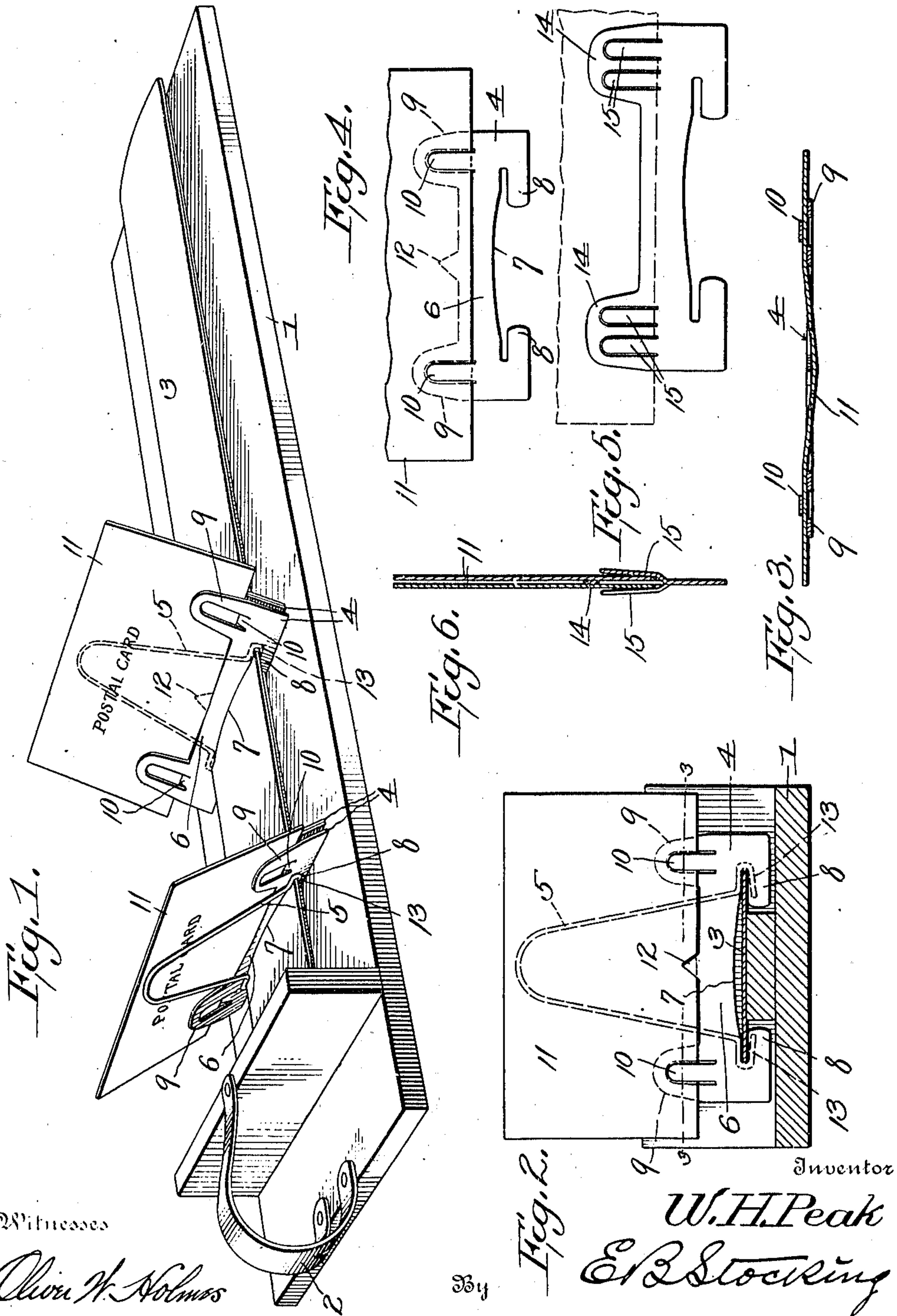


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM H. PEAK, a citizen of the United States, residing at Anna, county of Union, State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Card-Holders, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawing.

This invention relates to a card holder especially adapted to be used in connection with card index files, for displaying postal cards and for displaying cards used in making out monthly receipt bills, the object of the invention being to provide a card holder which is exceedingly simple and cheap in construction.

Another object of my invention is to provide a card holder loosely mounted upon a guide whereby the same may be moved longitudinally thereon and thrown to an oblique position in order to allow the card to be readily inspected.

Another object of my invention is to provide a holder which is formed of sheet metal having tongues punched therefrom for engaging the card to be held whereby the same will be firmly supported thereon.

A still further object of the invention is to provide a holder having a spur adapted to engage a card when in position under the tongues so as to hold the card in such manner that all danger of the same becoming displaced is prevented.

Other and further objects and advantages of the invention will be hereinafter set forth and the novel features thereof defined by the appended claims.

In the drawing—Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved invention; Fig. 2 is a transverse section through the same; Fig. 3 is a section taken on line 3—3 of Fig. 2; Fig. 4 is a detail view showing a card placed therein in a slightly different manner; Fig. 5 is a detail front view of a modified form of holder; and Fig. 6 is a vertical transverse section through the same showing the position the cards assume when in position.

Like numerals of reference refer to like parts in the several figures of the drawing.

In carrying out my improved invention, I employ a support 1 which, in the form shown, is that of a file having a handle 2 and a longitudinal guide 3 which is substantially T-shaped in cross section and on which are slidably mounted holders 4 and followers 5. While I have shown and de-

scribed the support in the form of a file, it is understood that the same may be of any shape desired, such for instance as in the form of a wheel.

The holders 4 are preferably formed of sheet metal and comprise an oblong body portion 6 having a substantially T-shaped opening formed therein adapted to embrace the T-shaped guide 3, said opening having a convexed edge 7 in order to reduce the frictional engaging surface whereby the holder can be moved longitudinally upon the guide easily. The inwardly projecting portions 8 formed by cutting the T-shaped opening therein are spaced at such a distance from the upper edge of the opening that the holder is allowed to swing upon the guide in order to assume an oblique position so as to throw the card carried thereby, as will be later described, into such a position that the inspecting of the same will be greatly facilitated. The body of the holder is provided with upwardly projecting portions 9 at each end having tongues 10 punched therefrom in such manner that a card, as shown at 11, can be readily forced between the tongues and portions so as to grip the card and hold the same firmly in position. The intermediate upper edge of the body 6 of the holder 4 forms a support for the card when in position, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, and is provided with a central spur 12 which extends up along the side of the card in order to hold the same upon the intermediate portion when in the position as clearly shown in Fig. 3.

In Fig. 4, I show the card forced down under the spring tongues 10 past the intermediate portion, in which position the card is held by the spring tongues alone. It will be seen that by constructing the holder in this manner, the card may be placed in either position and firmly held without danger of the card becoming accidentally detached when the same is being inspected.

In connection with the holders, I employ a pair of followers 5 which are formed of spring wire having return bent portions 13 at their ends which embrace the edges of the guide 3 in such manner that they are capable of being moved thereon and swung into an oblique position in order to form a support for the holders as well as to provide means for removing the holders from the guide.

In the modification shown in Figs. 5 and 6, I show a holder constructed substantially

in the same manner with the exception of the upwardly projecting portions 14, which, in this case, are provided with spaced spring tongues 15 adapted to be forced outwardly in opposite directions in order to receive cards upon both sides, whereby double the number of cards may be held.

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

1. A card holder comprising a support having a guide, card holders slidably mounted upon said guide and capable of assuming an oblique position, said holders being provided with integral spring tongues for holding cards.

2. A card holder comprising a metal plate having upwardly projecting portions at its ends and a central spur, said upwardly projecting portions being provided with spring tongues for engaging a card.

3. The combination with a guide, a plurality of holders loosely mounted upon said guide, each of said holders being provided with spring tongues for engaging cards, and followers slidably mounted upon said guide for supporting said holders.

4. The combination with a support provided with a T-shaped guide, of a holder provided with a T-shaped opening slidably mounted upon said guide, said holder being

provided with upwardly projecting end portions forming a central intermediate supporting portion, a spur extending centrally from said intermediate portion, integral tongues formed upon the upwardly projecting portions, said tongues and spur being adapted to engage a card and hold the same upon the intermediate supporting portion.

5. In a device of the kind described, the combination with a support having a longitudinal guide member substantially T-shaped in cross section, of a plurality of card holders loosely mounted upon said guide, said holders being provided with substantially T-shaped openings to receive the guide, card engaging members extending upwardly from said holders, and followers slidably mounted upon said guide, said followers comprising spring frames having return bent portions at their ends for embracing the edges of said guide.

6. A device of the kind described comprising a T-shaped guide member, and a plurality of holders having T-shaped openings loosely mounted on said guide.

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

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