

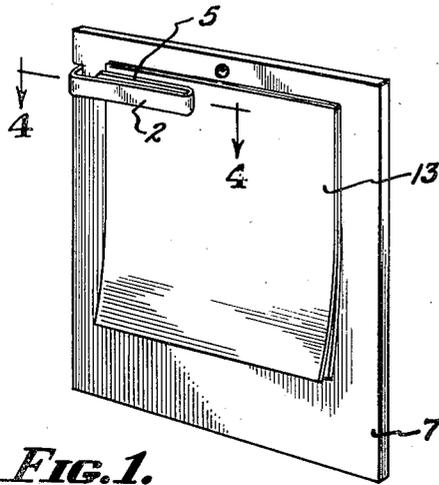
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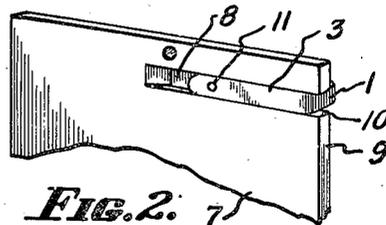
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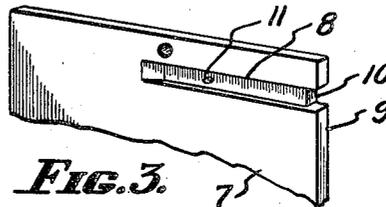
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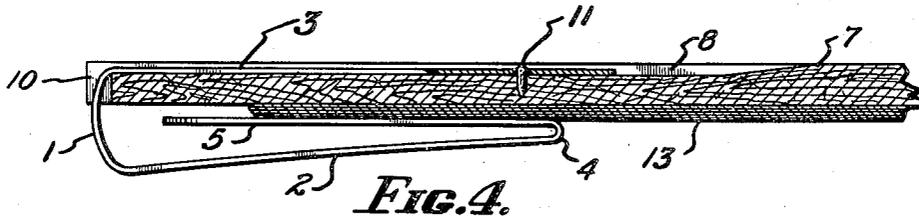
**FIG. 1.**



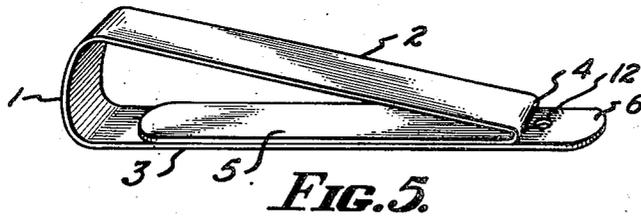
**FIG. 2.**



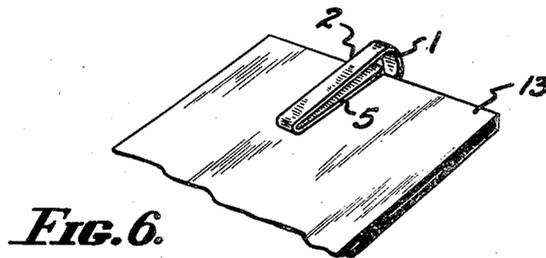
**FIG. 3.**



**FIG. 4.**



**FIG. 5.**



**FIG. 6.**

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My invention relates to clips for holding a stack of papers or the like together. My novel clip may also be used in connection with a board in order to form a novel clip board for holding papers and the like thereto.

While there are a number of clips and clip boards on the market, they all have a tendency to mark the paper or papers which they are retaining due to the uneven pressure of the surface of the clip upon the paper. This is particularly true when the clips are used on a relatively large stack of papers whereby the clip ends press more heavily on the top and bottom papers than the remaining portion of the clip.

It is an object of my invention to provide a paper clip which firmly holds one or more papers together and which exerts an even pressure throughout the portion of the clip contacting the papers and thus eliminates any chance of marking the papers themselves by indentations or the like.

It is a further object of my invention to provide a clip as described above which may be quickly and easily placed over a stack of papers with the least possible amount of effort, and which will not open or pivot on a single contact point.

It is a further object of my invention to provide a clip board wherein the paper holding clip or clamp holds the papers firmly against the board but does not mar them. The paper or papers may be easily and readily mounted upon the boards either in a pack or singly with a minimum amount of effort.

It is a further object of my invention to provide a clip board for retaining papers as above described which gives a neat and pleasing appearance and from which the clip may be removed and used without the board.

These and other objects of my invention which will be set forth hereinafter or will be apparent to one skilled in the art upon reading these specifications, I accomplish by that certain construction and arrangement of parts of which I shall now describe an exemplary embodiment. Reference is now made to the drawing which forms a part thereof and in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my novel clip board with the clip mounted thereon.

Figure 2 is a perspective view of the upper portion of the clip board shown in Figure 1 from the rear side thereof.

Figure 3 is a perspective view of the rear of the clip board shown in Figure 2 with the clip removed therefrom.

Figure 4 is a cross section of my novel clip

board taken on the section line 4-4 of Figure 1.

Figure 5 is a perspective view of my novel clip.

Figure 6 is a perspective view of my novel clip as illustrated in Figure 5 embracing a stack of papers.

Briefly in the practice of my invention I provide a clip for clipping or clamping papers together comprising a single strip of resilient material such as spring metal, spring plastic or the like, which is bent upon itself to form spaced jaws resiliently urged together by the spring action of the material. One of the jaws of the clip is bent back upon itself to form a contact strip interspaced between the jaws and so bent as to fully contact the material placed between the jaws of the clip. The clip is mounted upon a board so that the board will be embraced and the jaw carrying the interspaced member on the front surface of the board. In order to retain the clip in position upon the board and to insure a smooth rear surface, I provide a groove or other retaining means on the back of the board projecting inwardly from an edge and embracing the free jaw of the clip. I prefer to place a pin in this groove and an aperture in the jaw of the clip to receive this pin and hold the clip in position upon the board.

Referring to the drawing I provide a strip of resilient metal bent upon itself as at 1 so as to present interspaced jaws 2 and 3. The upper jaw as illustrated in Figure 5 is further bent back upon itself as at 4 to provide the contact strip 5. The bend 4 is not a complete bend but is of such an amount as to present an acute angle between the jaw 2 and the strip 5 in such an amount as to resiliently urge the strip 5 away from the jaw 2 and in even and close contact with the jaw 3.

I preferably make the jaw 2 shorter than the jaw 3 so as to leave a projection 6 which will assist in slipping the clip over a stack of papers.

From the above it is apparent whether one or more papers are placed between the jaws 2 and 3, the whole of strip 5 will evenly press against the surface of the topmost sheet or paper, as illustrated in Figure 6. In order to easily place the clip around a stack of papers the clip is grasped by its end 1 and by forcing the papers against the projection 6 the clip is easily opened for insertion of the papers between the jaws 2 and 3. It is to be noted that due to the bend 4 and the resulting tendency of the strip 5 to bend away from the jaw 2 and press the jaw 3, the clip as a whole may be easily opened since the action of the bend 4 works against the action of the bend 1.

The clip board 7 which I provide has a groove 8 projecting inwardly from the edge 9. This groove is at least as long as the jaw 3 of the clip and at least as deep as the thickness of the material forming the jaw 3.

The clip is placed upon the board 7 in such a manner that the jaw 3 is embraced in the groove 8. It may be desirable to provide a notch 10 or to cut the groove 8 completely through where it contacts the edge 9 so that the clip may be slid over the board sufficiently so that it will come within the confines of the board itself.

I preferably provide a pin 11 in the groove 8 and an aperture 12 in the leg 3 of the clip. The aperture registers over the pin 11 and retains the clip on the board in place, as shown in Figure 2.

The jaw 2 of the clip is thus positioned on the front of the board 7 and the papers 13 are held between the strip 5 of the clip and the board 7, as is clearly shown in Figure 1.

From the above it may be noted that I have provided a clip which will hold one or a stack of papers together, either alone or upon a clip board, without unsightly indenting the top sheet or sheets due to the even pressure of the strip 5 upon the top sheet.

It is to be understood that different forms of my preferred form may be made without departing from the spirit of my invention.

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

1. A clip board comprising the combination of a clip comprising a spring strip bent upon itself to provide spaced jaws resiliently urged together, one of said jaws terminating in a bend forming

an integral strip resiliently urged away from said jaw and positioned between the jaws, and a board, said board having a groove on the back side thereof projecting inwardly from an edge and being at least as deep as the thickness of said spring strip and at least as long as the length of one of said clip jaws, said clip embracing said board with a jaw positioned in said groove.

2. A clip board comprising the combination of a clip comprising a spring strip bent upon itself to provide spaced jaws resiliently urged together, one of said jaws terminating in a bend forming an integral strip resiliently urged away from said jaw and positioned between the jaws, and at least one perforation in the other jaw and a board, said board having a groove on the back side thereof projecting inwardly from an edge, said clip embracing said board with the perforated jaw imbedded within said groove and the pin in said groove projecting through said perforation.

3. A clip board comprising the combination of a clip comprising a spring strip bent upon itself to provide spaced jaws resiliently urged together, one of said jaws terminating in a bend forming an integral strip resiliently urged away from said jaw and positioned between the jaws, and at least one perforation in the other jaw and a board, said board having a groove on the back side thereof projecting inwardly from an edge, said clip embracing said board with the perforated jaw imbedded within said groove and the pin in said groove projecting through said perforation, said edge terminal of the groove being cut completely through the board so that the clip lies wholly within the confines of the board.

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