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(54) **DEVICE FOR SHIELDING READING OF A CONTACTLESS SMARTCARD**

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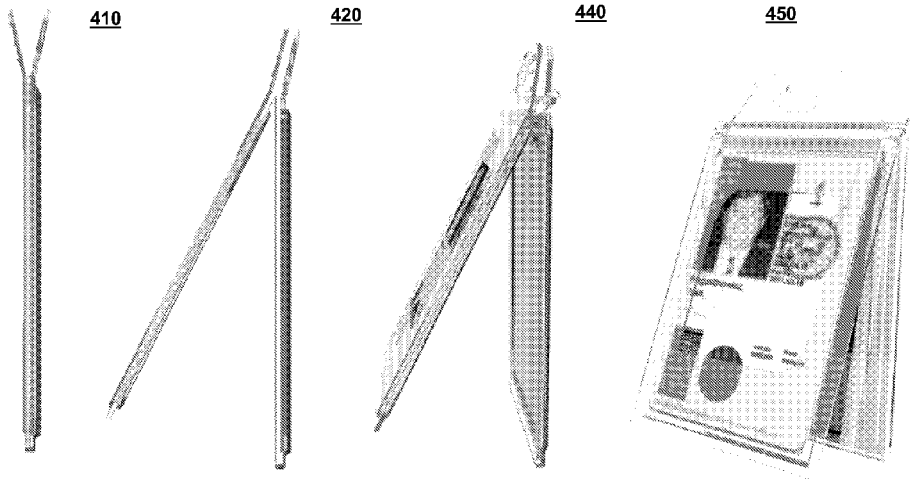
(57) **ABSTRACT**

A device is provided for shielding a contactless smartcard or RFID tag from reading. The device can include a first panel for holding and presenting a contactless smartcard, a second panel comprising a shielding material that prevents unauthorized reading of information when the contactless smartcard is in proximity to or resting on the second panel, and a hinge coupling the first panel and the second panel. The hinge keeps the device closed for preventing unauthorized reading, and open when a force is applied for allowing authorized reading. The contactless smartcard can be inserted between the first panel and the second panel.

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