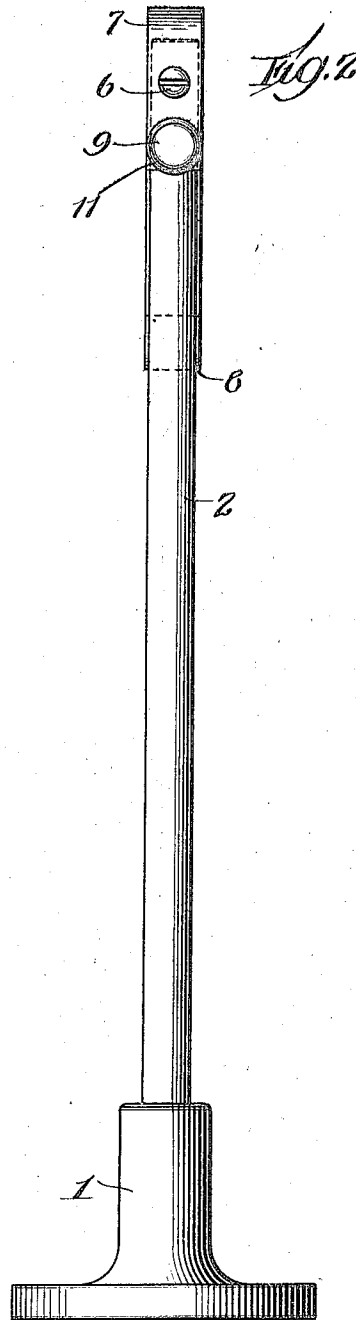
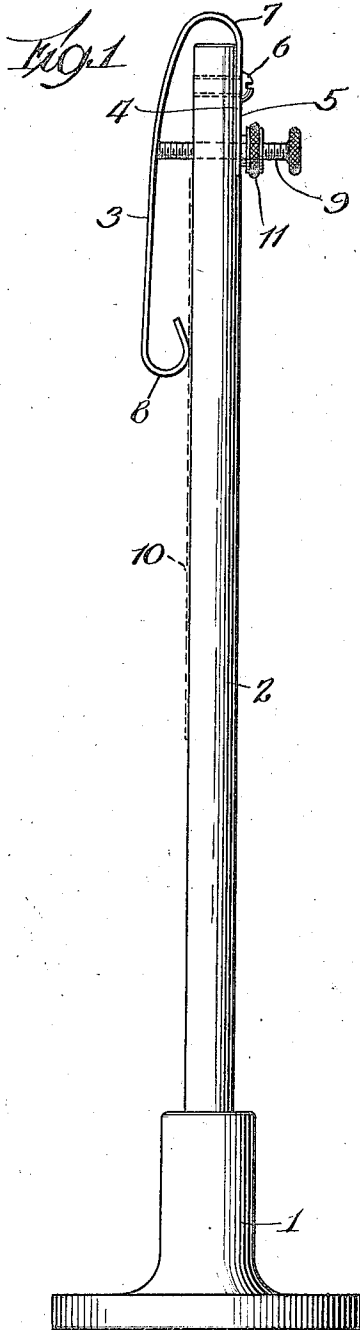


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN A. HULIT, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Chicago, county of Cook, State of Illinois, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Telegram Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to holders for telegrams and other articles of like nature.

Generally stated, the object of the invention is to provide a novel and improved form of holder which will hold a telegram or other article, in the desired manner, so that the telegram or other article may be observed and removed, and whereby the use of the holder in this way is possible without danger of tearing the telegram or other sheet of paper, as will hereinafter more fully appear.

To these and other useful ends the invention consists in matters hereinafter set forth and claimed and shown in the accompanying drawings in which:

Figure 1 is a side elevation of a holder involving the principles of the invention.

Figure 2 is a similar view showing a different side of the device.

As thus illustrated, the invention comprises a base 1 upon which is mounted an upright standard 2 having a spring 3 at the upper end thereof. Said standard 2 is preferably a round rod, and is flattened at 4 to form a seat for the flat portion 5 of said spring. A screw 6 is inserted as shown to clamp said portion 5 against said seat, so that the spring is held firmly but can be removed at will. The top of the spring has an arch 7 to clear the top of the standard, and the lower end of the spring is bent inward and upward to form a curved portion 8 which is presented to the side of the standard. A screw 9 is inserted through the standard and through the portion 5 to engage the inner surface of the spring at the other side of the standard. By this screw the spring can be regulated to cause it to bear with more or less pressure against the standard or to permit a slight space, if necessary, between the standard and the portion 8 of said spring. Such adjustment, of course, is with reference to the thickness of the telegram or other sheet of paper (shown in dotted lines at 10) and serves to prevent tearing of the paper. A telegram, for example, is on thin paper, and it is

placed quickly in the holder by the operator and is then grabbed off by the messenger, the telegram being thus held in a conspicuous position, so that the messenger will see it and come and get it. In such case, of course, the holder must be adjusted to receive the telegram quickly and easily without danger of tearing it, and to easily release it when grasped by the messenger or other person whose duty it is to take the telegram away from the operator's desk. When a proper adjustment is obtained, a lock nut 11 on the screw 9 is then screwed up tight against the portion 5 of the spring, and against the standard. Thus the adjusting means not only assist in holding the spring on the standard, but also a flat seat is provided for the lock nut. The spring can be taken off if it needs bending or re-shaping, or if it needs cleaning or other attention.

The screws 6 and 9 are interchangeable, and can be transposed, if such is desirable or necessary, so that the screw 8 can be either above or below the adjusting screw, as conditions may require.

What I claim as my invention is:

1. In a holder, a standard, a base therefor, a spring extending upward and then over the top of the standard and then downward a distance to bear against one side thereof, with an arch in the top of the spring to clear the top of the standard, means to secure the spring to the other side of the standard near the top thereof, the lower end portion of the spring being curved to facilitate access between it and the side of the standard, a screw inserted through the standard to bear against the inner surface of the spring, whereby to regulate the action of the spring relatively to the thickness of the article to be held in place, and a lock nut on said screw to bear against the standard.

2. A structure as specified in claim 1, said means for securing the spring in position comprising a screw whereby the spring is removably held flatwise against the standard, and the lower end of the spring being bent inward and upward, substantially as shown and described.

3. In a holder, the combination of a standard, a spring on the upper portion of said holder, extending downward to exert its tension to clamp a sheet of paper against the standard, and adjusting means engag-

ing an intermediate portion of said spring to delicately regulate said spring by moving it toward or away from the standard, so that the spring will bear with more or less friction against the surface of the sheet to permit easy insertion and removal of the paper.

4. A structure as specified in claim 3, and means to preserve the desired adjustment of said means.

5. A structure as specified in claim 1, said screw being inserted through the mounted portion of the spring whereby the lock nut

clamps this portion of the spring in place on the standard.

6. A structure as specified in claim 3, said adjusting means serving also to clamp the mounted portion of the spring on the standard.

7. A structure as specified in claim 1, said means to screw the spring in place being a screw which is interchangeable with said first mentioned screw, whereby the two screws may be transposed, so that either screw may be above the other.

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