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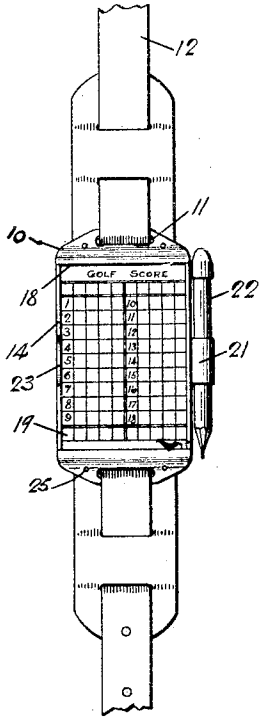


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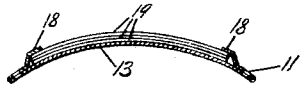


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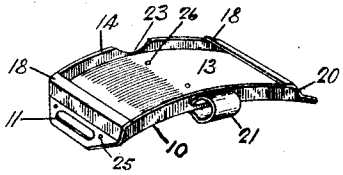


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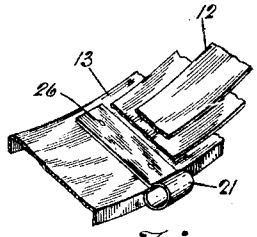


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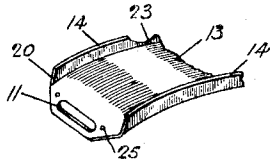


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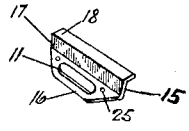


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This invention relates to card holders of the type adapted to be secured to the wrist and upon which may be recorded golf scores or other matters of interest.

The invention has for its object the provision of a thin, neat, compact, durable and cheap holder which presents a comparatively smooth upper surface, and which is free from the bulging or sharp projections and other defects which have heretofore rendered devices of the present kind annoying and objectionable in use.

Another object is to construct a holder having at its ends card-holding flanges under which cards may be snapped by bending them at the middle and then permitting them to expand with their ends underneath the flanges. The holder is so formed that it may receive a stack of cards, but its curvature and formation is such that a single card will be held in proper position therein with its ends in engagement with the card-holding flanges.

Other objects and advantages of the present invention will be apparent from the following description and accompanying drawing, in which:

Figure 1 is a plan view of the card holder, the wrist strap being broken away and the card-holding frame being shown filled with cards;

Fig. 2 is a central longitudinal section of Fig. 3 showing a stack of cards in position;

Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the card-holding frame;

Fig. 4 is a broken perspective view showing the construction of the pencil clip; and

Figs. 5 and 6 show details of construction of the card-holding frame.

Referring to Fig. 1 of the drawing it will be observed that the card holder comprises generally a card-holding frame 10 having an aperture 11 at each end to receive the wrist strap 12. The card-holding frame is formed of a main plate 13 which is blanked out and then curved longitudinally to fit the wrist, the side edges thereof being bent upwardly to provide the side flanges 14 of uniform height. The end portions of the main plate 13 are bent more sharply than the middle portion to better fit the wrist and have perforations 11 adapted to receive the wrist strap 12. At each end of the main plate 13 there is an end plate 15 which has a perforated main portion 16 in contact with the main plate 13, an upwardly extending portion 17 abutting against the ends of the side flanges 14, and an inwardly extending portion 18 which overlies and engages the top edges of the side flanges. The end plates 15 are soldered to the main plate 13 and side flanges 14 to completely close the ends of the channel-like structure formed by the main plate and its side flanges, or the plates 15 may be secured in any other desired manner, as by riveting to the main plate 13 as indicated at 25.

It will be obvious from the above that the side flanges 14 form with the end members 15 a card-receiving frame or pocket of shallow construction which is adapted to receive therein a stack of cards 19. These cards may be inserted one or more at a time by bending them at the middle and then allowing them to expand or snap into place with their ends underneath the inwardly extending or card-holding flanges 18. Although the flanges 18 are so spaced from the main plate 13 as to receive a stack of cards 19 thereunder, it will be observed that, owing to the curvature upwardly of the middle portion of the main plate 13 to at least the elevation defined by the straight line joining flanges 18, even if but a single card be used the card will still be held in position with its ends in contact with the underside of the flanges 18 and its middle portion lying against the middle bulged part of the main plate 13, and the device will still present a neat appearance. The cards may be removed by bowing them up at the middle merely by the friction of the thumb and first finger and then lifting them. A thumb notch 23 formed in one of the side flanges 14 enables the user to observe the number of cards in the holder and at the same time offers an alternative means for removing the cards merely by lifting the card at its edge.

When the card-holding frame is filled with cards, the stack comes substantially to the top edge of the side flanges 14, and the whole presents a relatively smooth upper surface substantially free from projections and sharp corners which are apt to annoy or scratch the wearer or to catch in the clothing. Referring to Figs. 3, 5 and 6, it will be seen that the upwardly extending portions 17 of the end members 15 and the abutting ends of the flanges 14 are disposed at an oblique angle, as at 20, so as to provide a more or less gradual incline from the wrist strap to the card-holding flanges 18, thereby further eliminating sharp corners.

Preferably the card holder is provided with a pencil-holding clip 21 of spring metal

with one end soldered to the underside of the main plate 13, or riveted thereto as indicated at 26, and the other or free end formed into a spring loop, as shown in Fig. 4, to receive a pencil 22.

Various changes in the form, proportion and the minor details of construction may be resorted to without departing from the spirit or sacrificing any of the advantages of this invention. It will be understood, also, that the term "card" or "cards" as employed in the specification and claims is intended to include any equivalent or substitute material.

What is claimed is as follows:

1. A golf scorer comprising a card holder curved to fit the wrist, means for securing a wrist band thereto, and a wrist band secured to said holder for fastening the same on the wrist, said holder comprising a rigid plate adapted to receive thereon a stack of thin score cards, card-holding flanges at the ends of said plate having inwardly-extending lips overlying the ends of the stack of cards to removably hold the same in position on the plate, said plate being curved upwardly between said flanges substantially to the elevation defined by the straight line joining said lips whereby a single thin card may be held against said flanges, and said curvature being gradual between said flanges whereby to provide an even surface backing for said score cards when writing thereon.

2. A golf scorer comprising a card holder curved to fit the wrist, means for securing a wrist band thereto, and a wrist band secured to said holder for fastening the same on the wrist, said holder comprising a rigid plate adapted to receive thereon a stack of thin score cards, card-holding flanges at the ends of said plate having plate portions lying against and secured to the top surface of said main plate, end portions extending upwardly from said plate portions, and lip portions extending inwardly from said end portions to overlie the ends of said stack of cards to removably hold the same in position on the plate, side flanges struck up from said plate to the height of said card-holding flanges and joined thereto to provide therewith a shallow box-like pocket for said stack of thin score cards, said plate being curved upwardly between said card-holding flanges at least to substantially the height of the straight line joining said lips whereby a single thin card may be held against said flanges, and said curvature being gradual beween said flanges whereby to provide an even surface backing for said score cards when writing thereon.

3. A golf scorer comprising a card holder curved to fit the wrist and a wrist band secured to said holder for fastening the same on the wrist, said holder comprising a rigid plate adapted to receive thereon a stack of thin score cards, card-holding flanges at the ends of said plate, each having a plate portion lying against and secured to the top surface of said main plate, an end portion extending upwardly from the inner edge of said plate portion, and a lip portion extending inwardly from the upper end of said end portion and spaced from the main plate to overlie the ends of said stack of cards whereby to removably hold the same in position on the plate, said main plate and said plate portion of the card-holding flange being provided with an opening to receive said wrist band, side flanges struck up from said main plate to the height of said card-holding flanges and joined thereto to provide therewith a shallow box-like receptacle for said stack of score cards, said main plate and said side flanges being curved upwardly between said card-holding flanges at least to substantially the height of the straight line joining said lips whereby a single thin card may be held against said flanges, and said curvature being gradual between said flanges whereby to provide an even surface backing for said score cords when writing thereon, and an indent in one of said side flanges to facilitate removal of said cards.

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