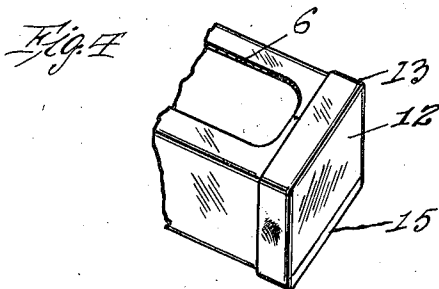
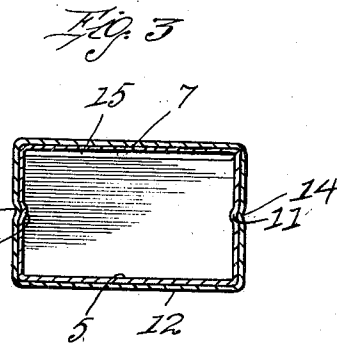
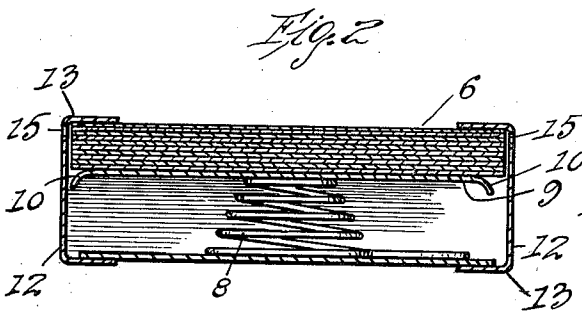
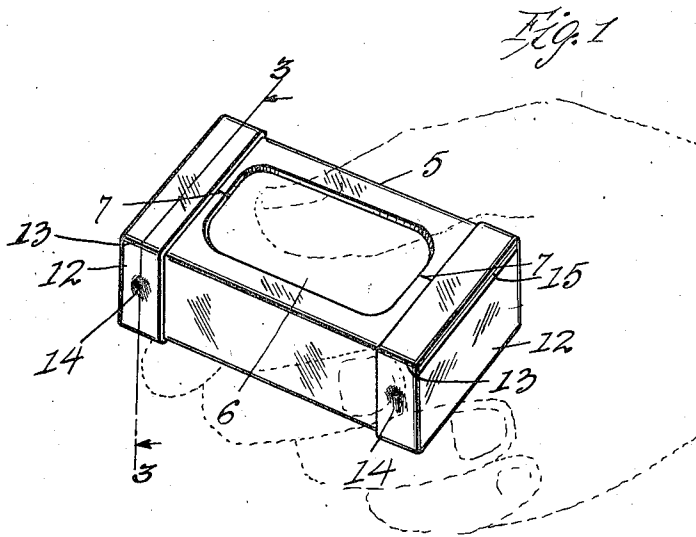


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CLARENCE E. LONG, a citizen of the United States, residing at Fort Wayne, in the county of Allen and State of Indiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Ticket-Holders, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

This invention relates to improvements in ticket holders and has for its primary object to provide a simple and inexpensive device which may be carried in the vest pocket and will contain a large number of street car tickets.

Another object of the invention is to provide a device of this character having improved structural features whereby the tickets are securely held in position in the holder, while at the same time they may be easily and quickly extracted therefrom.

Still another object of the invention is to provide a device of this character consisting of a body provided in one wall with a finger-receiving opening, means arranged within said body to hold the tickets in place beneath said opening, caps removably arranged upon the ends of the body and having slots through which the tickets are adapted to be projected, said body having compressible side walls whereby the caps may be readily removed from the ends of the body.

Still another object of the invention is to produce a holder for car or other tickets which consists of comparatively few parts which are of simple form, said holder including reversible end caps which, when the device is not in use, effectually prevent loss of the tickets from the holder.

With the above and other objects in view as will become apparent as the description proceeds, the invention consists in certain constructions, combinations and arrangements of the parts that I shall hereinafter fully describe and claim.

For a full understanding of the invention, reference is to be had to the following description and accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a ticket holder embodying the present invention; Fig. 2 is a longitudinal section thereof; Fig. 3 is a transverse section taken on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1; and Fig. 4 is a detail

fragmentary perspective view showing the position of one of the caps reversed.

Referring in detail to the drawing, 5 designates the body of the holder which is constructed of resilient sheet metal and is preferably of elongated rectangular form and of requisite size to receive an ordinary car ticket. One of the walls of this resilient metal body is provided with a finger receiving opening 6 and at opposite ends of this opening, said wall is split or separated as indicated at 7. The particular purpose of this construction of the body will be more fully pointed out in the following description.

The hollow rectangular body of the holder is open at both ends and within the same a coil spring 8 is centrally located. One end of this spring is fixed to the inner face of a longitudinally disposed plate 9 which is movable between the opposed side walls of the holder. The ends of this plate are slightly curved inwardly as indicated at 10 to facilitate the insertion of a plurality of tickets between said plate and the wall of the holder body which is provided with the opening 6. The opposed side walls of the body 5 are provided at each of their ends with indentations 11. Over the open ends of the body, the caps 12 are adapted to be disposed. Each of these caps consists of a body portion the edges of which are flanged as indicated at 13. The end flanges of these closure caps are inwardly punched to provide protrusions 14 thereon to be received in the recesses or sockets formed by indenting the side walls of the holder body. Each of the caps 12 is also provided at the juncture of one of the longitudinal flanges 13 with the body thereof, with a longitudinal slot 15.

In the use of the device, the slots 15 of the closure caps 12 are disposed contiguous to the ends of the openings 6 in the body wall of the holder, and when it is desired to extract the ticket from the holder, the user places his thumb in the opening 6 and forces the outermost ticket longitudinally in either direction, to project the end thereof through one of the slots 15. The ticket is then grasped by the fingers and withdrawn from the holder. The spring 8 within the holder acts to yieldingly hold the outer ticket in frictional engagement with the body wall around the edges of the opening 6, and in extracting the ticket, the operator

presses inwardly to overcome the tension of said spring. When all of the tickets have been extracted, and it is necessary to refill the holder, the operator simply presses inwardly upon the opposite side walls of the body 5 and thereby disengages the ends of the side walls from the protrusions 14 of the caps. By splitting the top wall of the body at the ends of the opening 6 therein, the opposed portions of said wall may be moved with relation to each other when pressure is exerted upon the side walls, thereby permitting of the easy and quick removal of the caps. One of the caps may now be readily removed and any number of tickets to the limit of the capacity of the holder may be readily inserted therein, by simply placing the ends of the tickets against the inwardly curved end of the plate 9. By exerting an inward longitudinal pressure, said plate will be moved against the tension of the holding spring 8, so that the tickets may be readily forced entirely within the holder. When the holder is not in use, in order to obviate liability of the tickets accidentally working out through the slots 15 of the caps, the positions of these caps are reversed upon the ends of the holder, so as to dispose the slots 15 adjacent the opposite side of the holder body to that with which the tickets are engaged. Thus the tickets will be held against longitudinal movement and their loss obviated.

From the foregoing, it is believed that the construction and manner of operation of my improved ticket holder will be fully understood.

The invention is very serviceable and convenient in practical use and admits of a large number of tickets being carried in the pocket without danger of unintentionally withdrawing the same along with other articles which may be contained in the pocket. At the same time, the tickets may be easily and quickly removed from the holder or extended therefrom and presented to the conductor. All liability of more than one ticket

being inadvertently given is overcome by the use of the device.

It will of course be understood that the device may be made in various sizes to contain tickets used for different purposes.

The holder is preferably nickel-plated and may be provided with other ornamentation to render the same neat and attractive in appearance.

While I have shown and described the preferred construction and arrangement of the several elements, it will be understood that the invention is susceptible of considerable modification without departing from the essential features or sacrificing any of the advantages thereof.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed is:

A ticket holder comprising a body constructed of resilient sheet metal and open at both ends, one wall of said body being provided with a finger-receiving opening, said wall at the ends of the opening being longitudinally split, means arranged within the body to yieldingly hold a plurality of tickets in position beneath said opening, closure caps for the ends of said body, each of said caps having marginal flanges to engage over the body walls, the corresponding flanges and walls of said caps and body having co-engaging means to removably retain the caps on said body, each of said caps at the juncture of one of the marginal flanges of the body therewith being provided with a slot through which the tickets are adapted to be projected, said caps being adapted for arrangement upon the ends of the body to dispose the slots therein adjacent the wall of the body which is opposite the finger-receiving opening in the opposed wall thereof.

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

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