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CARD OR SAMPLE HOLDER.

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Fig. 1.

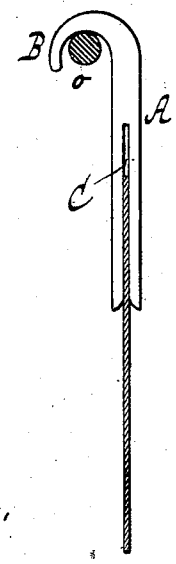


Fig. 2.

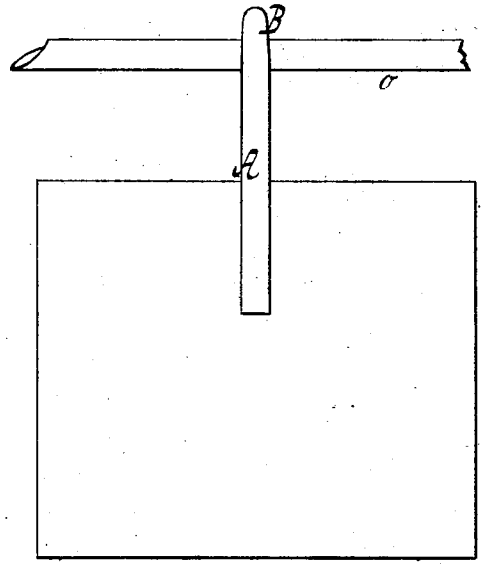


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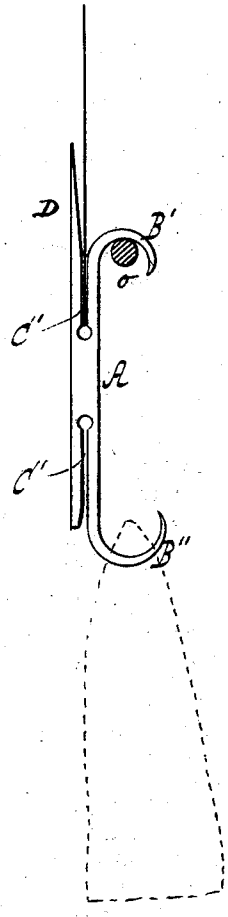


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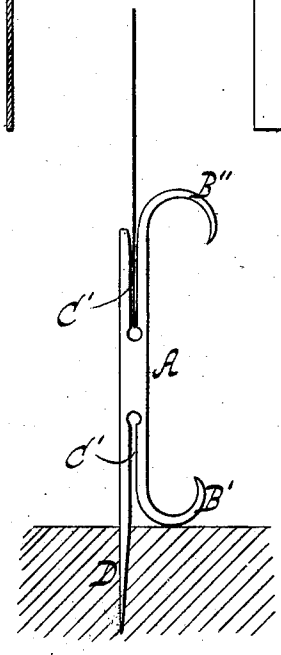
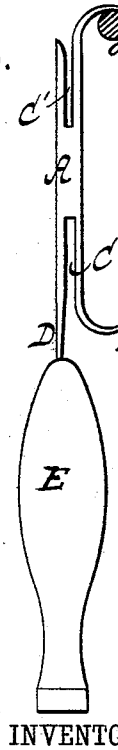


Fig. 5.



Fig. 6.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANCIS LADD CUTTER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Card or Sample Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to that class of devices which are employed for holding samples of goods or cards to indicate the price thereof.

The object of my invention is to provide a card or sample holder which possesses the characteristics of simplicity and cheapness of production, while it is capable of being suspended from a line or supported in an upright or inclined position from a suitable support.

The object of my invention is accomplished by the construction hereinafter described and claimed, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a side view showing a single hook. Fig. 2 is a front view thereof. Fig. 3 is a side view showing the double hook suspended from a line. Fig. 4 is a like view, showing the same hook supported by means of its prong. Fig. 5 shows the same hook used as a link. Fig. 6 shows another use thereof.

Similar letters indicate corresponding parts.

The letter A designates the shank of the hook, which in the example shown in Figs. 1 and 2 is single, as at B, and in the example shown in Figs. 3 and 4 is double, as at B′ B″, the two members being in the case last named at opposite ends of the shank.

C indicates a slit formed at one end of the shank A of the hook shown in Fig. 1, and C′ slits formed at both ends of the shank of the hook shown in Figs. 3 and 4, said slit or slits extending inward at right angles to the direction of the hook and dividing the shank into two jaws, which are disconnected at their outer extremities, and as the metal is elastic I thus provide two parallel longitudinal spring-arms adapted to receive between them cards or samples of varying thickness, the elasticity of the two arms providing for this, and also serving to grasp and hold the card or sample.

D indicates a prong formed at one end of the hook shown in Figs. 3, 4, 5, and 6.

The hook having the features above named is composed of metal, and may be formed of wire, in which case it is bent to the required shape; or it may be made of sheet metal, and stamped or cut out by means of suitable dies without bending. The slit or slits C C′ may be produced in the operation of shaping or cutting out the hook or subsequently, as circumstances or the views of constructers may render expedient.

My improved hook can be used in various ways, and when made of the forms shown in Figs. 1 and 2 it may be hung to a line, *o*, while a card or sample may be inserted into and suspended from the slit C. When the hook is made of form shown in Figs. 3 and 4 it may be hung to a line by means of the member B′, while the member B″ is adapted to receive a sample, and in that event a card may be inserted into either or both slits C′; or the prong D may be driven into a suitable support and a card inserted into one of the slits, while a sample is placed in the member B′ of the hook, which sample may or may not be suspended, according to the distance to which the prong is driven into the support; or the prong may be driven into an article to be displayed—such as a tool-handle, E—and the whole suspended from a line, as shown in Fig. 6. When the prong D is used one of the slits C and one member of the hook are superfluous, as will be seen by reference to Fig. 4 or Fig. 6, and hence such slit or hook may be omitted; but it is preferred to retain the same for other uses. The double hook, moreover, may be used as a link for connecting a series of cards, as indicated in Fig. 5, or for holding a card to an article, such as a shoe.

Heretofore a rigid plate or shank has been provided with a hook at each end and a slot passing through the plate or shank between the hooks for the passage of a waist-belt; and, further, a suspension-hook has been composed of a wire formed at one end into a hook and at the other end into helical coils lying in the same plane; and, further, a price-ticket holder has been composed of a shaft having at one end a longitudinal slit to receive a ticket, the two arms provided by the slit being clasped on the ticket by a sliding ferrule, and the other end of the shaft being provided with an attached pointed tang for securing the shaft in an upright position on a support. I do not claim

such constructions, nor do I wish to be understood as claiming a holder made as in my Letters Patent No. 236,787. My present invention differs from the foregoing structures, in that I provide a hook with a split shank to form two parallel longitudinal elastic arms, the outer extremities disconnected, whereby cards or samples can be slipped between them at their extremities, the slit forming the two arms extending through the shank at right angles to the direction in which the hook projects, so that when the hook is suspended from a line the card or sample between the arms will be properly presented to view.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. As an improved article of manufacture, a card or sample holder consisting of a hook formed integral with a shank, having a longitudinal slit extending along the length of the shank, at right angles to the direction in which the hook projects, to form two parallel longitudinal spring-arms, the outer extremities of which are disconnected, whereby the hook may be suspended from a line and the arms serve to receive and properly present a card or sample, substantially as described.

2. A card or sample holder composed of a shank, A, formed at each end into a hook and having two slits, C′ C′, extending along the length of the shank to constitute two spring-arms at each end of said shank, said arms being disconnected at their outer extremities, substantially as and for the purpose described.

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

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