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Fig. 1.

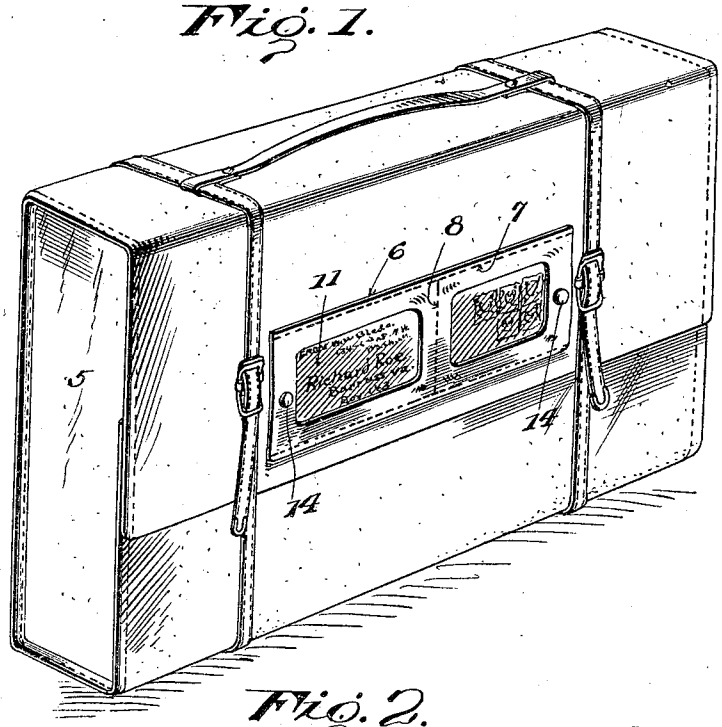


Fig. 2.

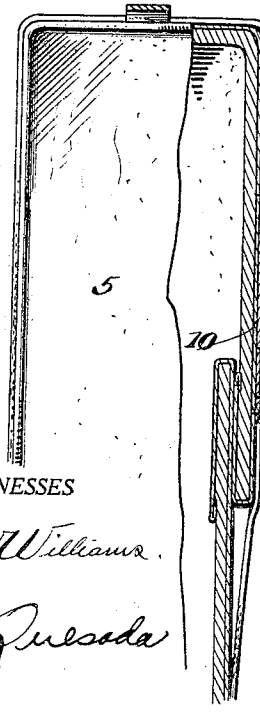
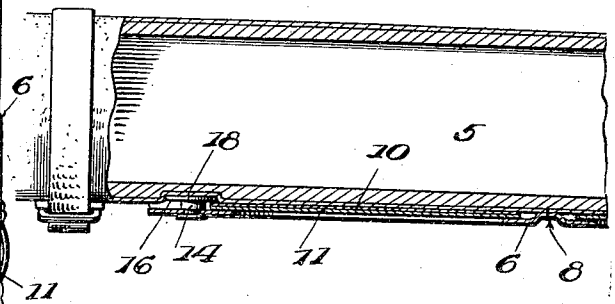


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES T. GOEWEY, a citizen of the United States, and resident of South Bend, in the county of St. Joseph and State of Indiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Card Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to holders especially adapted for use in holding labels, address cards and the like in place on a package or article during shipment through the mails or otherwise.

Briefly stated an important object of the invention is to provide a card or label holder having simple means whereby the card may be inserted and positively held against loss and the invention further aims to provide a card confining means which may be quickly and conveniently moved to a position to allow the card to be withdrawn and possibly reversed.

A further object is to provide a card holder having a locking or card receiving means which is strictly a one-part construction and therefore the necessity of bringing coacting fastening devices together and connecting the same is obviated.

A further object is to provide a card holder which is neat in appearance, durable in use and cheap to manufacture.

Other objects and advantages will be apparent during the course of the following description.

In the accompanying drawing forming a part of this application and in which like numerals are employed to designate like parts throughout the same,

Figure 1 is a perspective of the improved card holder applied.

Figure 2 is a detail sectional view illustrating a container equipped with the invention.

Figure 3 is a detail horizontal sectional view illustrating a card retaining means.

Referring to the accompanying drawing wherein is shown the preferred embodiment of the invention, the numeral 5 designates a container of any desired type, it being understood that the improved card holder may be applied to a valise, a satchel, a trunk or a package of any kind and in fact the card holder is capable of application to so many different articles that they need not be mentioned here. However, the drawing illustrates a container which might be said to be especially adapted for use in sending laundry back and forth through the mail.

In carrying out the invention an elongated holder 6 of any suitable material is stitched or otherwise secured along its longitudinal edges as indicated at 7 to the container and it is suitably secured as indicated at 8 to the container along the transverse line intermediate the ends thereof so as to define a pair of compartments.

The compartments are open at the ends of the strip 6 for the reception of address and stamp cards. That is to say one of the compartments may receive an address card while the other compartment may receive a card to which stamps to the proper amount are applied. As the end of each compartment is open the cards may be readily inserted and removed and reversed if desired, or entirely new cards may be employed. The sending address may be applied to one side of the address card and the return address may be applied to the other side of the card so that when the article reaches its destination the card is merely reversed so as to present the new address. This applies only of course when the container passes back and forth between certain points. A new stamp card may be inserted when necessary.

Each card is designated by the numeral 10 and may if desired be covered by a transparent member such as a sheet of isinglass 11 and in case isinglass is employed this too will be held in place by the improved card retaining means.

Figure 3 illustrates that the outer end of all the compartments and more particularly the outer end of the strip 6 is provided with an inwardly projecting stud 14 having its inner end provided with a flange portion 16 constituting what might be said to be a socket to receive one end of the card whereby accidental loss of the card is prevented. The annular flange 16 on the inner end of the stud 14 may be received in a depression 18 in the receptacle or package and in case the material forming the package or receptacle is soft the annular flange 16 will imbed itself in the material and thereby prevent loss of the card. It will be seen that the end of the strip 6 may be manually lifted so as to free the outer end of the card and thereby allow the card to be conveniently removed.

In carrying out the invention the card

may be as long as the distance between the transverse stitching 8 and the stud 14 so that it will be necessary to spring the card into place. This positively prevents the card from being lost as one end of the same is confined between the annular flange and the strip 6. Of course it is not absolutely necessary to have the card long enough to require this springing action and cards not quite so long as those previously mentioned have been found to work satisfactorily as the card is extremely unlikely to work its way beneath the disk-shaped head of the stud 14. The stud 14 is permanently connected to the terminal portion of the strip 6 and consequently by merely pulling or drawing the end of the strip outwardly the card may be slipped beneath the head 18 and either inserted or removed.

Attention is especially directed to the fact that the improved card retaining means are located almost entirely beneath the strip 6 and the only part which extends beyond the outer surface of the strip is merely the rounded terminal portion of the shank and this will not become attached to the strings around other packages in the mail.

In summarizing it will be seen that the holder is in the nature of a frame of any desired material having the open ends thereof provided with the improved stud and disk-shape head which absolutely maintains the card in position.

With reference to the foregoing description taken in connection with the accompanying drawing it will be apparent that the improved card retaining means will effectively retain cards in position and that the card retaining means may be conveniently removed out of the way when it is desired to insert or remove the cards.

Furthermore the improved holder may be economically manufactured and in use will give extremely good service.

It is to be understood that the form of the invention herewith shown and described is to be taken as a preferred example of the same and that such minor changes in arrangement and construction of parts may be made as will remain within the spirit of the invention and the scope of what is claimed.

Having thus described the invention, what I claim is:

1. The combination with a base, of a frame attached along its longitudinal edges to said base and having one end open, a stud carried solely by the open end of said frame and adapted to engage said base whereby to receive a card beneath the base, said stud having its terminal portion provided with a disk-shaped head adapted to underlie cards beneath the frame.

2. The combination with a base having a depression, of a frame of yieldable material secured along its longitudinal edges to said base and having one end open for the reception of a card, and a stud carried by the open end of said frame of yieldable material and having a disk-shaped head adapted to be received in said depression and to underlie the card confined beneath the frame.

3. The combination with a base having a depression, of a frame of yieldable material secured to said base and having one end open for the reception of a card, a stud carried by the open end of said frame of yieldable material, and having means adapted to be received in said depression whereby to confine the card beneath the frame, said frame being connected intermediate its ends to said base to define a pair of card receiving compartments.

4. The combination with a base, of a frame attached along its longitudinal edges to said base and having one end open so that a card can be placed between the frame and the base, and a stud carried by said frame adjacent to the open end of the latter, said stud extending inwardly from the frame toward the base and being adapted to engage with the adjacent end of the card to retain the latter beneath said frame.

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