

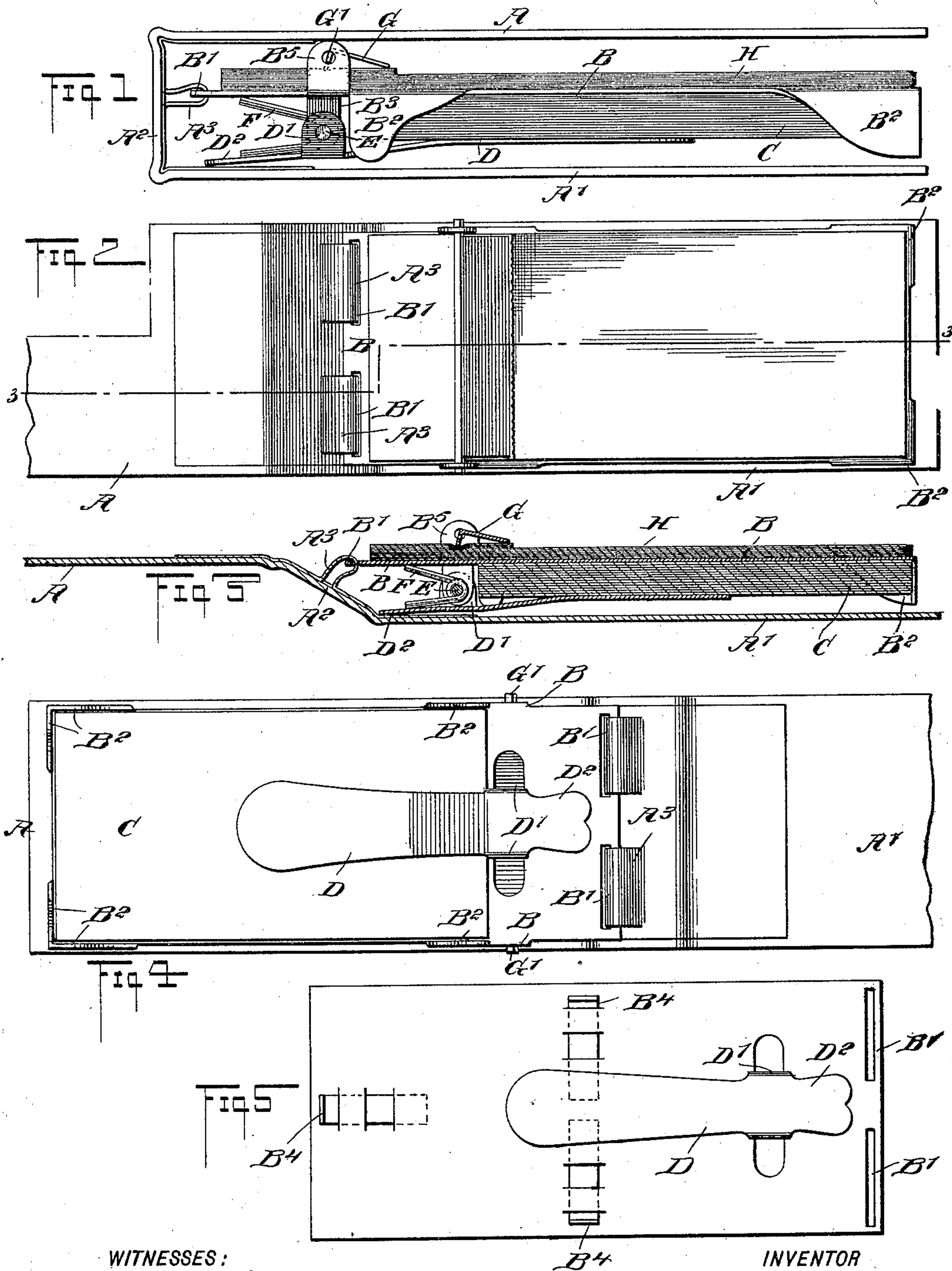
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CARD-HOLDER AND MEMORANDUM-BOOK.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DAVID T. HELPRIN, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city of New York, borough of Manhattan, in the county and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Card-Holder and Memorandum-Book, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The object of the invention is to provide a new and improved card-holder and memorandum-book arranged to conveniently and removably hold visiting-cards, business-cards, and the like and to provide detachable leaves for noting down memoranda, &c.

The invention consists of novel features and parts and combinations of the same, as will be fully described hereinafter and then pointed out in the claims.

A practical embodiment of the invention is represented in the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views.

Figure 1 is a side elevation of the improvement. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the same with the cover in an open position. Fig. 3 is a longitudinal sectional elevation of the same on the line 3-3 in Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is a plan view of the improvement with the memorandum-book and card-holder moved over upon the opposite cover, and Fig. 5 is a plan view of a modified form of the card-holder.

The covers A A', of cardboard, leather, or other suitable material, are connected with each other by a flexible back A², supporting leaves A³, engaging eyes B' on the inner end of a plate B, of sheet metal or other suitable stiff material. On one side of the plate B are arranged integral lugs B², against which about the edges of visiting-cards C, held in position by a spring-pressed clamp D, engaging the face of the outermost card resting on the plate B. The clamp D is preferably formed with lugs D', engaged by a pivot E, held on similar lugs B³, struck up from the plate B near the inner end thereof, and said clamp D is also provided with an inwardly-extending finger-piece D², pressed on by one end of a spring F, resting with the other end on the plate B and coiled around the pivot-pin E, as is plainly indicated in Figs. 1 and 3.

As shown in the drawings, the clamp D ex-

tends lengthwise of the card-holder; but I do not limit myself to this particular construction and arrangement, and the lugs B² for holding the cards against lateral displacement may be made integral, as shown in Figs. 1, 2, and 3, or the same may be made adjustable, as indicated at B⁴ in Fig. 5, to permit the use of different-sized cards on the same supporting-plate.

When it is desired to remove a card, the operator presses the finger-piece D², so as to lift the clamp off the uppermost card, and then this card can be removed, and after the operator releases the pressure on the finger-piece the spring F returns the clamp and presses the card that is now uppermost on the plate B.

It is understood that by the arrangement described the plate B, with the cards, is swung upon the cover A, as shown in Fig. 4, when it is desired to remove a card; but when it is desired to enter a memorandum or other matter then the plate is swung back upon the cover A', as shown in Figs. 1, 2, and 3. For the purpose mentioned a clamp G is provided on the side of the plate B opposite the one containing the cards C and the clamp D, and this clamp G is adapted to engage and lock a memorandum book or leaves H in position on the plate B opposite the cards C. As shown, the clamp G is preferably made L-shaped, with trunnions G', mounted to turn in lugs B⁵, struck up from the plate B, said clamp G having one member for pressing the leaves and the other member for engaging the leaves to form a tearing-off edge for easily tearing off a leaf after the same has been used. (See Fig. 3.)

When the memorandum book or leaves H has been completely used up, then a new one can be substituted and the leaves torn out along the edge of the clamp G, as above described.

From the foregoing it is evident that the plate B supports at one side the memorandum book or leaves and on the other side visiting or business cards, and by having the plate hinged to the flexible back it can be readily swung from one leaf to the other, so as to bring either the memorandum-book or the cards into an uppermost position when the corresponding cover is opened.

The device is very useful, simple, and durable in construction, and can be cheaply manufactured.

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

1. A card-holder and memorandum-book, comprising covers connected with each other by a flexible back, a plate hinged to said back
10 and arranged to extend between the covers, a clamp on one side of the plate for holding cards and a clamp on the other side of the plate for holding a book or leaves, as set forth.

2. A card-holder comprising covers connected by a back, a plate hinged at one end to the back, lugs on said plate for the edges of the cards to abut against, and a spring-clamp pivoted on the plate to engage the uppermost card, as set forth.

3. A card and memorandum-book holder comprising a plate hinged at one end to a support, lugs arranged at one side of the plate for the edges of the cards to abut against, a spring-clamp for engaging the uppermost
25 card, and a clamp for engaging the memorandum-book or the leaves, at the side of the plate opposite the cards, the said clamp hav-

ing a member for pressing the leaves, and a member forming a tearing-off edge for the leaves, as set forth. 30

4. A card-holder and a memorandum-book, comprising covers connected with each other by a flexible back, a plate hinged to said back and arranged to extend between the covers, lugs rising from said plate at one side thereof, and clamps on opposite sides of said plate, one for holding the cards and the other for holding the memorandum-book or the leaves, as set forth. 35

5. A card-holder and a memorandum-book, comprising covers connected with each other by a flexible back a plate arranged to extend between the covers and having eyes at one end engaging loops on the back at or near the middle thereof, and clamps on opposite
45 sides of the plate for the purpose set forth.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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