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CHECK DISPENSER.

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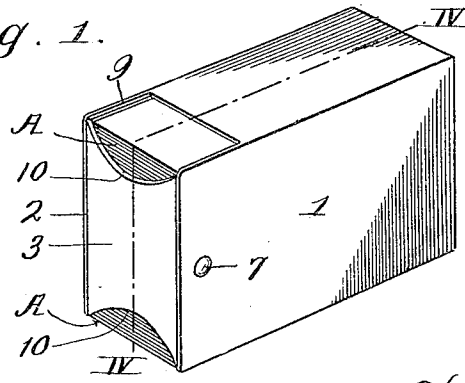


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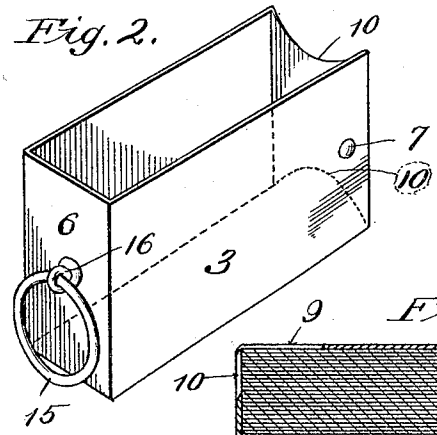


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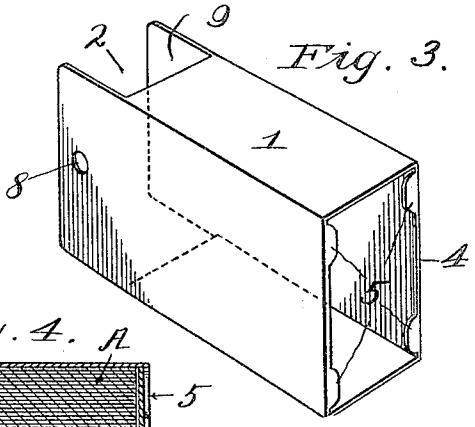


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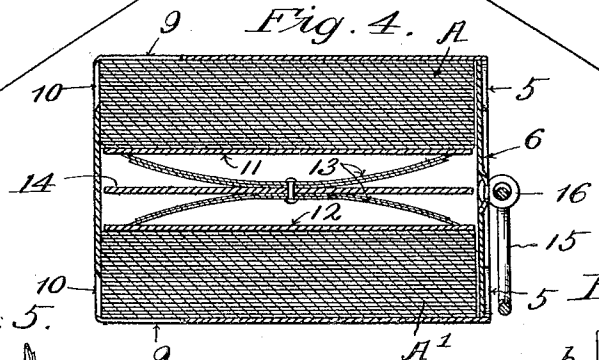
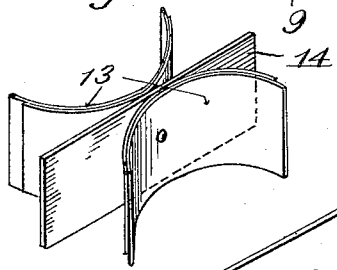


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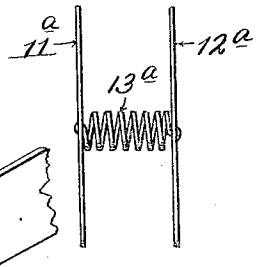
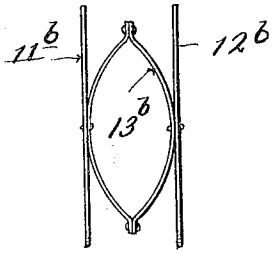


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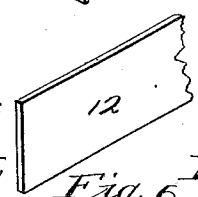


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN T. WALKER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Kansas City, in the county of Jackson and State of Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Check-Dispensers, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in check or ticket-dispensing devices, and my object is to provide a simple, inexpensive device, which, while being susceptible of other uses, is especially adapted for use by railway conductors in dispensing hat-checks of one or more colors.

In order that the invention may be fully understood, reference will now be made to the accompanying drawing, in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the device assembled and loaded with hat-checks. Fig. 2 is a detail perspective of an inner case forming an important feature of the invention. Fig. 3 is a detail perspective view of an outer case to receive the inner case. Fig. 4 is a central vertical section on line IV—IV of Fig. 1. Fig. 5 is a detail perspective of a plurality of springs employed in carrying out the invention. Fig. 6 is a broken detail perspective of a follower-plate constituting part of the invention. Figs. 7 and 8 are modified forms of springs with follower-plates secured thereto.

1 designates the outer case of the device, which is of substantially rectangular form and open at its front end 2 to receive the inner case 3. Said outer case 1 is also open at its rear end 4, which, however, is provided with inwardly-extending lugs 5, that act as stops for the rear end 6 of the inner case 3 when the same is inserted in said outer case, as shown on Figs. 1 and 4.

The inner case 3 is reliably held within the outer case by the stops 5 and a button 7, which latter is secured to one side of the inner case 3 near the front end thereof and enters a hole 8 near the front end of the outer case 1, the sides of the cases being sufficiently resilient to permit the passage of the button 7 to the hole 8, into which it immediately springs on registering therewith.

In order that the checks A and A′ with which the device is loaded can be readily removed one at a time, I cut away the top and bottom of the outer case 1 near its forward end, as indicated at 9, and leave the top and bottom of the inner case open, and I also cut away the upper and lower ends of the front side 10 of said inner case to allow the topmost check A and the bottommost check A′ to be slid forward from the device.

11 and 12 designate follower-plates pressing against the bottom check A and the upper check A′, respectively, said follower-plates being forced against the checks by leaf-springs 13, secured at their central portions to a guide-plate 14 which is free to move up or down in the inner case 3 as occasion demands.

The guide-plate 13 divides the device into two compartments, one compartment being intended to hold checks of one color, and the other to hold checks of another color.

15 designates a finger-ring carried by an eye 16, swiveled to the back end 6 of the inner case 3.

In order to initially load the device with checks or tickets the inner case 3 is removed from the outer case and placed upon a flat surface. The checks A′ are then placed within the inner case and allowed to rest upon said flat surface. The follower-plate 12, the springs 13, the follower-plate 11 and the checks A, are then placed in the inner case in the order mentioned, after which said inner case is slipped into the outer case, pressure being applied with one hand to the topmost check A and the bottom check A′ to compress the springs 11 and 12, while being inserted in the outer case 1.

In practice the device is suspended from the ring 15, which is placed over the little finger. This causes the back 6 of the inner case to press against the lugs 5 of the outer case, so that the latter cannot slip off the former. As the checks are removed from the device, the springs 13 force the follower-plates 11 and 12 in opposite directions and cause them to firmly hold the checks in place until the last one is removed by hand.

In the modified form, Fig. 7, a coil spring 13^a is substituted for the leaf-springs 13 and secured at its ends to the follower-plates 11^a and 12^a.

In the modified form Fig. 8 an elliptical spring 13^b is substituted for the leaf-springs 13 and secured at its sides to the follower-plates 11^b, 12^b.

By suspending the device from the little finger, the hand is free for use in making change, filling out forms, memoranda, and other work requiring the use of both hands.

When the checks are needed a slight movement places the device in the palm of the hand for instant use.

The device can be readily supplied with checks as required.

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

A device of the character described, consisting of an outer case open at its ends, an inner case removably-arranged within said outer case, said inner case being open at its upper and lower sides and cut away at its front end, means to prevent accidental displacement of the inner case, a ring on the rear end of the inner case, follower-plates within the inner case, springs interposed between said follower-plates, and a guide-plate interposed between said springs, substantially as described.

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

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