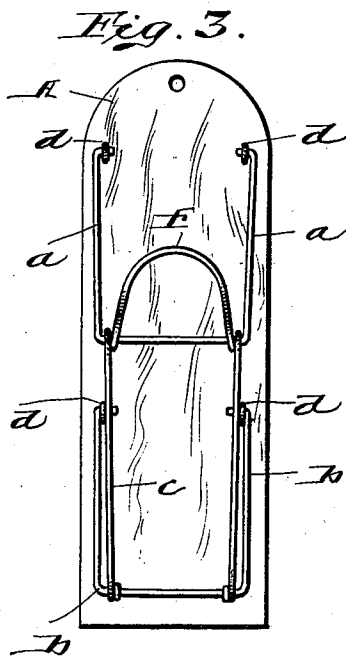
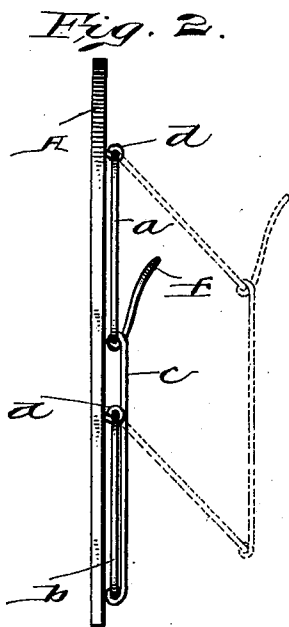
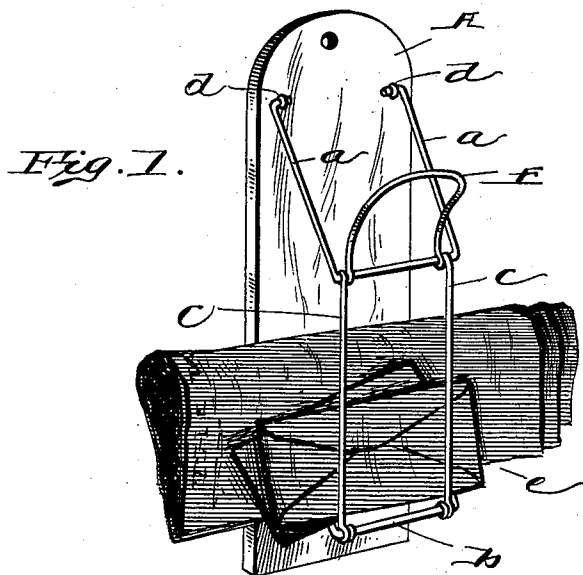


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM B. ABRAMS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Tekonsha, in the county of Calhoun and State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Mail and Parcel Holders, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to mail and parcel holders in which double parallel bails operate in conjunction with a vertically-adjusted gravity binder; and the objects of my invention are, first, to construct a mail and parcel holder that will automatically adjust itself to various sizes of papers and parcels; second, that it will firmly retain the contents when placed therein; third, that it can be cheaply constructed, and, fourth, that it will be tasty in appearance. I attain these objects by mechanism illustrated in the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing the mode of securing parcels when placed therein. Fig. 2 is a side view, the holder being closed and in its normal position. The dotted lines in the figure represent the holder partially distended for receiving parcels, &c. Fig. 3 is a front elevation, the holder being closed as in Fig. 2.

In the several drawings like letters refer to corresponding parts in the views.

A represents a back piece or foundation which may be constructed of any suitable material, wood or metal, and it may form a part of my improved parcel-holder, although it will be obvious that the bails *a* and *b* may be secured to the side of a building, post, or any convenient place, the same as to the aforesaid back piece, the object of the back piece being to make the holder portable and easily placed in position.

a and *b* are wire bails, the one located above the other and equidistant at their terminals, they having their free ends bent to form angles or elbows which are received by staples or screw-eyes *d d*, &c., and by preference the bails are of equal length and move in the same arc, the object being to keep the binder *c* at all times parallel with the back piece A when the bails are tilted.

The binder *c* is of like material to the bails

and swings from their curved extremities and is of inverted-U-shaped pattern. It is bent around the same, where it intersects to form eyelets through which the bails may freely work. At a point within the curve of the lower bail it tends upwardly and engages the bail *a* in like manner and forms an outwardly-extending curve *f*, thence passes downward and in like manner engages the opposite sides of the aforesaid bails.

The curve *f* in the binder *c* is to afford a convenient finger-lift for placing in or taking parcels therefrom.

The aforesaid bails being of equal length and equidistant at their terminals, the binder *c*, with respect to the back piece A is in all positions parallel therefrom, so that when the holder is folded it will lie flat and take up but very little space.

The operation of my invention is as follows: The upper and curved end *f* of the binder *c* is raised, by which process the space between the bails *a* and *b* and the aforesaid binder *c* and back piece A is enlarged. Papers, parcels, &c., are thrust sidewise within this opening, and as the binder *c* is released tension is given them by the folding or closing of the respective parts by gravity pressure, which firmly retains the contents thereof until released in like manner of placing parcels therein.

Having described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A mail and parcel holder having double bails, the one located above the other and having their free ends bent to receive eyelets, and a binder *c* hung from their curved extremities, in combination with a back piece A as shown and described.

2. A mail and parcel holder having double bails the one located above the other and having their free ends bent to receive eyelets to form hinges and an inverted-U-shaped binder *c* having the outwardly-extending curve *f*, in combination with the back piece A substantially as shown and described and for the purposes specified.

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