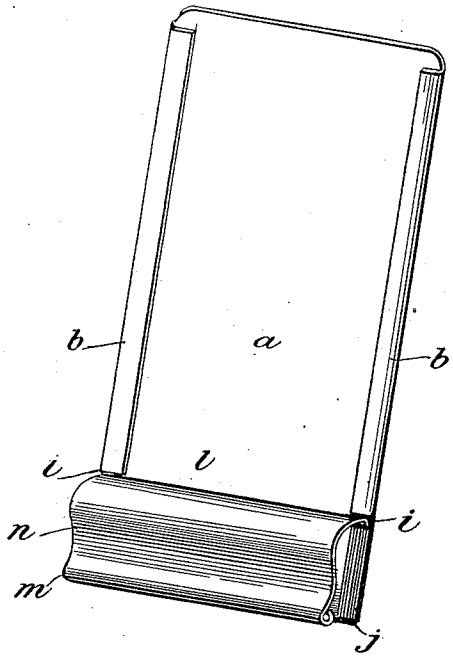
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, RICHMOND ADDISON LEWIS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Richmond, in the county of Henrico and State of Virginia, have invented new and useful Improvements in Ticket-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in price-ticket holders, the objects thereof being to produce a cheap and economic construction of price-ticket holder wherein the price-ticket will always be exposed to view and may be readily changed when necessary or desired and which is particularly adapted for ready attachment and removal from counter bins and boxes, from which it will automatically detach itself under certain conditions.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will hereinafter appear, and the novel features thereof will be particularly pointed out in the claims, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, in which the invention is represented in perspective.

The ticket-holder, as is usual, is preferably formed of sheet metal, the blank thereof being of a general oblong shape. When completed, it comprises a back piece *a*, the opposite longitudinal edges of which are for the major and upper portions of their lengths bent thereover, forming opposite longitudinal ways *b*. Below the ways *b* the lower portion of the blank is bent upwardly upon itself, as indicated at *j*, for a suitable distance, subsequent to which it is rebent more gradually in a downward direction, as at *l*, thus forming a spring-clasp *n*, the free member *m* of which is inwardly curved at an intermediate point, as shown. The ways *b* are transversely slit for the width of the same, as at *i*, a short distance above their lower ends, and previous to folding these edges that portion of the blank below the same may be abruptly and upwardly bent upon itself, as at *j*, as before described, the bent edges *b* below the slits *i* embracing the bent portion at its opposite edges, whereby those portions of the edges *b* below the slits constitute retaining-clips, which may be either simply pressed or soldered upon the spring-clasp. In either instance the clips serve to strengthen the article, a very desirable object when the same is made of material having a comparatively-limited amount of resiliency. In this instance also it is immaterial whether or not the clasp be formed integral with the remainder of the holder, as indeed I contemplate manufacturing the holder or receptacle portion of one material and the clasp of another. The spring-clasp thus formed is the full width of the holder, so that when in position upon the wall of a bin or box it has considerable bearing and is not, therefore, likely to be tilted edgewise. On the other hand, bins, trays, and boxes are subject to severe handling at times, so that it is highly important and desirable that the price-ticket holders employed in connection therewith be securely mounted thereon; yet a rigid or permanent mounting is impracticable.

The holder described, it will be observed, when struck with any material force either back or front will readily yield without bending and if pushed sufficiently far in either direction will automatically detach itself, thus saving it from injury.

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

1. The herein-described ticket-holder, the same being formed of sheet material and comprising a back portion and opposite longitudinal bent edges or ways, and a spring-clasp held in position by the latter.

2. The herein-described ticket-holder, the same being formed of sheet material and comprising a back portion and opposite longitudinal bent edges or ways, the latter having their edges transversely slit or notched, forming clips, and a spring-terminal of a clasp embraced and held by said clips.

3. The herein-described ticket-holder, the same being formed of sheet material and comprising a back portion and opposite longitudinal bent edges or ways, the lower end of the blank from which the same is formed being bent upwardly upon itself to form a spring-clasp, the inner terminal thereof being embraced by said bent edges or ways at points below said transverse slits or notches.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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