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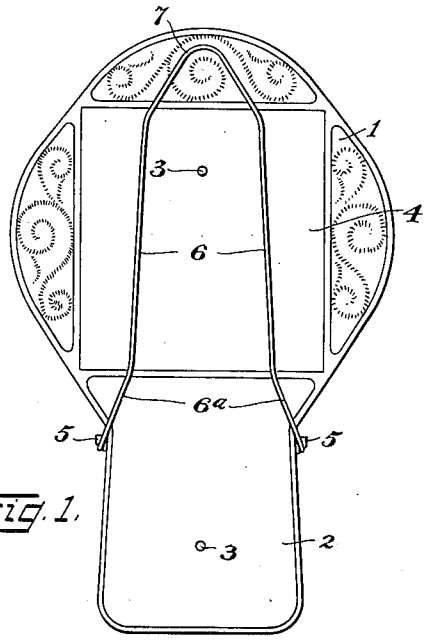


Fig. 1.

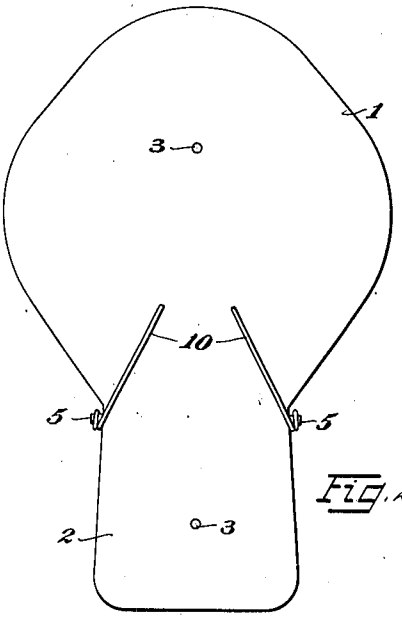


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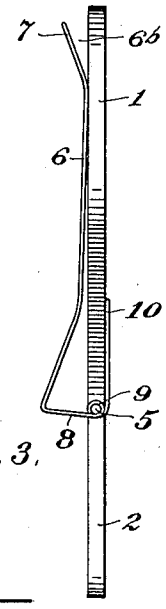


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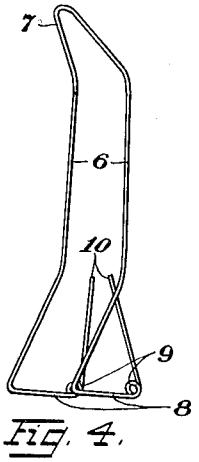


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANK R. JACKSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Oberlin, in the county of Lorain and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Holders for Mail-Matter, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in holders for mail matter, the primary object of the invention being to provide a simple device of this class, for securing and supporting mail matter, which may be readily attached to a post, wall, or other suitable and convenient place where it is desired to place a letter, newspaper, package, or the like.

The invention is also designed for use as an advertising novelty, the base plate or body of the device being designed for carrying and conspicuously displaying any suitable advertisement.

With these ends in view, the invention consists in the novel construction, arrangement, and the combination of parts hereinafter described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings and particularly pointed out in the appended claim.

Referring to the drawings, forming a part of this specification Figure 1, is a front view of the improved holder. Fig. 2, a rear or back view of the same. Fig. 3, a side or edge view of the same. Fig. 4, a perspective view of the improved article clamping and supporting-spring member detached from the base supporting-plate or body of the holder.

Similar numerals of reference designate like parts throughout all the figures of the drawings.

The improved holder consists, essentially, of a base supporting-plate or body portion and a spring clamping-member for securing and supporting the article of mail matter.

The base supporting-plate comprises an enlarged head or face-plate 1, and a reduced depending base or handle portion 2. The head and base portions 1, and 2, are preferably provided with openings 3, for receiving and containing nails or screws by means of which the improved holder may be secured at such place and position as may be desired.

The head or face plate may be suitably ornamented about its marginal edges and is preferably provided with a face or panel 4, adapted to receive and carry either directly, or indirectly as by means of a printed label, any suitable and convenient advertisement. The base supporting-plate is provided at its sides and, preferably, intermediate its head and base portions with pivot-studs 5, by means of which the spring clamping-member hereinafter described is secured in its proper operative position to the base supporting-plate.

The spring clamping-member comprises a single length of wire bent upon itself forming a double-armed retaining tongue or loop portion 6, terminating at its upper or free end in an upwardly and outwardly-projecting loop-nose 7, and the base portions 6^a, of its arms extend outwardly and laterally terminating in horizontally-disposed article or package supporting-arms 8, provided with spring loop-eyes 9, taking over pivot-studs 5, of the base plate. The loop eyes 9, terminate in upwardly and inwardly-extending terminal fingers 10, resting against the back of the base portions 6^a, of the arms of the retaining loop portion 6, said terminal fingers being adapted to normally hold the retaining tongue or loop portion 6, in spring-resisted contact with the face plate 1.

The upwardly and outwardly-projecting loop nose 7, at the upper or free end of the retaining loop portion forms an article or package recess or guide 6^b, for receiving the edge of a letter or package whereby the latter may be slipped in between the arms of the loop portion 6, and the face plate 1, the lower edge of the letter or package being adapted to be supported in horizontal position by resting upon the horizontally-disposed supporting-arms 8, at the base of the retaining loop portion 6.

From the foregoing description taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, the operation and advantages of my invention will be readily understood.

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

A holder for mail matter, comprising a base supporting-plate provided at its sides with pivot-studs, and a spring clamping-member consisting of a single length of wire bent upon itself forming a double armed retaining tongue or loop portion terminating at

its upper or free end in an upwardly and outwardly-projecting loop nose and having the base portions of the arms of said loop portion extending outwardly terminating in horizontally-disposed supporting-arms provided at their rear with spring loop eyes taking over said pivot-studs and terminal fingers extending above said pivot-studs and resting against the back of said base supporting-plate.

In testimony whereof I have affixed my signature, in presence of two witnesses.

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