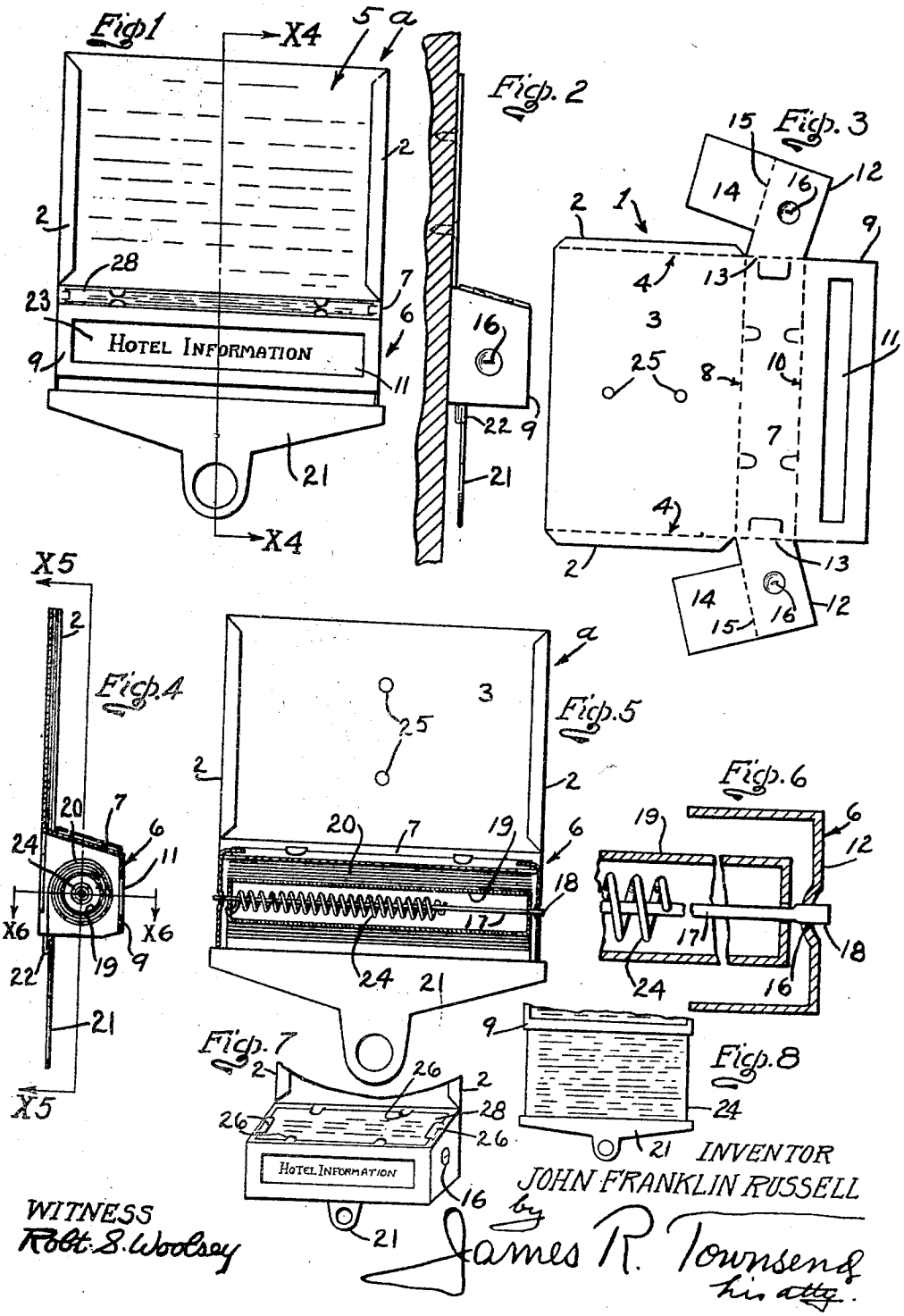
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN FRANKLIN RUSSELL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Santa Monica, in the county of Los Angeles and State of California, have invented a new and useful Hotel Code and Information Chart Holder, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to that type of hotel code and information holders, in which the code is displayed in plain view, and the information is retained on a roller, which is spring actuated, and mounted in a housing.

An object of my invention is to provide a novel holder, in which information may be obtained, but said information sheet being normally concealed.

Another object is to provide a holder, which may be inexpensively formed from a single sheet of metal.

Further objects are to provide a novel holder which is simple in construction, effective in operation, and pleasing in appearance.

Other objects, advantages and features of invention may appear from the accompanying drawing, the subjoined detailed description and the appended claims.

The accompanying drawing illustrates the invention.

Figure 1 is a front elevation of my holder.

Fig. 2 is a side view of the same.

Fig. 3 is a development of my holder.

Fig. 4 is a sectional view taken on line x^4, Fig. 1.

Fig. 5 is a sectional view taken on line x^5, Fig. 4.

Fig. 6 is a fragmentary longitudinal sectional view of the spring roller and housing, taken on line x^6, Fig. 4.

Fig. 7 is a fragmentary perspective view on reduced scale of my holder illustrating the card on the sloping top of the housing.

Fig. 8 is a fragmental view on reduced scale showing the flexible information containing sheet extended from the housing.

The holder a is preferably formed from a sheet metal stamping 1. This stamping is formed with flaps 2, at the edges of a card tray 3. The flaps are bent inwardly along the lines 4, to provide retaining edges for a card 5, upon which the code relating to hotels and the like may be printed.

A housing 6 is formed at the lower end of the stamping 1, by bending a top portion 7 along the line 8, and inclining it downwardly, and a front 9 is formed by bending the end of the stamping 1 downwardly along the line 10.

An elongate slot 11 is formed in the front 9, the purpose of which will be further described.

Sides are formed by bending the ears 12 of the stamping 1 downwardly along the lines 13, and back plates are formed by bending the plates 14 along the line 15, said plates being thus integrally formed with the sides 12.

A slot 16 is provided in each of the sides 12, and a shaft 17 is non-rotatably mounted therein in that the flattened shaft ends 18 extend through said slots.

A drum 19 is journalled on the shaft 17 and extends approximately the width of the housing 6. A flexible strip 20 is wrapped around the drum 19, one end being secured thereto and the outer end is secured to a handle 21.

This handle is formed of a sheet metal stamping with the upper end thereof crimped around the end of the strip 20 as at 22. On the strip 20 is printed any desirable information pertaining to the hotel regulations or rules such as time of meals, vacating rooms, etc., shopping data, business announcements, advertising, or points of interest in or out of the city, etc., and on the outer end thereof on the back of the strip 20 when the same is unrolled, the legend "Hotel information" is printed as shown at 23, which is visible through the slot 11 when the strip is rolled on the drum 19. The information may be printed on either the front or the back of the strip 20.

By grasping the handle 21 and drawing downwardly thereon the strip 20 is unrolled and the information printed on the back of the strip when unrolled may be read through the slot 11 and the information printed on the front of the strip may be read on the exposed part of the strip when unrolled.

The strip is automatically rewound on the drum 19 by a spring 24, one end of which is secured to the shaft 17 and the other end to the drum, the spring being placed in tension by withdrawing the strip.

The handle 21 engages the bottom of the sides 12 to stop further rolling of the strip 20, and in this position the legend 23 is visible through the slot 11.

Suitable perforations 25 are provided in the card tray 3 through which screws extend to support the holder in position.

The top 7 is inclined so that a cigarette, cigar, or the like will not rest thereon and burn or mutilate the card 5.

The top 7 may or may not be provided with lips 26—26, struck upwardly from the front and rear so that a card 28 may be inserted and held thereunder. This card may contain suitable advertising matter if desired.

I claim:

1. A hotel code and information holder comprising a housing, a strip in said housing on which information is printed, means to mount said strip in said housing, and a tray extending upwardly from said housing and adapted to receive a card on which the code is printed.

2. A hotel code and information holder comprising a housing, a drum journalled in said housing, an information strip wound on said drum; a tray extending upwardly from said housing and adapted to receive a card on which the code is printed; and spring means engaging said drum tending to keep said strip wound on the drum.

3. A hotel code and information holder comprising a housing having an inclined top, front and sides, a shaft secured to said sides, a drum journalled on said shaft, an information strip wound on said drum; spring means engaging said drum tending to keep said strip wound on the drum; a tray extending upwardly from said top and adapted to receive a card on which the code is printed; and means struck from said top adapted to engage and hold a card.

4. A hotel code and information holder comprising a sheet metal stamping formed with a card tray, flaps at the edges of said tray adapted to be bent over said tray to retain a card on said tray, an integral housing comprising a top, front and sides, said housing being integral with said tray, a drum journalled in said housing; and an information strip wound on said drum.

5. A hotel code and information holder comprising a sheet metal stamping formed with a card tray, flaps at the edges of said tray adapted to be bent over said tray to retain a card on said tray, an integral housing comprising a top, front and sides, said housing being integral with said tray, a drum journalled in said housing; and an information strip wound on said drum; said top being inclined downwardly, said sides having a slot formed therein, a shaft, flat ends on said shaft extending into said slots, said drum being journalled on said shaft, a spring secured at one end to said shaft, and at the other end to said drum, and a handle secured to said strip, said handle being formed of a sheet metal stamping.

6. A device of the character set forth comprising a housing having a top, front and sides; said front having an elongate slot therein; a holder extending upwardly from said housing and provided with flaps adapted to receive and retain a card therein; a drum in said housing and a flexible strip adapted to be wound on said drum and having indicia printed thereon that may be read through the elongate slot in the front of said housing.

7. The combination of a housing having a top, side walls, a slotted front wall and an opening in its bottom; a holder extending upwardly from said housing; means on said holder to retain a card thereon, a drum rotatably mounted in the housing and a flexible strip adapted to be wound on said drum and extended through the opening in the bottom of said housing and having indicia printed on both sides thereof, the indicia on one side of said strip being readable through the slot in said front wall as the strip is extended from said housing, and the indicia on the other side of said strip being readable below said housing when the strip is extended from the housing.

8. A device of the character set forth comprising a housing having a top, side walls, a slotted front wall, and an opening in its bottom; a drum rotatably mounted in said housing; a flexible strip secured to said drum and adapted to be wound thereon and extended through the opening in the bottom of said housing and indicia printed on said strip adapted to be read through the slot in said front wall as the strip is extended from said housing.

9. A device of the character set forth comprising a housing having a top, side walls, a slotted front wall and an opening in its bottom; a drum mounted in said housing; a flexible strip secured to said drum and adapted to be extended through the opening in the bottom of said housing; means adapted to normally hold said strip wound on said drum; indicia on said strip readable through the slotted front wall; and other indicia on said strip adapted to be read when the strip is extended from said housing.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand at Los Angeles, California, this 6th day of June, 1925.

JOHN FRANKLIN RUSSELL.