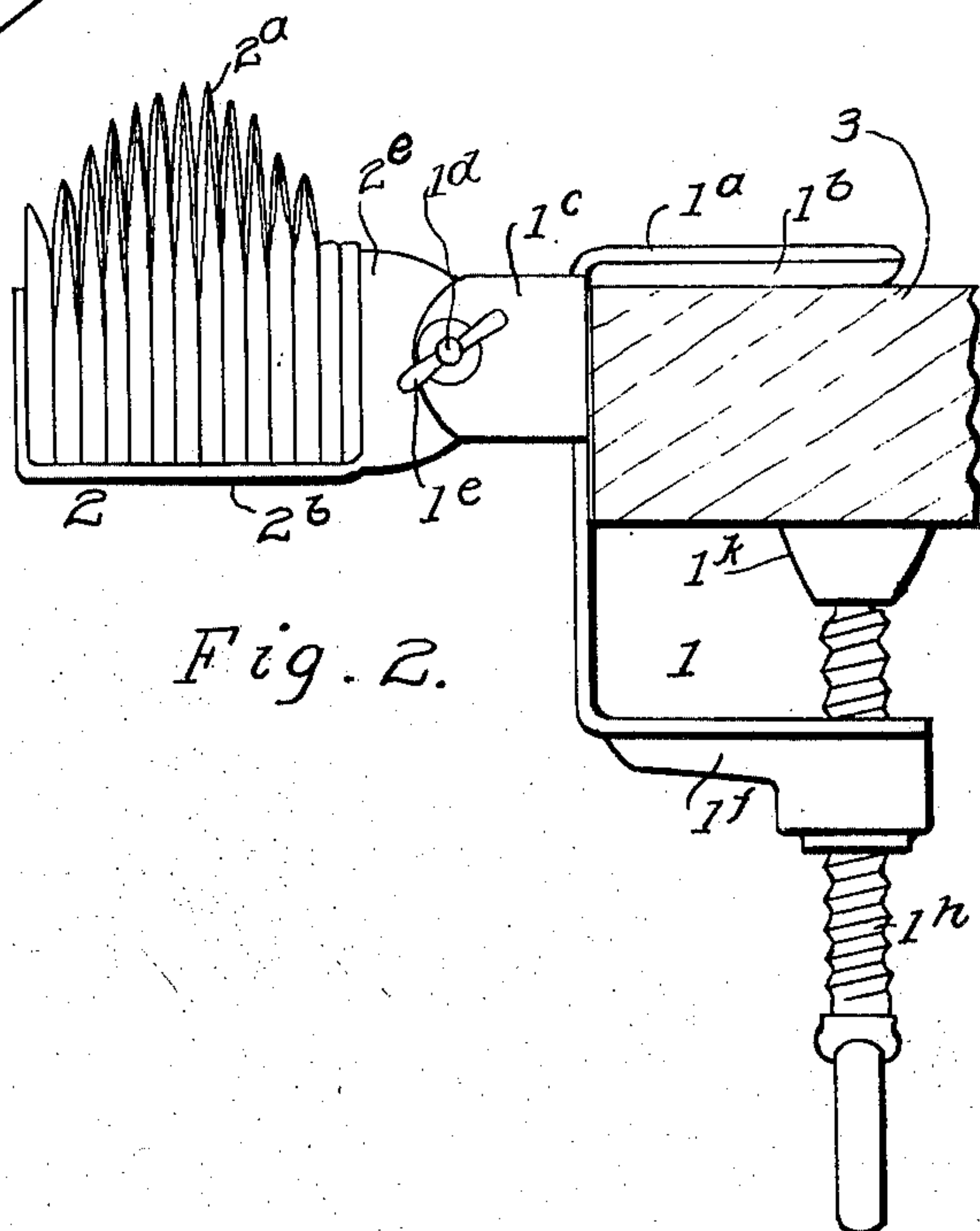
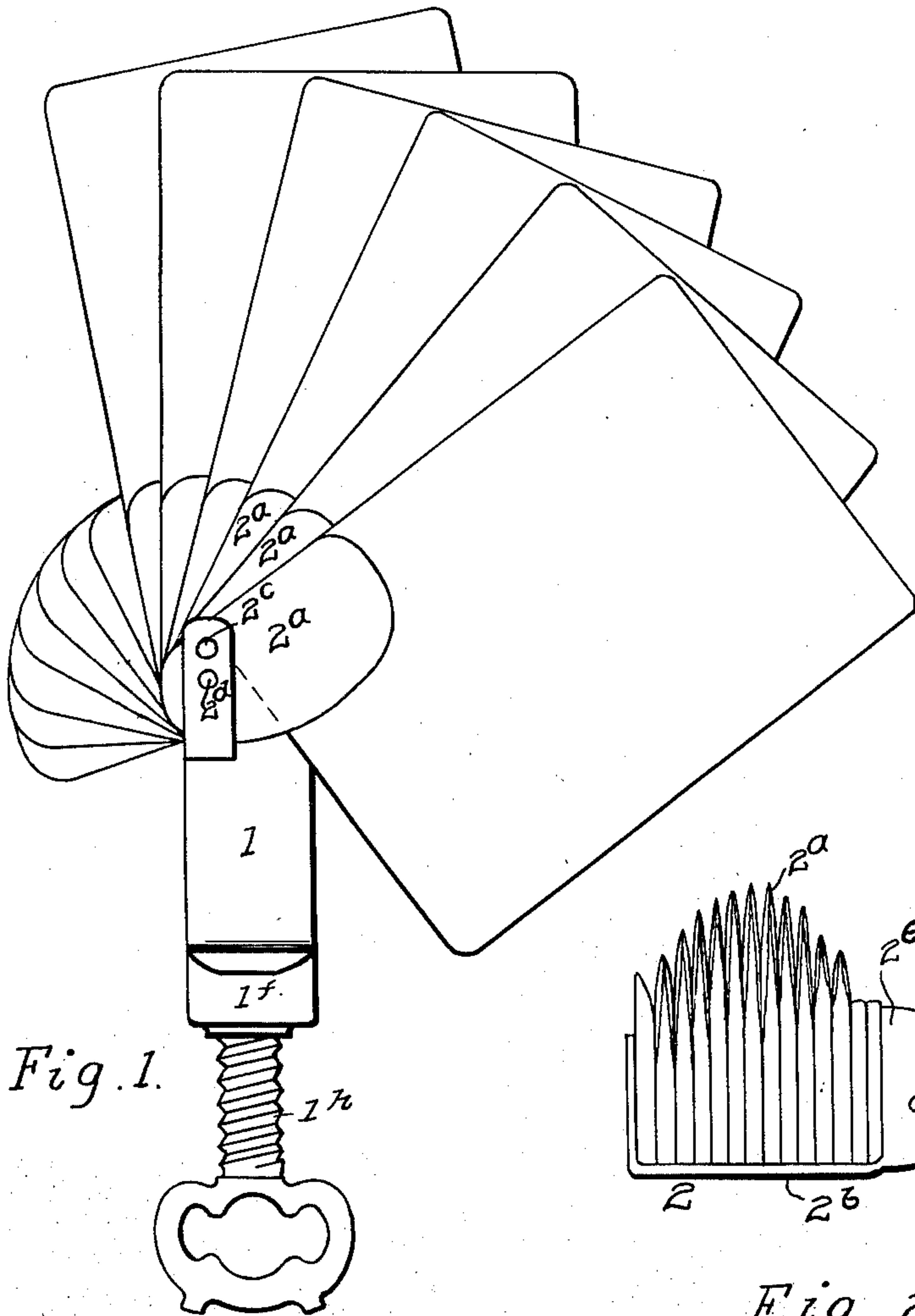


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES WILDER, a citizen of Canada, residing at San Diego, in the county of San Diego and State of California, have invented a new and useful Improved Playing-Card Holder, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

My invention relates to a playing card holder for holding and displaying cards, and to be used more particularly by cripples with only one hand, etc., the object being to provide a device of the character described that is easily attached to a table or other object and further is simple and economical of construction and durable. I attain these objects by the device illustrated in the accompanying drawings in which—

Figure 1 is a front elevational view thereof, and Fig. 2 is a side elevational view.

Similar characters of reference refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

The holder is composed of a clamp 1 and card retainer 2. The clamp is preferably made as shown but may be varied in construction.

Numerals 3 represents a section of a table to which the clamp is attached. The portion 1^a extending over the table is provided on its under side with a cushion 1^b of soft material, preferably rubber, and extending from the main frame on each side are double wings 1^c adapted to close together and be held closed by means of a screw 1^d which is provided with a thumb nut 1^e. Inserted in the lower portion 1^f of the frame is a thumb screw 1^h which is provided at its top with a cushion 1^k, which is of soft material, preferably rubber.

The card retainer is composed of a plurality of members 2^a with beveled edges as shown best in Fig. 2 so the cards may be inserted between them without difficulty, and are shaped as shown best in Fig. 1. These members 2^a are clamped and held together by a clamp 2^b which is provided

with two bolts 2^c and 2^d running through each member and holding them in their relative positions. Each member 2^a is set a little to one side of the former member, allowing a portion on each successive one after the first to be seen. Clamp 2 is also provided with a wing 2^e adapted to fit between the two wings 1^c of the clamp so that when the thumb nut 1^e is tightened the card retainer 2 is held in any position desired by the friction of the members 1^c and 2^e. It will readily be seen that this device is readily clamped to a table or stand and the frictional adjustment allows the card retainer to be adjusted to a position suitable to the player, and that the cards may be inserted successively between the members 2^a of the card retainer and the clamp 2^b causes the cards to retain the position in which they are inserted.

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

1. A playing card holder, comprising a plurality of like members with beveled edges and each successive one offset a little to one side of the former one and a clamp for holding said members in said relative position to each other, all substantially as set forth.

2. In a playing card holder, the combination of a plurality of like members with beveled edges at their top, each successive one offset a little to one side of the former one and a clamp provided with two bolts and adapted to hold said members in said relative positions to each other, means for holding said clamp in an adjusted position, and means for attaching said holder to a table, all substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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