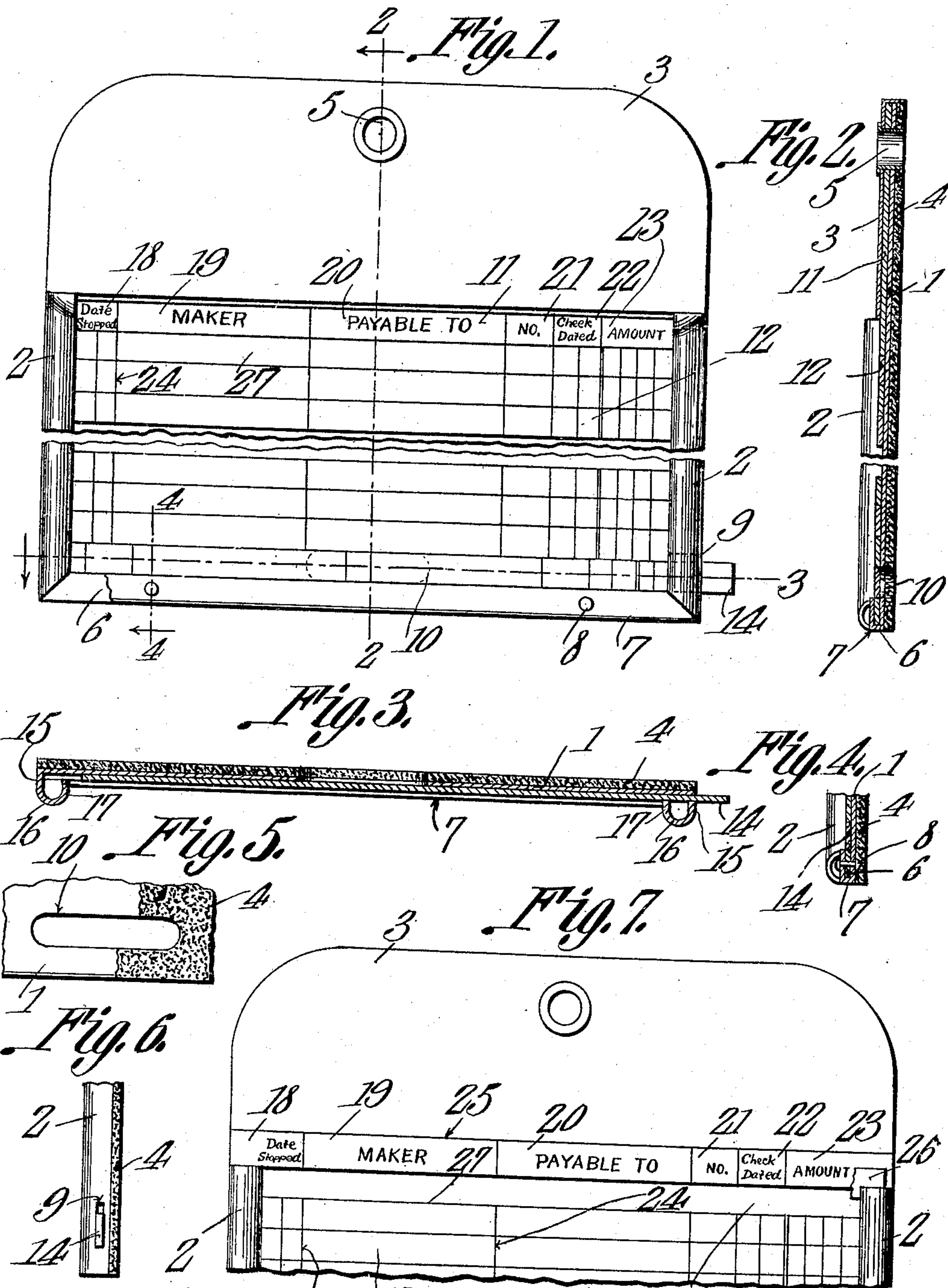


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## CARD-HOLDER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, GEORGE W. BARNETT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Card-Holder, of which the following is a specification.

It is the object of this invention to provide a holder adapted to receive and to hold slidably, a series of cards, the construction of the device being such that the lowermost card of the series may readily be grasped and slid endwise out of the holder, without displacing or disturbing the other cards of the series.

Another object of the invention is to improve generally, and to render more efficient, the several constituent elements of the card-holder.

The drawings show preferred embodiments merely, and it is to be understood that changes, properly falling within the scope of what is claimed, may be made, without departing from the spirit of the invention.

Similar numerals of reference are employed to denote corresponding parts throughout the several figures of the drawings.

In the accompanying drawings,—Figure 1 is a front elevation, parts being broken away; Fig. 2 is a longitudinal section upon the line 2—2 of Fig. 1; Fig. 3 is a transverse section upon the line 3—3 of Fig. 1; Fig. 4 is a partial longitudinal section upon the line 4—4 of Fig. 1; Fig. 5 is a fragmental rear elevation of the lower portion of the device, parts being broken away; Fig. 6 is a fragmental edge elevation; and Fig. 7 is a front elevation showing a slight modification.

The invention includes as a primary and fundamental element, a back 1, preferably in the form of a flat metallic plate. Along opposite edges of this back 1, are disposed clips 2. If desired, these clips may be fashioned integrally with the back 1, by bending over the edges of the same. The clips 2 extend to the bottom of the back 1, but terminate short of the top thereof, to provide for the mounting upon the back 1, adjacent its top, of a facing 3, preferably fashioned from leather or the like, the object of the facing 3 being to provide a surface upon which advertising matter or the like may be printed. The facing 3 is carried around the

edges of the back 1, and to the rear face of the back is secured a covering 4, preferably of cloth, the same overlapping the edges of the facing 3. At the top of the back 1 there is a hole 5, or other means whereby the device may be suspended from a nail.

The ends of a stop 6, in the present instance shown in the form of a flat strip, are inserted beneath the overhanging clips 2 adjacent the lower ends of the same. The bottom of the back 1 is rolled over as shown at 7 to bind upon the stop 6, and to fit against the lower ends of the clips 2. For the securing of the stop 6 in place, rivets 8 or the like may be extended through the stop and through the portion 7 of the bottom 1.

In the side wall of one of the clips 2, and adjacent its lower end, is an opening 9. In the back 1, adjacent the lower end thereof, there is an elongated opening 10, extended transversely of the back.

The device is adapted to retain a plurality of cards denoted generally by the numeral 12. These cards are of such a length that their ends may be engaged by the overhanging ends of the clips 2.

The uppermost card of the series, denoted by the numeral 11, is preferably secured in place upon the back 1, in any desired manner, the clips 2 being, in some instances, bent slightly at their upper ends to bear against the card 11. The other cards of the series however, are mounted beneath the clips 2 for transverse sliding movement, the clips 2 serving to prevent the several cards from being displaced from the back 1.

The lowermost card 14 of the series is adapted to rest upon the stop 6. The opening 9 in one of the clips is of a sufficient size to permit the lowermost card 14 only to be slid endwise through the opening 9, out of the holder. The width of the opening 10 in the back 1 is preferably no greater than the width of the lowermost card 14, it being understood that all of the several movable cards of the series are fashioned of the same width, so that all of them, successively, with the exception of the fixed uppermost card 11, may be slid endwise through the opening 9.

The clips may be fashioned in any desired manner. Preferably, however, the remote edges of the back 1 are first bent rectangularly as denoted by the numeral 15, and thence rounded as at 16, so that the ends



17 of the clips 2 overhang the several cards 12, whereby the cards may be retained against the back 1, without undue friction between the cards and the clips 2.

5 The device is adapted for a wide variety of uses which will readily suggest themselves to the user. It is peculiarly adapted, however, for use in banking houses, as a record of checks upon which the payment has  
10 been stopped, in such case, the uppermost card 11 may be inscribed as follows, beginning from its left hand end. At its left hand end the card 11 is inscribed as at 18, with the words "Date stopped", followed  
15 successively, as at 19, by the word "Maker;" at 20 by the words "Payable to;" at 21 by the inscription "No.;" at 22 by the words "Check dated;" and at 23, at the right hand end of the card, with the word "Amount."  
20 The several movable cards 12 and 14 are ruled vertically as at 24, to correspond with the several headings upon the fixed top card 11.

Presupposing that the device is filled, or  
25 partially filled, with cards, the operation of the same is as follows:—When payment is stopped upon a check, the proper spaces upon the uppermost of the movable cards, the same being denoted by the numeral 27,  
30 are properly filled out. When payment is stopped upon another check, the lowermost card 14 is removed and inserted at the top of the device, above the card 27, the operation of inserting the card 14 above the card  
35 27 being effected by springing the card slightly so that its ends may be inserted beneath the clips 2. As payment is successively stopped upon an increasing number of checks, each lowermost card is removed and  
40 inserted at the top of the device. In removing the lowermost card, the index finger of the hand of the operator is placed in the opening 10 in the back 1, and by reason of the fact that this opening preferably is no  
45 wider than the lowermost card 14, but one card can be grasped at a time, the index finger of the hand of the operator being prevented from coming into contact with the card which is next above the card 14. When  
50 the lowermost card 14 is grasped between the index finger and the thumb of the operator, the card 14 may be slid endwise through the opening 9 in one of the clips, it being noted that the opening 9 is but little  
55 larger than the width of a single card, whereby but one card at a time can pass endwise through the said opening. The stop 6 is so positioned that it will maintain the lowermost card 14 in proper alinement  
60 with the opening 9 in the clip, so that the said card may be readily slid endwise there-

through without lifting or otherwise manipulating the card.

The device may be modified to the extent indicated in Fig. 7. In such case, the fixed  
65 uppermost card 11 is dispensed with, the inscriptions upon the said card being imprinted directly upon the facing 3, as shown at 25; the clips 2 being left open at their upper ends, so that as shown at 26, the several  
70 cards 12 may be slipped into the clips 2, without springing the cards away from the back 1 to provide for the insertion of the ends of the cards beneath the clips 2.

Obviously, the operation of the device as  
75 hereinbefore set forth, may be departed from. For instance, when it is desired to arrange the cards alphabetically instead of chronologically, the bottom card may be removed and placed in any desired position,  
80 instead of at the top, thus preserving the alphabetical order.

Having thus described the invention what is claimed is:—

1. A device of the class described comprising a back provided along opposite edges  
85 with overhanging clips of equal length beneath which the ends of a plurality of cards are adapted to be inserted; one of said clips being provided with an unobstructed opening  
90 in its side wall through which a card is adapted to be moved endwise only; there being an opening in the back elongated transversely of the back to permit the finger  
95 of the operator to come into contact with the card to be moved and to slide the same endwise.

2. A device of the class described comprising a back provided along opposite edges  
100 with overhanging clips of equal length beneath which the ends of a plurality of cards are adapted to be held for transverse sliding movement and against displacement from the back; one of said clips being provided in  
105 its side wall and adjacent its bottom, with an unobstructed opening through which the lowermost card of the series is adapted to be slid endwise only, there being an opening in the back elongated transversely of the back  
110 and of size to permit the finger of the operator to come into contact with the lowermost card only and to slide the same endwise; and a stop located adjacent the bottom of the back to aline the lowermost card with the  
115 opening.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own, I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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