided with cut away portions 7 to provide clearance for the slidable cover 8 which has depending side flanges 9 as shown in Figs. 1 and 2. The lower edges of the flanges 9 rest on the bottom 2 and serve to support the cover 8, flanges 10

and 11 being provided to hold said cover in position. In order to reciprocate the cover 8 centrally arranged lips 12 are provided and formed as shown in Figs. 1 and 2. In order to render the case of neat appearance and to add to its strength reinforcing beads 13 are provided in the cover 8 and bottom 2. The cards 14 are normally held in the uppermost portion of the case by means of a leaf spring 15 which is passed through perforations 16 formed in the bottom 2 which holds said spring in place.

In operation when it is desired to deliver a single card from the case the cover 8 is moved to be dotted line position as shown in Figs. 1 and 2. Said cover is provided with hooks 17 which serve to carry a single card 14 with the cover 8 into the dotted line position when the cover is moved. After the first card has been delivered the spring 15 presses the rest of the cards into position ready to be delivered as before. It is clear that the object of the lips 5 is to provide clearance for the hooks 17 as shown in Fig. 2.

The modified form of card case as shown in Figs. 6 to 11 inclusive, comprises a body 18 the sides of which have inwardly projecting flanges 19 and one end of which an inwardly projecting flange 20. The flange 20 projects from the end 21 as shown in the several figures. The cover 22 of the case is substantially rectangular in form and provided with a reinforcing bead 23 as shown in Fig. 8. Lips 24 are provided for the same purpose as the lips 12 in the preferred form. Hooks 25 are provided which are similar to the hooks 17 in the preferred form and serve the same purpose. Each end of the case is provided with a centrally disposed slot 26, the slot at one end being adapted to receive one end 27 of the member 28 and the other slot to receive the end 27' of said member. The member 28 is formed of sheet metal and comprises card stops 29 which are disposed at right angles to the main portion of the member and springs 30 which project upwardly from said main portion as shown in Fig. 10. The operation in delivering the cards is similar to that in the preferred form.

Card cases of the construction set forth are neat in appearance and efficient in operation.

While I have shown what I deem to be the preferable forms of my improved card

case, I do not wish to be limited thereto as there might be various changes made in the details of construction and arrangement of parts described without departing from the spirit of my invention, and hence I desire to avail myself of such changes and alterations as fairly fall within the scope of the appended claims.

Having described my invention what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. In a card case, a sheet metal body having sides and ends, said ends being provided with slots, a slidable sheet metal delivery cover for said body, a resilient sheet metal member having securing ends projecting through said slots, two curved springs formed integral with said member and adapted to press cards against said cover, and card stops formed integral with said member and disposed perpendicularly thereto, substantially as described.

2. In a card case, a sheet metal body having sides and ends, inwardly extending flanges on said sides and one of said ends, a slidable sheet metal cover adapted to be retained by said flanges, card engaging hooks provided on one end of said cover, said ends being provided with slots, a resilient sheet metal member having securing ends projecting through said slots, two curved springs formed integral with said member and adapted to press cards against said cover, and card stops formed integral with said member and disposed perpendicularly thereto, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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