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Fig. 1.

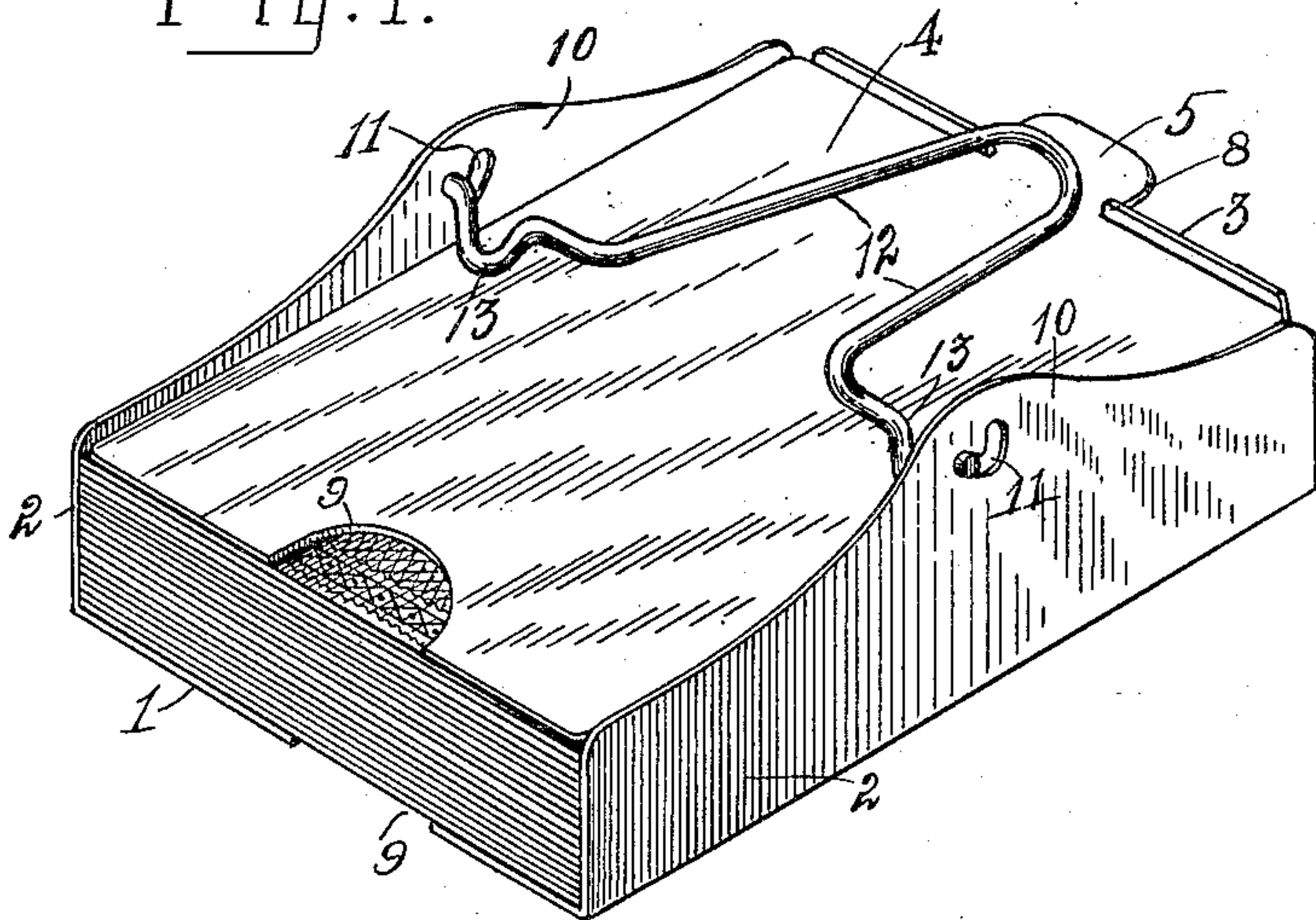


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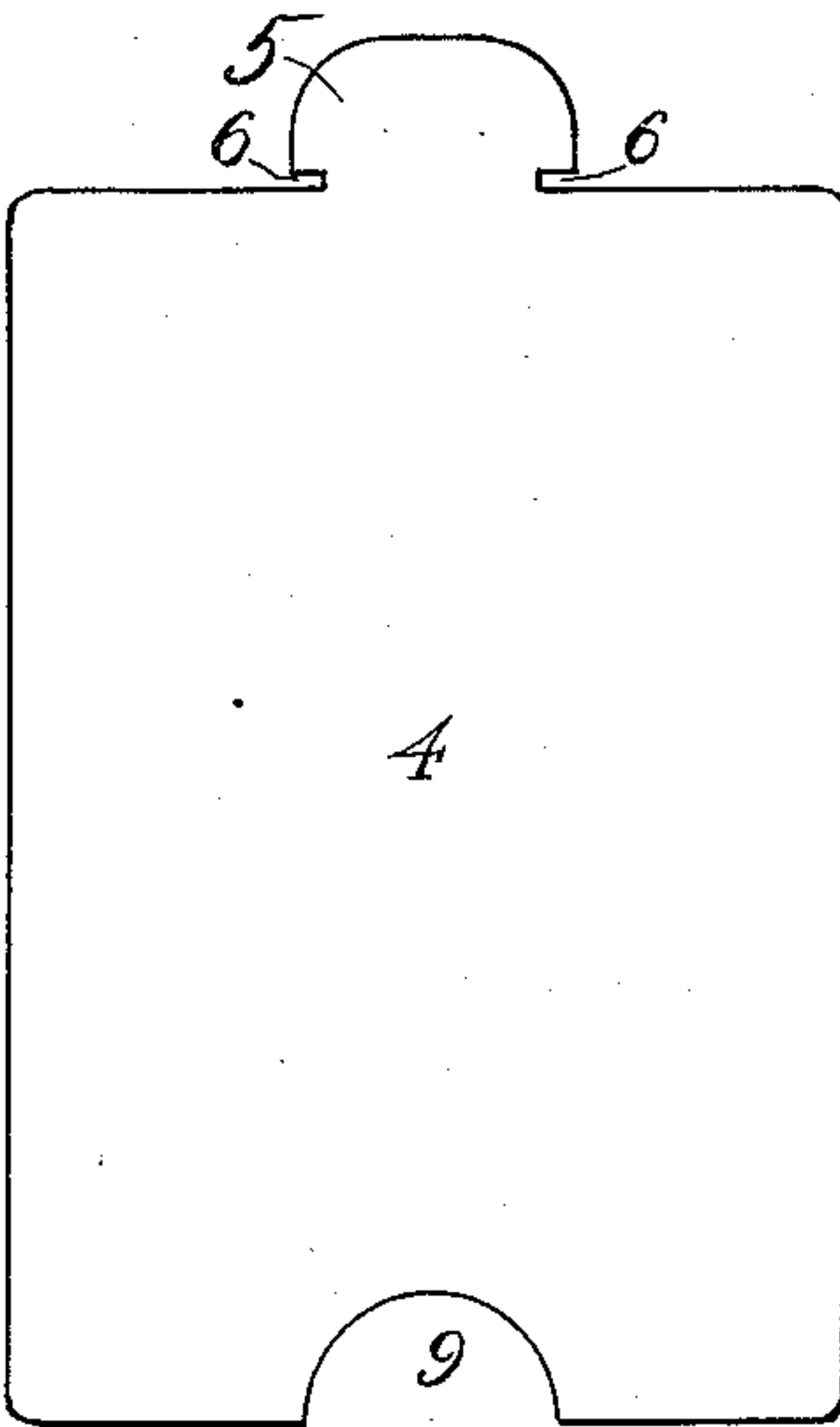
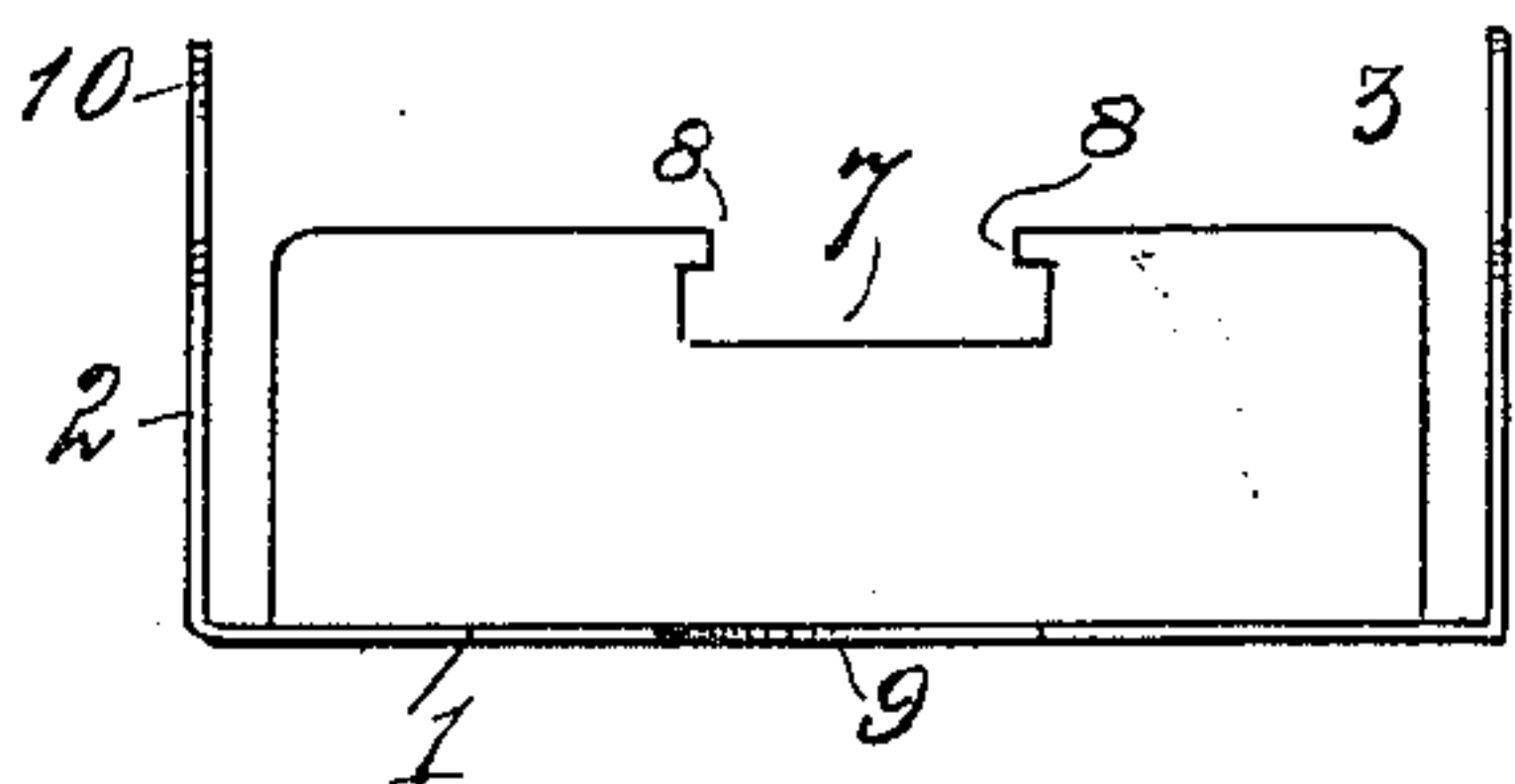


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BENEDICT RENSCH, a citizen of the United States, residing at Toledo, in the county of Lucas and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Card-Holders; and I do 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, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

15 Playing cards when not in use are usually allowed to lie around loose so that they become soiled, bent, and shabby and are soon unfit for use.

My invention relates to a card-holder which overcomes the difficulties here indicated and which, more particularly, is designed to hold a pack of playing cards smooth flat and compressed and protected against dust and loss of the cards. I attain these objects by means of the devices and arrangement of parts hereinafter described and shown, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which,—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my card-holder containing a pack of playing cards, the pack being compressed and secured in the holder; Fig. 2, an end-view of my holder with the cards removed and with the top and the lever hereinafter referred to, detached, and Fig. 3, a top-plan view of the top-plate hereinafter referred to, detached.

Like parts are represented by corresponding numerals throughout the drawings.

My card-holder consists of a sheet metal elongated rectangular box of which, in the drawings, 1 is the bottom, 2—2 the sides, and 3 one end. The top and the remaining end are open.

4 is a sheet metal plate constituting a detachable top or cover for the case. At one end of the plate 4, midway of its width, is a projection 5 notched at each side, as at 6.

In the top margin of the end-piece of the box, 3, is a notch 7, the upper corners of the notch being provided with inwardly projecting fingers 8. The fingers 8 approach each other so nearly as to prevent the notches 6 from slipping over the fingers simultaneously, but when the plate 4 is tilted sidewise the fingers 8 may be slipped through the notches 6. Now when the plate 4 is placed

parallel with the bottom of the box the fingers 8 form pivots upon which the plate 4 may be tilted. The plate 4 being in position, the distance between this plate and the bottom is sufficient to receive loosely an ordinary pack of playing cards. When the cards are in the case the top-plate 4 cannot be tilted sidewise and the plate cannot be disengaged from the fingers 8 until the cards have been removed from the case.

The forward end of the bottom of the box and the plate 4 are notched, as at 9, to permit the thumb and finger of the hand to grasp the exposed portion of the pack of cards so that the pack may be readily introduced into or withdrawn from the case. When the pack is to be slipped into the case the projecting portion 5 is pressed downwardly causing the forward end of the plate 4 to tilt upwardly thus providing a wide mouth of the box into which the pack of cards may be readily slipped.

Each of the sides 2 is extended upwardly, as at 10, to form a lug or ear, these lugs or ears being pierced transversely with a downwardly curved slot 11, one end of which lies lower than the other.

12 is a stout wire bail bent as shown, its ends projecting into the slots 11 which form bearings for the pivotal support of the bail. The bail near each end is provided with a short bend 13 projecting substantially at a right angle to the plane of the bail and in such position that when the bail is turned backwardly flat upon the top-plate 4 the bends 13 engage and press downwardly, with much force, the plate 4, thus tightly compressing the pack of cards within the case. The bail is of sufficient resiliency to permit the ends to be sprung toward each other so that the ends of the bail may be readily introduced into or withdrawn from the slots 11. By pivoting the bail in the lower ends of the slots 11 the bail 12, which forms a lever, is fulcrumed closer to the plate 4 than when the bail is pivoted at the upper ends of the curved slots 11. Thus the case may be made to accommodate packs of cards of greater or less thickness.

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

1. In a device of the described character, a sheet metal case, having a bottom two sides and one end, a cover detachably and pivotally connected with the upper margin of the

end, a lever pivotally engaged with the sides of the case and having projecting portions adapted to engage the top of the cover when the lever is thrown into substantially parallel relation with the top.

2. In a device of the described character, a case comprising a bottom, one end, two sides having upwardly projecting ears, said ears being pierced to form a plurality of bearings, a lever fulcrumed in said bearings and having portions which project at an angle to the plane of the lever, a top pivotally connected with the end of the case and arranged for contact with said projecting portions upon the lever.

3. In a device of the described character, a sheet metal case, comprising a bottom two sides and one end, the sides having upwardly projecting ears pierced respectively to form a plurality of bearings, a lever fulcrumed in an opposed pair of the bearings and having projecting portions near the bearings, and a cover for the case having a projecting portion which overlaps the end of the box, the end of the box and the cover being notched respectively to form pivotal connections between the end of the case and the corresponding end of the cover.

4. In a device of the described character, a sheet metal case comprising a bottom two sides and one end, the sides having up-

wardly projecting ears pierced respectively to form a plurality of bearings, a lever fulcrumed in an opposed pair of said bearings and having projecting portions near the bearings, and a cover for the case having a projecting portion which overlaps the end of the box, the end of the box and the cover being notched respectively to form pivotal connections between the end of the case and the corresponding end of the cover, there being a notch in the forward end of the cover and a corresponding notch in the forward end of the bottom of the case.

5. In a device of the described character, an elongated rectangular case open at one end and having a cover pivoted to the top at one end, upwardly projecting portions upon the side of the case, a lever—formed as a bail—fulcrumed at its opposite ends upon said upwardly projecting portions, and portions upon said bail near each end which project at substantially a right-angle to the plane of the bail and arranged to engage the top of the case when the bail is thrown into substantially parallel relation with said top.

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

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