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GAME CHIP RACK

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Fig. 1.

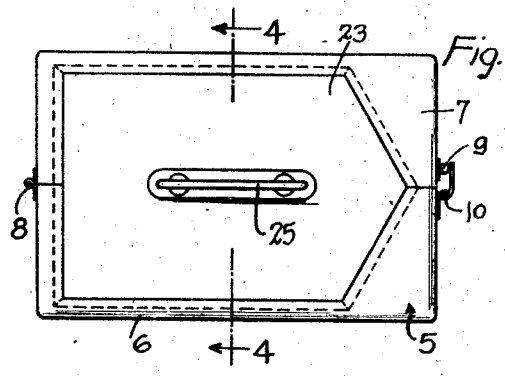


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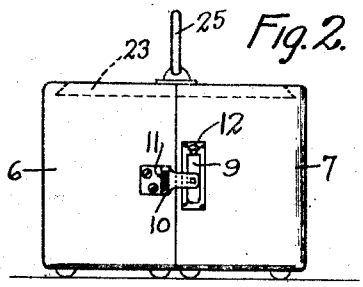


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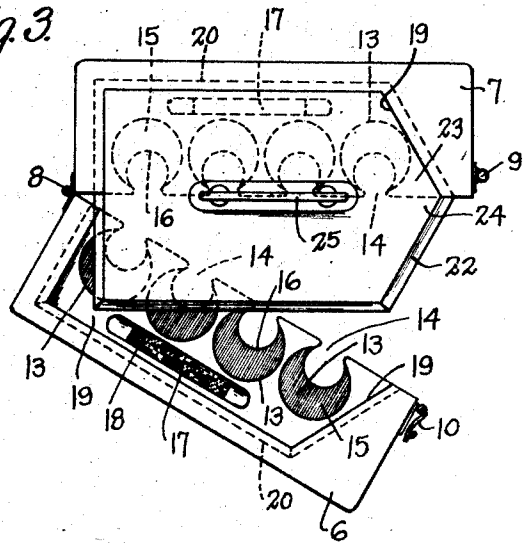


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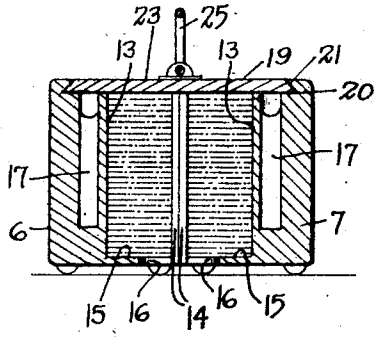
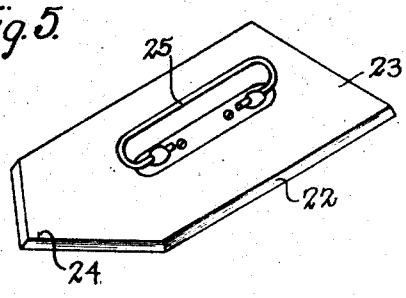


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EUGENE BLACK, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at New York city, county and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Game-Chip Racks, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to game-chip and card racks or holders and in particular to a type which is portable, is ornamental in appearance and one in which the chips or cards can be conveniently locked to exclude dust and dirt.

A particular object of the invention is to provide a removable cover in combination with a hinged box or container which is so divided and arranged that when closed the cover is automatically rendered locked.

A further object of the invention is to provide a container in which game-chips and cards can be held and in which receptacles are provided for holding the cards and chips separately so that they will not be mixed.

Referring to the drawing in detail wherein I have shown a preferred embodiment of my invention:—

Figure 1 is a top plan view of the box showing the arrangement of the cover;

Figure 2 is a view in end elevation, the latch end of the rack or container being illustrated;

Figure 3 is a view similar to Figure 1 showing one half the container or rack swung open on its hinge to permit the cover to be drawn out of the other half;

Figure 4 is a section in elevation taken on the line 4—4 of Figure 1 showing how the rack is constructed; and

Figure 5 is a perspective view of the cover showing the beveled edges thereon.

Referring to the drawing in detail 5 indicates a box or block which is divided longitudinally along its center to provide the matching halves 6 and 7, which are held together at one end by the hinge 8, and which are latched together at the opposite end by any type of snap latch comprising the lock 9 and snap plate 10, in which is embodied a spring 11 to throw the plate 10 open when the plunger 12 of the lock is depressed. The interior construction of the lock, it is thought need not be illustrated, as any snap lock or key operated lock might be incorporated without departing from the spirit of the invention.

The body of the rack, as is common in chip racks, as before described is made up of the two halves and as both are alike, a description of one will suffice.

The block halve 6 is bored to provide a series of chip holding receptacles 13 which open to the inner side of the part 6 thru the medium of the cut outs 14, the bottoms 15 of the bore or receptacles 13 being provided with enlarged cut outs 16, which allow the whole stack of chips to be lifted out at once, while the side openings 14 allow any desired number of chips to be lifted out. The halves of the rack are also provided beyond the chip holders with wells 17 into which fit packs of cards, 18 the cards and chips being shown in outline in Figures 3 and 4 respectively.

The top of the rack is cut out as at 19 to provide a cover receiving depression, the edges of the cut out being under cut as at 20 to provide bevels 21 into which fit the beveled edges 22 of the cover 23 which is flat and when in position lies flush with the upper surface of the rack. The end of the cover is pointed as at 24 so that when it is placed in position on one half of the rack as shown in Figure 3, the other half of the rack can be swung closed to completely enclose the edges of cover. When the halves of the rack are locked the handle 25 on the cover of the rack can be used to carry the same around, as the beveled edge of the rack cut out overlies the beveled edge of the cover and prevents removal of the same. Thus the rack is not only securely locked, but the close fitting cover prevents dirt and dust from entering the same.

It is understood that the cover may be entirely removed if desired, when the rack is in use.

It is evident that I have provided a novel card and chip holding rack and one which is compact, light in weight and which can be moved from place to place with a minimum effort.

While I have shown one embodiment of my invention, it is to be understood that various changes may be made without departing from the spirit of my invention, such for instance as making the cover in two separate parts, each of which covers one half portion of the rack, while the handle may be placed on one side of one of the rack portions. Also the inside of the halves may be cut to provide cigar, cigarette or tobacco receptacles.

Having described my invention what I claim is:

1. A game piece rack comprising hinged portions, a single cover for said hinged portions, and an undercut means formed in the edge of said portions and engaging said cover whereby the cover is rendered immovable after the hinged portions are swung together.

2. A game piece rack comprising separable members, having undercut edges thereon, a cover, the edges of which are adapted to fit in said undercut edges of said members when the same are together whereby the rack can be suspended on said cover.

3. A game piece rack comprising hinged portions having undercut edge borders, wells in each of said portions for holding game chips and cards, a lock for retaining the portions closed, and a single removable cover for said portions adapted to be held in place thereon by said borders when said portions are locked together.

4. A game piece rack comprising hinged portions, means in said portions for holding game chips and cards, a depression in the tops of said portions having its edges undercut on a bevel, a cover adapted to fit into said depression having a beveled edge which fits into said undercut portions of the depression, whereby when the portions of the rack are swung together on their hinge, the cover will be locked to the rack, a handle on said cover, and a lock on said rack portions for retaining the same in closed position.

5. A game piece rack comprising hinged half portions having depressed portions in the top thereof, the edges of said portions being undercut, means for covering said half portions, the edges of said covering means being bevelled to fit in said undercut whereby the covering is retained in place when the half portions of the rack are brought together.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature.

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