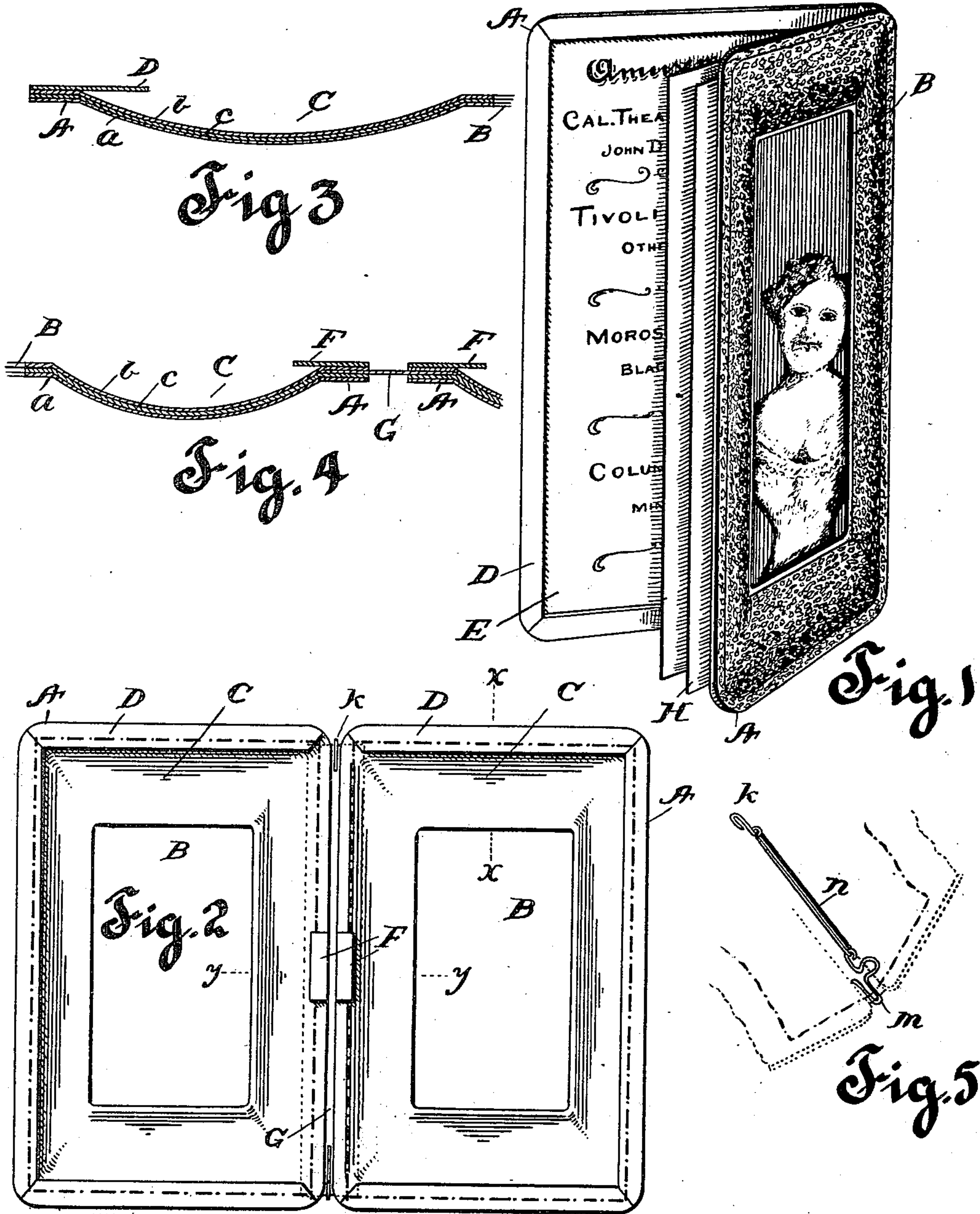


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## BILL-OF-FARE HOLDER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, MATHURIN C. ROBICHAU, a citizen of the United States, residing at San Francisco, in the county of San Francisco and State of California, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bill-of-Fare Holders; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My present invention is an improvement in a bill-of-fare holder, designed for its simplicity, durability, and economy in the matter of manufacture, its attractiveness, and its adaptableness to the ready reception and prominent display of certain advertising matter.

The holder is essentially a two-leaf folding cover adapted to receive and protect an ordinary daily bill of fare, while the advertising feature resides in readily receiving and holding in place cards on which are printed or otherwise shown certain advertising or other matter.

In order to provide means for quickly receiving and holding the bill of fare or releasing it for replacement when desired, I have designed a simple and compact clamp.

My invention more particularly resides in the novel combination, construction, and arrangement of parts, all as more fully herein-after described, and set forth in the claim.

In the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification, and in which similar letters of reference are employed to designate corresponding parts, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the complete holder, showing the bill of fare in place. Fig. 2 is an inside view of the holder, showing the leaves fully open. Fig. 3 is a section, on an enlarged scale, taken on the line *x x* of Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is a similar view on the line *y y* of Fig. 2. Fig. 5 is a perspective view of the clamp for holding the bill of fare in place.

Referring to the several views by letter, A represents the halves or leaves of the holder, the body of which is built up essentially of the outer covering of leatherette or any other suitable attractive material, the inner surface of cardboard, and an intermediate layer of cardboard. These layers I will designate as *a*, *b*, and *c*, respectively, and after they

are glued and pressed together it will be readily seen that they form a rigid durable body. Cut entirely through each leaf is an opening B, while the space between the edges of this opening B and the outer edges of the leaves A is pressed outward from the inner surface of the leaf to form a concave groove C, as shown in Figs. 3 and 4.

Projecting inward and glued to the inner face of the upper, lower, and outer edges of the leaves A are the strips D, which form, with the surface of the concave groove C, a channel for the admission of a card E. The card is inserted near the hinged edges of the leaves and slid up until the entire inside surface of the leaf is covered and the three edges of the card hidden beneath the strips D. As this card is slid in the central portion is apt to bow up, and it would be a difficult matter to get the entire three edges under the strips D were it not for the groove C, which enables the card being pressed downward into the groove and readily entered beneath the strips.

One side of the card E is printed with any desirable advertising matter, such as the attractions to be seen at the various theaters, while the reverse side of the card is devoted to some attractive picture, such as a portrait of a leading actress then playing at one of said theaters. The first-mentioned printed matter is shown from the interior of the holder, while the portrait appears through the opening B. In order to prevent these cards from slipping out of place, I have provided the short strips F under which the card is sprung.

In order to hinge the two leaves A of the holder together, I have provided the strip of hinge-cloth G, which is glued between the cardboard surfaces *b* and *c*, as shown in Fig. 4.

In order to permit the bill of fare H being quickly clamped in place or removed for replacing, I have provided the means shown in Fig. 5, which consists of a little bent-over arm *k*, which is pressed together and permanently secured to the upper edge of the hinge G and under which the bill of fare is slipped, while the lower edge of the bill of fare is held in place by the U-shaped wire clamp *m*, which slips over the edge of the bill of fare and the edge of the hinge. For sake of security I may find it desirable to connect the members *k* and *m* by means of a rubber band *n*.

From the above description it will be seen that I have provided a very simple, durable, and attractive holder, and one in which the bill of fare can be quickly clamped or removed  
5 for replacement, while the interchangeable nature of the advertising feature adds greatly to its usefulness and value.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

10 A bill-of-fare holder or the like consisting of a plurality of hinged leaves provided with

perforations, channels on one side of said leaves and adapted to receive a card, said leaves being pressed outward between said perforations and said channels, for the purpose set forth. 15

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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