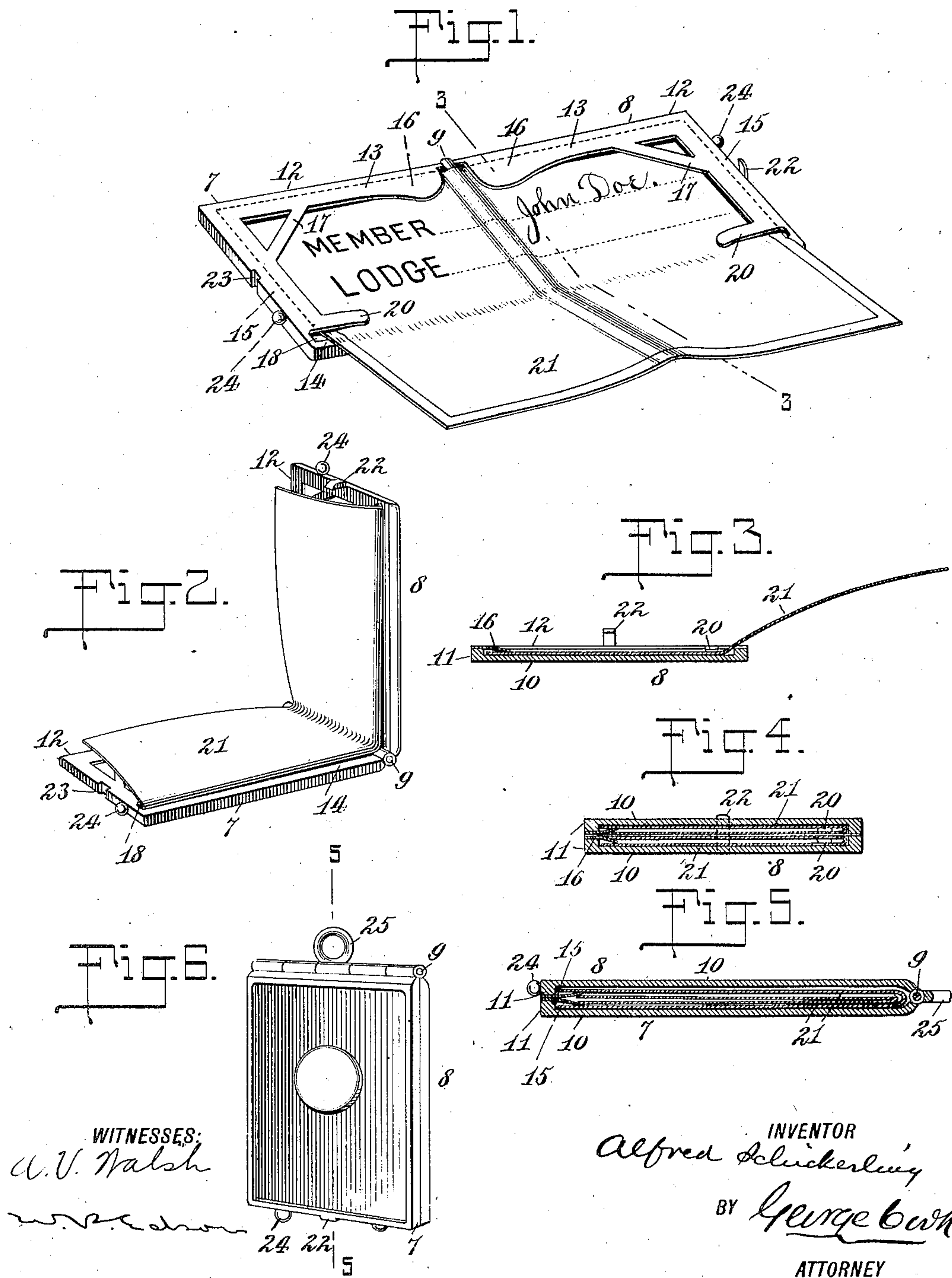


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALFRED SCHICKERLING, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of New York, borough of Manhattan, in the county of New York and State of New York, have made and invented certain new and useful Improvements in Card-Cases, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to an improvement in card cases, and more particularly to an article of this kind adapted for use in enclosing and containing an identification card or certificate of a lodge or fraternity, particularly that of the Elks' fraternity, and which may be worn or carried as a watch charm, or in the vest pocket of the wearer. Heretofore, these card cases have been made of a size sufficiently large to permit of the card or certificate being folded in half or once over, the result being that the case is large and cumbersome, at least so large as to prevent its use as a watch charm.

The object of my invention is to so construct the case that it will permit of the card or certificate being folded twice, thereby decreasing it to one-quarter of the size of the contained card, and rendering it far neater in appearance and capable of being nicely and conveniently carried in the vest pocket, or suspended on a watch charm.

With these and other ends in view, the invention consists in certain novel features of construction as will be hereinafter fully described and pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a view of my improved card case in its open position and containing an identification card or certificate. Fig. 2 is a view of the case partly open, and the contained certificate partially folded. Fig. 3 is a sectional view taken on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a cross sectional view of the case in its closed position. Fig. 5 is a sectional view of the case in its closed position and taken on the line 5—5 of Fig. 6. Fig. 6 is a view in perspective of the case in its closed adjustment.

Referring to the drawings, it will be seen that the card case is made up of two substantially like sections, 7 and 8, hinged together at their adjacent transverse edges, the two sections turning on the pintle 9. Each of these sections comprises a plate 10, the two side edges and free end thereof being bent or turned up into the form of a flange

11. On the upper edge of this flange is soldered or otherwise secured, a holding or retaining frame 12, comprising the two sides 13, 14, and the end 15, the side 14 having straight edges, as illustrated in Fig. 2, the side 13 being provided with the widened or enlarged and downwardly projecting portion 16 and connected to the side 15 by means of the cross strip 17. The end strip 15 is provided with a slot 18 and the inwardly and downwardly projecting finger 20, as clearly illustrated in Fig. 1.

In securing the identification card or certificate within this card case, the upper edge of the same is first passed into the slots 18 formed in the end strips 15 of the retaining frame, and under the fingers 20, and then passed under the frame until its upper edge lies under the strips 13 of the retaining frame, the widened or enlarged and downwardly projecting portions 16 and the downwardly and inwardly projecting fingers 20 retaining the card in position under the frame and against the plates 10. This card is then folded in half longitudinally until its lower edge rests upon the strips 13 of the retaining frame. At the two sections 7 and 8 are then folded together, the card 21 is again folded transversely, the sections being held in their closed position by means of the tongue 22 formed on or secured to the section 8, and fitting in the slots 23 formed in the section 7, a button or ball 24 being formed on or secured to each section for the purpose of facilitating the opening thereof. If desired, a ring 25 may also be secured to the hinge, whereby to attach it to a watch chain. When these sections are open or separated, the card partially unfolds, and when the sections are entirely open, the card may also be fully unfolded as illustrated in Fig. 1.

The case constructed, as above described, is neat in appearance, small in size, in fact just one-half of the size that has heretofore been used for the same purpose, permitting it to be carried as a watch charm, or conveniently carried in the vest pocket of the wearer.

What I claim is.

1. A card case comprising two rectangular sections hinged together, a frame secured to each section and spaced apart therefrom so that the edge of a card may lie between the frames and the sections to which they are attached, and said frames being arranged

upon the surfaces of said sections which are inmost when the case is closed, said frames being cut away adjacent the lower ends of the sections to thereby provide an opening 5 through which a card of a width corresponding substantially with the combined width of the two sections when open may be placed within the case and beneath the frames.

10 2. A card case comprising two rectangular sections hinged together, a frame secured to each section and spaced apart therefrom so that the edge of a card may lie between the frames and the sections to which they 15 are attached, and said frames being arranged upon the surfaces of said sections which are inmost when the case is closed, said frames extending across the upper ends of the sections and down the edges thereof

remote from the hinge connection and hav- 20 ing each a slot adjacent the lower ends of the sections, which slots together provide an opening of sufficient length to permit a card of a width corresponding substantially 25 with the combined width of the two sections when open to be placed within the case, each of said frames having a projecting portion bent toward the section to which the frame is attached to thereby form a clip for more 30 securely holding a card in place.

Signed at New York, borough of Manhattan, in the county of New York, and State of New York, this 9th day of February, A. D. 1910.

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