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Card-Holding Device.

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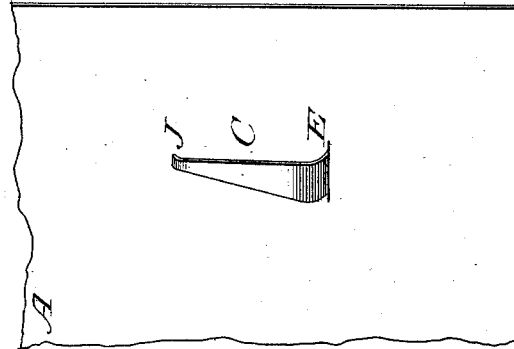


Fig. 2.

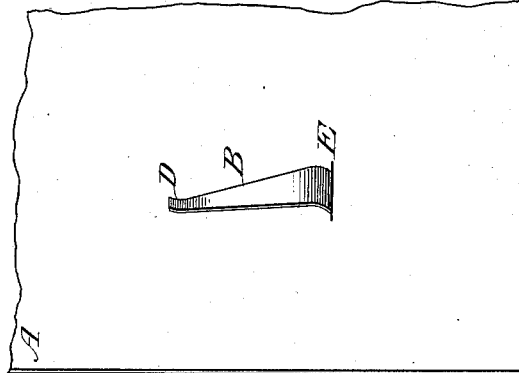


Fig. 1.

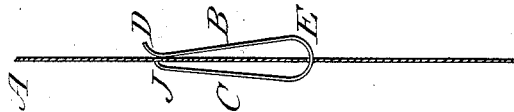


Fig. 3.

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IMPROVEMENT IN CARD-HOLDING DEVICES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MERRITT F. POTTER, of Hinckley, in the county of De Kalb and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Instruments for Holding and Displaying Business and Address Cards and Cartes de-Visite; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates to a device for holding and displaying cards; and consists of a sheet of pasteboard with a spring or springs attached in a novel manner for holding the cards in place, as hereinafter more fully set forth.

Figure 1 is a front view of one half of one of the springs B. Fig. 2 is a back view of the other half, C, each attached to a fragmentary portion of the pasteboard A.

The spring is made of tempered sheet metal about three inches long, widest at the middle, and bent upon itself something like an ox-bow. It gradually tapers in width from the middle toward each extremity to nearly a point, and the two ends touch each other with considerable pressure.

In application the pointed end D of the front part of the spring is thrust into the slot E of the card-sheet, (see Fig. 1,) and drawn through, so that one-half of the spring is on each side of the card sheet or holder A, as shown in the sectional drawings, Fig. 3.

The point J of the spring, which is on the back side of the sheet, is bent toward the sheet,

and has a short spur on it, which presses against the surface just sufficient to hold it in place without pricking through the board. (See Fig. 3.) The point D of the spring in front, Figs. 1 and 3, is bent to project outward from the pasteboard or holder, and when one or more cards are forced downward behind it the spring will yield and hold them firmly.

The sheet of card-board or pasteboard can be made of any desirable size, and any number of springs can be attached thereto at a nominal or trifling cost.

By making the arms of the spring tapering in width, the strain upon it is more evenly distributed, and it is much less liable to be bent out of shape.

I claim—

1. A card-holding device consisting of a spring of a single piece of metal bent upon itself to form tapering arms, the end of one bent inwardly to form a spur, the end of the other bent outwardly, all substantially as shown and described.

2. In a card-holding device, the combination, with a suitable holder, A, of the spring B C, with elastic arms, pressing by their extremities J D upon opposite sides of the holder, and attached automatically to the holder, substantially as shown and set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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