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Fig. 1

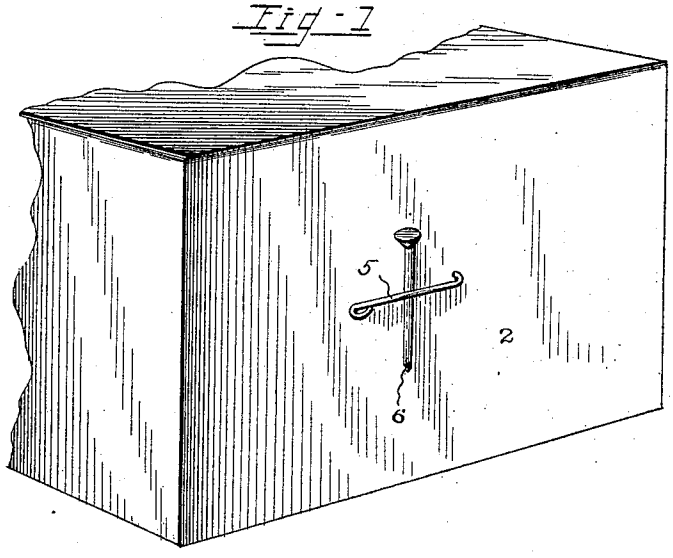


Fig. 2.

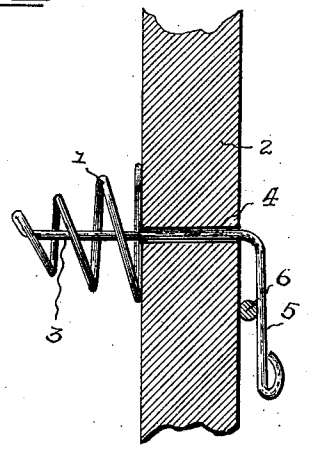
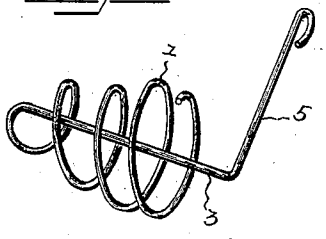


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, NELSON M. BRINKERHOFF, a citizen of the United States, residing at Gibsonburg, in the county of Sandusky and State of Ohio, have invented a new and useful Sample-Holder for Boxes, Drawers, &c., of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates to improvements in sample-holders for boxes, drawers, sample-boards, and the like.

The object of the present invention is to improve the construction of sample-holders and to provide a simple, inexpensive, and efficient device which will be strong and durable and adapted to be readily applied to boxes, drawers, sample-boards, and the like for the purpose of displaying a sample of the contents of a box or drawer.

A further object of the invention is to provide a device capable of securely holding a sample in place and adapted to permit the same to be readily removed when the said sample becomes shop-worn or tarnished and it is desired to display a fresh one.

Another object of the invention is to provide a device capable of ready adjustment to hold an article in a vertical or horizontal position and adapted to be mounted on a drawer, box, or sample-board without the employment of a bolt, screw, or other similar fastening device.

Furthermore, it is the object of the invention to provide a sample-holder in which the engaging portion will be parallel with the face of a box, drawer, or sample-board and in position to be readily grasped whether the same is in engagement with a sample or not.

The invention consists in the construction and novel combination and arrangement of parts, as hereinafter fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings, and pointed out in the claims hereto appended.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a portion of a box provided with a sample-holder constructed in accordance with this invention. Fig. 2 is a horizontal sectional view. Fig. 3 is a detail perspective view of the device.

Like numerals of reference designate corresponding parts in all the figures of the drawings.

1 designates a conical coiled spring having its base or larger end bearing against the inner face of a box 2, and the said spring is connected at its apex or smaller end with a stem 3, formed integral with the coiled spring and extending centrally through the same, from one end to the other thereof, and projecting outward through a perforation 4 of the box. The stem 3, which extends through the box, is provided at its outer end with an arm 5, arranged at right angles to it or parallel with the face of the box and adapted to engage a nail 6 or other sample article and hold the same on the exterior of the box. The resiliency of the spring causes the arm to engage the sample with sufficient pressure to hold the same firmly in position, and the outer end of the arm is bent on itself to form a loop, by means of which the device may be readily grasped when not in engagement with a sample.

The spring by being located on the interior of the box is hid from view, and as the angularly-disposed arm is arranged on the outer face of the box the device is retained in position without necessitating the employment of a screw or similar fastening device. The device is adapted to be readily rotated, as the spring is not fixed to the box, and the arm may be readily adjusted to arrange a sample in a vertical or horizontal position.

The invention has the following advantages:

The device is simple, inexpensive, strong and durable and adapted to be readily constructed of a single piece of spring-wire or similar material. The engaging arm is arranged parallel with the face of a box, drawer, or sample-board, and it remains in such position, and the device is capable of ready adjustment to bring the arm into position for holding a sample vertically or horizontally. The device is adapted to be applied to a box, drawer, or sample-board by simply perforating the same, and it will hold itself in position without the aid of a screw or similar fastening device. The engaging arm, which is arranged on the exterior of a box or drawer, is always in convenient position to be readily grasped, and a sample may be quickly arranged in or removed from the device.

Changes in the form, proportion, and minor details of construction may be resorted to

without departing from the spirit or sacrificing any of the advantages of this invention.

What I claim is—

1. A device of the class described, comprising a coiled spring designed to frictionally engage the inner face of a box or sample-board, and a stem connected with the spring and designed to extend through a perforation of the box or sample-board and provided at its outer end with an arm arranged at right angles to the stem, and adapted to clamp an article between it and the outer face of the box or sample-board, said stem and arm being adapted to be drawn outward and capable of rotation to arrange the arm and the article in any desired position, substantially as described.

2. The combination with a box or sample-board having a perforation, of a coiled spring frictionally engaging the inner face of the box or sample-board, and a stem formed integral with and arranged within the coiled spring and passing through the perforation of the box or sample-board from the inner face of the same to the outer face thereof, and provided at its outer end with an arm extending outward from it at right angles and adapted to engage the sample, said stem and arm being adapted to be rotated to bring the sample in the desired position, substantially as described.

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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