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CARD-RACK.

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Fig. 1.

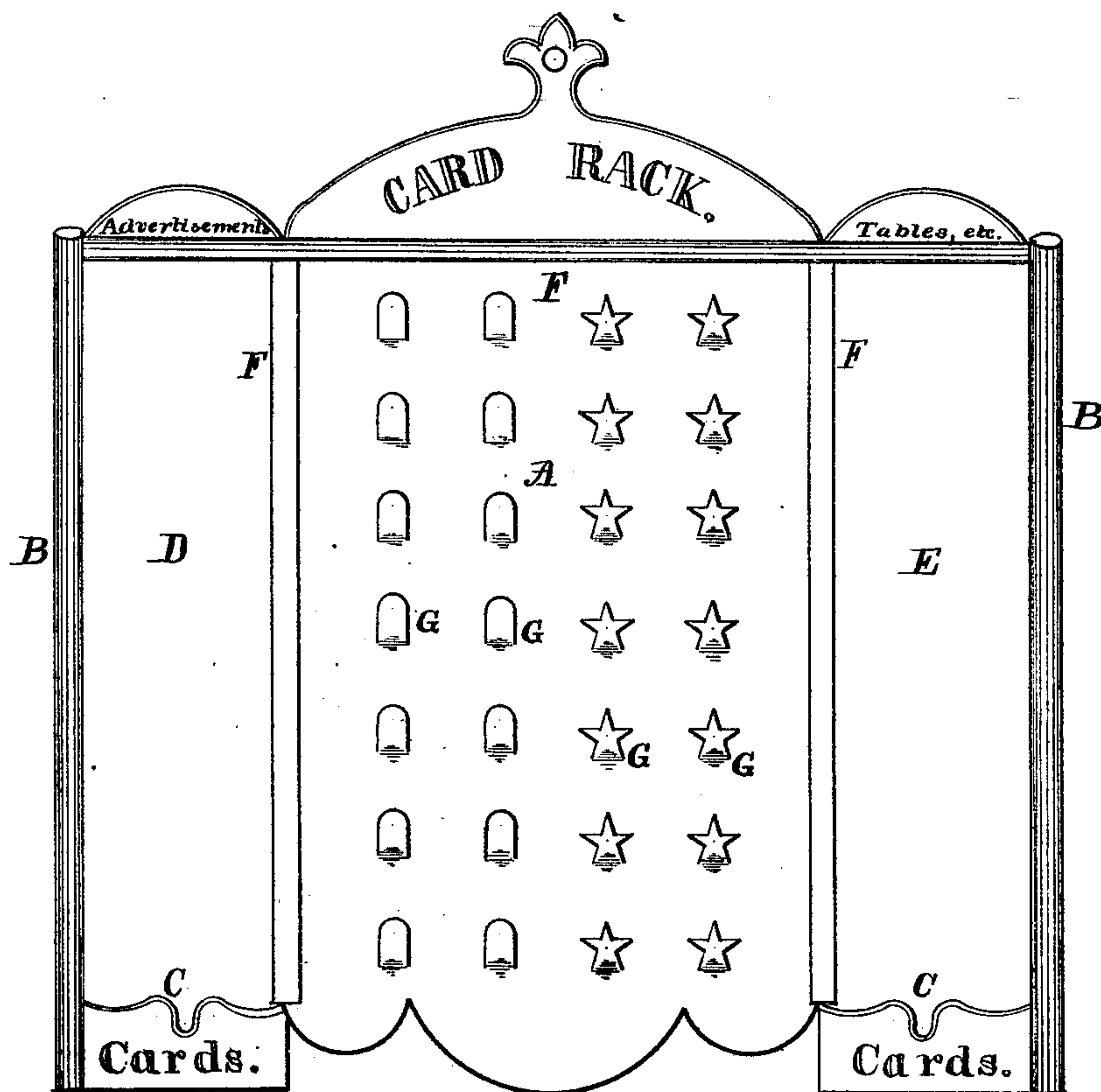


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN CARD-RACKS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, PETER G. TOEPFER, of the city of Milwaukee, in the county of Milwaukee and State of Wisconsin, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Card-Racks; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, 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 racks for holding business-cards, &c.; and the invention consists in a new and improved rack made of sheet metal, which can be readily attached to the wall, or suspended by a nail or tack in any convenient position, said rack being provided with a display of advertisements, or for preserving memoranda, with boxes for holding business-cards, and with projecting lips for holding and displaying cards, all as hereinafter more fully set forth.

My invention is further explained by reference to the accompanying drawings.

Figure 1 is a perspective view. Fig. 2 is a side view.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

A is a sheet-metal plate, which forms the ground-work of my card-rack. B is the frame, which consists of a hollow tube of the same material, and is formed by rolling over the respective edges of the plate until they come in contact with the front of the plate, where they are soldered or otherwise secured. C C are card-boxes, also formed of the same material, and may be formed from the edge of the same plate, which is first cut while flat and then compressed, in the shape shown, against the body of the plate, and soldered or otherwise secured against the front side of the plate A. G are

the card-holders or lips, which are made by compressing the metal plate A from the back side with suitable dies for the purpose, which severs three sides of the holder or lip G from the plate, leaving the lip G attached to the plate at its lower edge only. The lower edge of the lip is sunken in at nearly a right angle toward the front side of the plate, or at as abrupt an angle as the metal will bear without breaking, leaving a space between the lip G and the plate A to accommodate the cards.

The lip G is bent inward, as shown in Fig. 2, toward the plate, so that it will press more firmly against the card, while the extreme upper edge of the lip may be bent slightly outward, that the card may be easily inserted.

The lips may be formed in various ornamental shapes, representing hands, leaves, stars, crosses, &c.

D is a column for advertisements. E is a column for tables and memoranda, such as are in most common use. The edges of the lips G are cut in such a manner that they are left serrated, which serrated edges serve to hold the cards more firmly in their places. F F are ornamental pieces, which serve to support the advertisements, tables, memoranda, &c., in their places.

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

The herein-described card-rack, made of sheet metal with rolled edges B, card-boxes C, and lips G, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

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

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