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Fig. 1

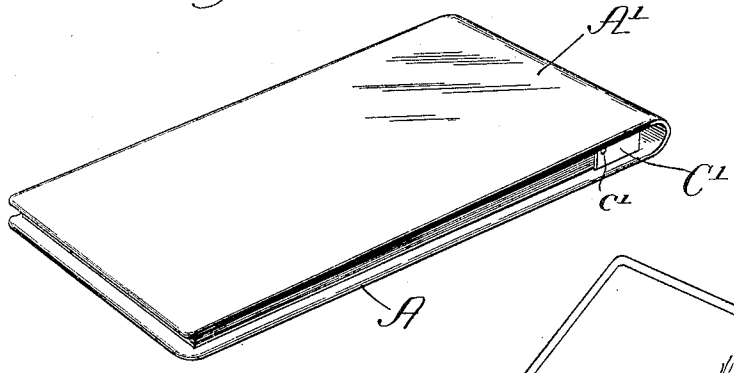


Fig. 2.

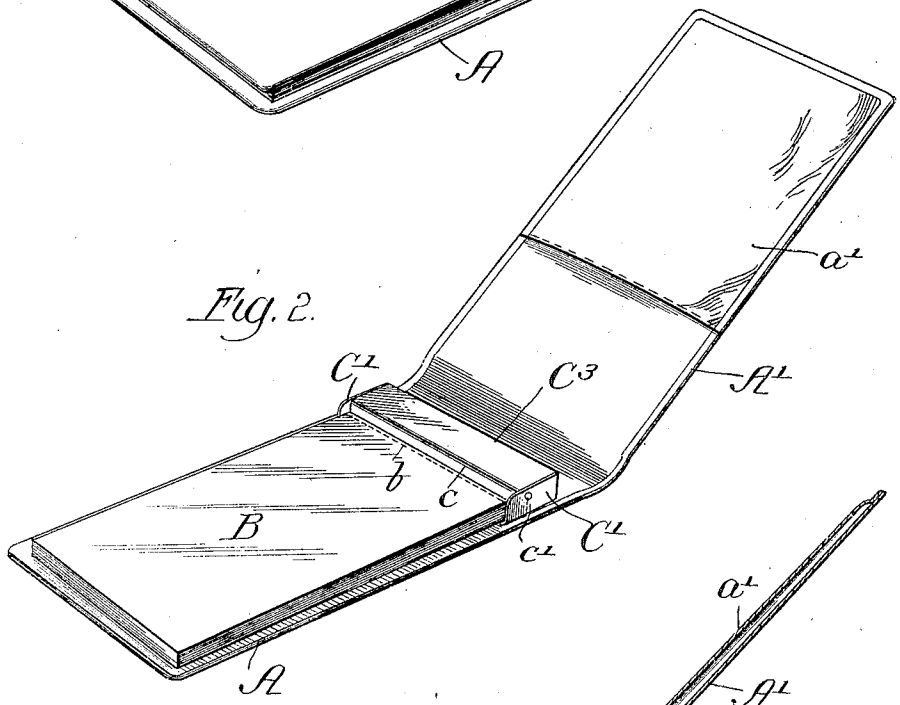


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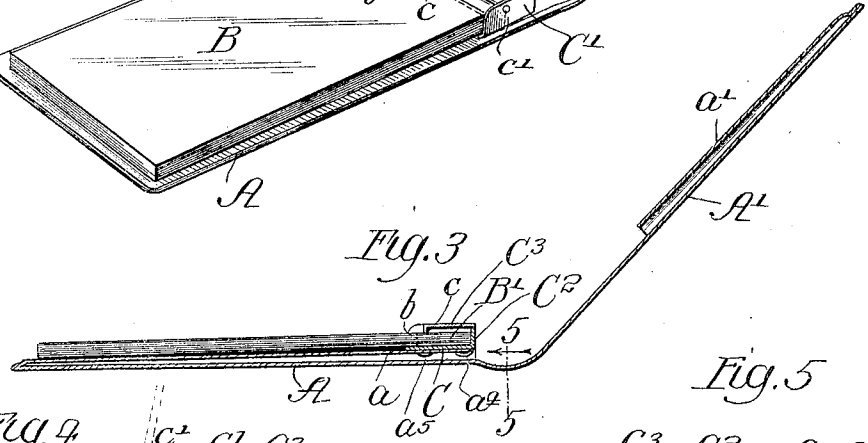


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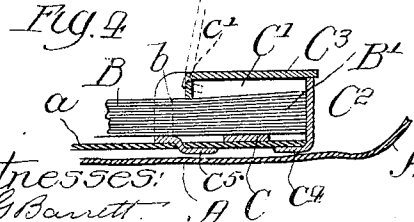
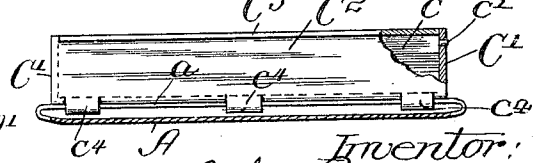


Fig. 5



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN B. WIGGINS, 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-Holding Cases, of which I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the drawings forming part of this specification.

The present invention is designed to provide an improved construction of card-holding case whereby visiting-cards, business-cards, or the like may be conveniently held together in packet form, so that the cards may be individually removed and whereby when the pack of cards is exhausted a new pack may be readily inserted and securely held within the case.

The invention consists in the features of improvement hereinafter described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings, and particularly pointed out in the claims at the end of this specification.

Figure 1 is a perspective view illustrating my card-holding case in closed position. Fig. 2 is a perspective view showing the card-holding case in open position. Fig. 3 is a view in central longitudinal section through the parts shown in Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is an enlarged detail view in vertical section through the metal holder, this holder being shown in position upon the case. Fig. 5 is a view in transverse section along the line 5 5 of Fig. 3.

As shown, the inclosing case comprises two foldable sections or covers A and A′, that are preferably formed of leather or like flexible material, such as commonly used in the construction of pocket-books, card-cases, and analogous articles. The section A of the case is formed with a lining *a*, connected thereto at its edges, and this lining may extend from a point adjacent the fold or longitudinal center of the case to one end thereof, thereby forming a pocket opened at its inner end. As shown, also, the section A′ of the case is provided with a lining *a′* that is connected thereto, and its side and outer end edges form, as clearly shown in Fig. 3, a pocket in the section A′, the opening of the pocket being midway between the ends of the cover or section A′.

The pack of cards B to be retained within the case consists of a number of cards, each of which is transversely scored, perforated, or otherwise partially severed, along the line *b* adjacent its end, so that the body of the cards may be successively removed from the pack, while the stub portion B′ of the cards remains within the case.

The stub portion B′ of the pack of cards is gripped and securely yet removably held by a metal holder the body whereof comprises the bottom plate C, the end plates C′, and the back plate C^2, and the cover whereof consists of a plate C^3, that is pivoted to the end walls C′ of the holder. The cover C^3 is formed at its front edge with an inwardly-turned gripping-flange *c*, and from the ends of the cover C^3 project pins *c′*, that enter holes adjacent the tops of the end plates C′ and form the pivots for the cover C^3. Preferably the rear edge of the cover C^3 or a portion thereof rests upon and projects slightly beyond the back plate C^2, so that the cover can be conveniently shifted when the stub portion B′ of the pack of cards is to be inserted into or removed from the holder.

By reference more particularly to Fig. 4 of the drawings it will be seen that when the cover C^3 is in the raised position (indicated by dotted lines in the drawings) the gripping-flange *c* will be turned toward the horizontal position, thereby allowing ample space between this flange *c* and the bottom C of the holder to permit the stub portion of a pack of cards to be readily inserted in place. If after the cards have thus been placed within the holder, the cover C^3 be turned to the closed position illustrated in the drawings, the gripping-flange *c* of the cover will bear upon and firmly grip the stub portion of the pack of cards between it and the bottom plate C of the holder. It will thus be seen that the stub portion of the pack of cards when so gripped will be securely held not only by the gripping-flange *c*, but also by the end plates C′ and the end plate C^2.

The bottom plate C of the holder, which is preferably of comparatively thin sheet metal, is provided with spurs or lugs that are struck from the body of the bottom C in the process of forming the holder, and these spurs serve to securely attach the holder to the lining or flap *a* of the case-section A. As shown, there are two sets of spurs projecting from the bottom C of the holder, one set of spurs or lugs c^4 being located adjacent the lower end of the back plate C^2 and other spurs c^5 (one or more in number) being located beneath the forward portion of the bottom plate C. Before the

holder is secured to the flap or lining *a* of the case the spurs a^4 and a^5 will occupy the position shown by dotted lines in Fig. 4, and when the holder is attached to the lining *a* the edge of the lining *a* will be gripped between the spurs a^4 and the bottom plate C, while the spurs a^5 will pass through the lining *a* and will be bent into horizontal position, so as to securely retain the holder in place upon the lining *a*. It is manifestly not essential, however, that the spurs or lugs a^4 and a^5 should be bent in precisely the manner indicated in the drawings.

Preferably the bottom plate, side and end walls of the metal holder are formed of a single blank bent to proper form. The grip-plate moves between the side walls, and in closed position the upper surface of the plate is in line with the upper edges of the side walls, which extend somewhat above the upper edge of the rear wall. The side walls and bottom plate extend beyond the forward edge of the grip-plate, so as to form means for conveniently guiding the pack of cards beneath the grip-plate when the latter is in raised position.

It is obvious that numerous changes may be made in the details of structure without departure from the essentials of the invention.

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

1. A card-holding case comprising a cover or case formed of folding sections, one of said sections being provided with a holder comprising a bottom plate having lugs for attachment to the case and having a back and end walls, and a cover provided at its forward end with an angular flange or offset portion adapted to grip the stub portion of a pack of cards.

2. A card-holding case comprising folding sections or covers, said covers having linings secured thereto at their side and outer end edges to form pockets and a metal holder secured to the inner edge of one of said pockets comprising a bottom plate, back and end walls and a grip-plate or cover pivoted at its forward end between said walls and provided at its forward end with an angular flange or offset portion adapted to grip the stub portion to a pack of cards, substantially as described.

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