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Fig. 1.

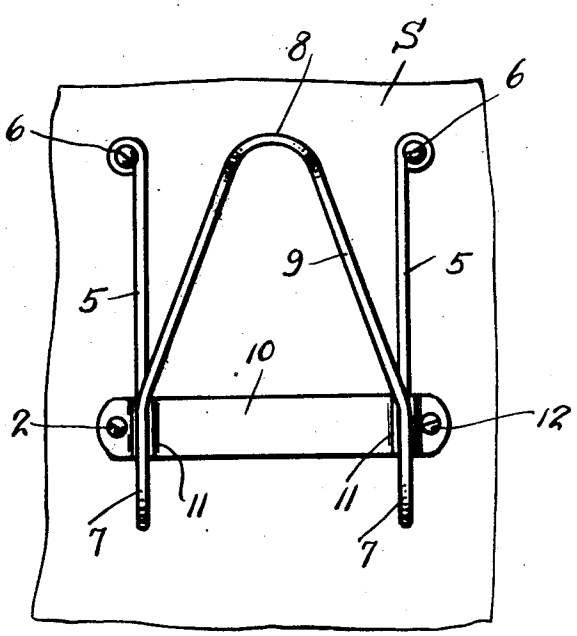


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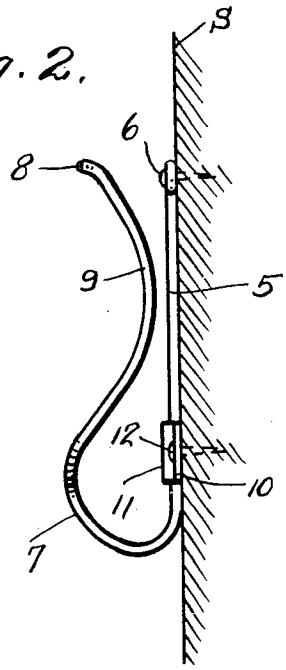
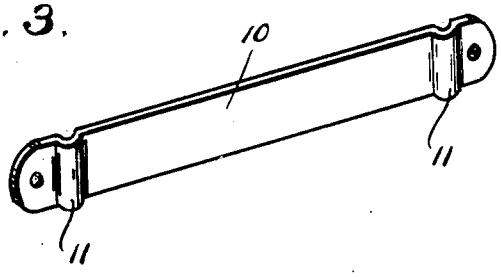


Fig. 3.



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This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in holding devices, and has more particular reference to the class of newspaper holders.

The primary object of this invention is in the provision of a holder for newspapers which may be readily mounted upon a door frame, porch post, or other suitable support whereby to clampingly engage against the newspapers or the like and hold the same between it and the support securely against being blown away by a strong gust of wind.

A still further object of the invention is to provide a holder of the above mentioned character, provided with suitable means for displaying advertising indicia.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will become apparent from a study of the following description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings wherein:

Figure 1 is a front elevational view of the holder constructed in accordance with the present invention.

Figure 2 is a side elevational view thereof.

Figure 3 is a perspective view of a combined cross bar and anchor plate.

With reference more in detail to the drawings, it will be seen that the holder is formed from a single strand of wire, of suitable gauge, and the vertical parallel portions 5 thereof are provided at their free ends with eyes for accommodating fastening elements 6 to secure said ends to a suitable support S. At their lower ends the portions 5 merge into upwardly and outwardly directed curved portions 7, and that portion of the wire between the portions 7 thereof is extended upwardly to form a substantially inverted V-shaped jaw section 8 opposite portions 9 of which are curved or bowed longitudinally so as to extend inwardly toward the support S, thus projecting the bight portion of the jaw 8 outwardly away from the support and the articles grasped between the support and jaw 8 to facilitate an outward swinging movement of the jaw 8 to insert or remove a newspaper from the holder.

The parallel portions 5 adjacent their lower ends are connected by a bar 10 formed of metal or any suitable material. Bar 10 adjacent the ends thereof is provided with semi-cylindrical portions 11 for accommodating the spring portions 5, and the ends of the bar is secured to the support by suitable fastening devices 12. The outer face of bar 12 may have inscribed or otherwise formed thereon any desirable legend or advertising data, as for example the name of the newspaper, the name of a particular person or other suitable indicia. It will be further noted, that bar 10 will retain the portion 5 against lateral movement relative to one another thus preventing "spread" of the device as might ultimately result in so distorting the holder as to render it impractical for further use.

Even though I have herein shown and described the preferred embodiment of the invention it is to be understood that the same is susceptible of changes, modifications and improvements coming within the scope of the appended claim.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new is:

In an article support of the kind specified, a single length of metal having a V-shaped intermediate portion defining an article receiving element, the terminal portions of said length of metal being arranged in spaced parallel relation to define attaching members, and a strap extending across the lower portion of said attaching members, the portions of said material between said V-shaped retaining element and said parallel attaching members being in the planes of said attaching members and being curved downward between the ends thereof to define centrally depressed article supports.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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