

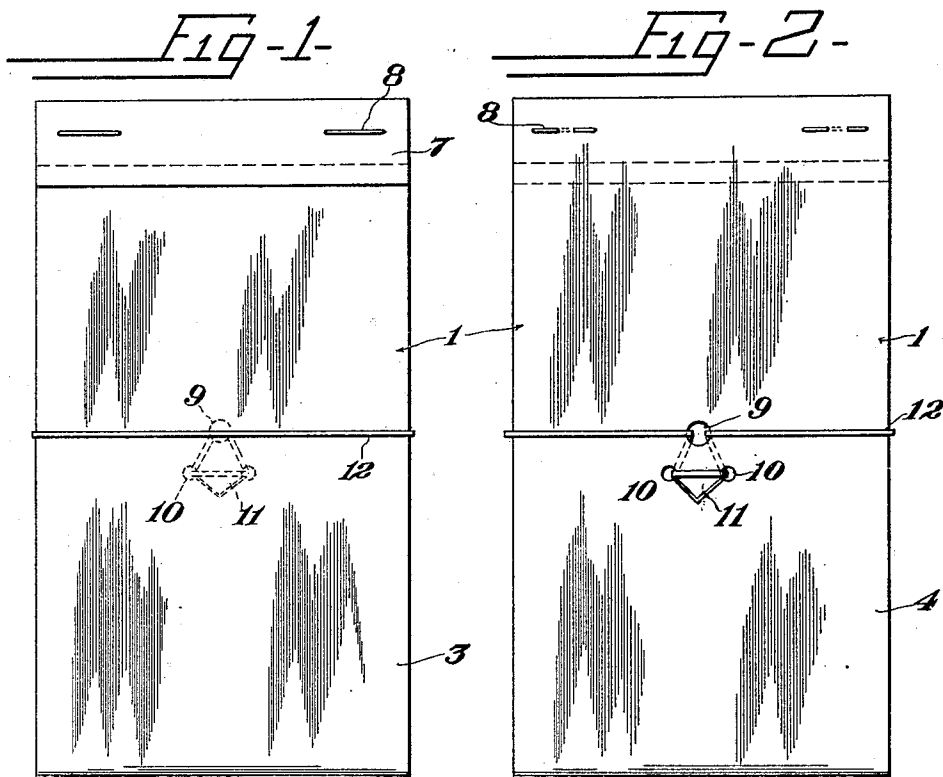
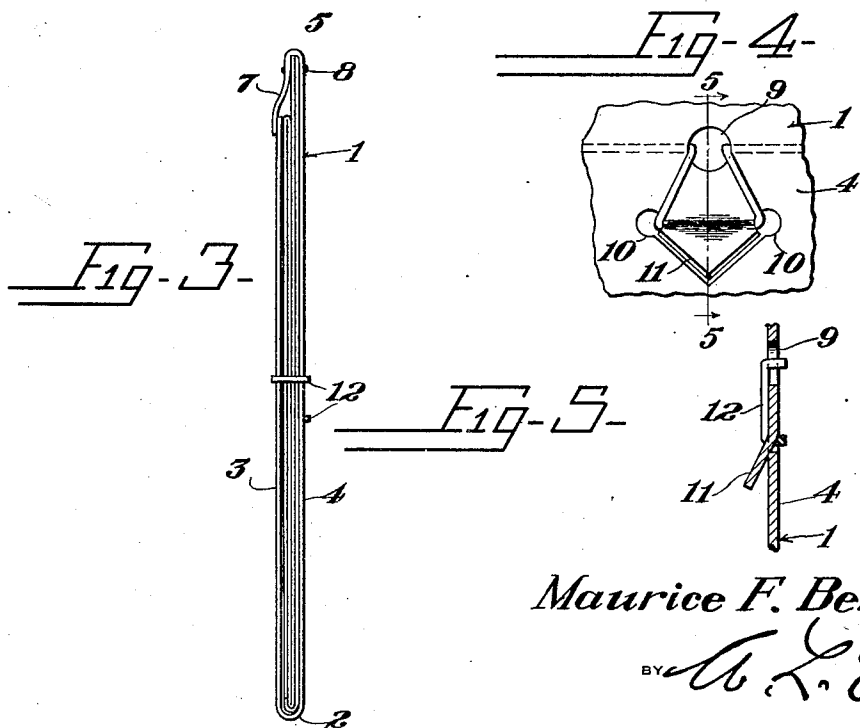
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This invention relates to folders, and its general object is to provide a folder in the form of a holding device for folded strip type coupons and the like, that hold the strips in a contact manner without fear of loss, damage or casual separation thereof, and the folder can be easily and expeditiously opened when it is desired to remove a coupon or the like therefrom.

Another object of the invention is to provide a folder of the type set forth, that is simple in construction, inexpensive to manufacture and efficient in operation and service.

This invention also consists in certain other features of construction and in the combination and arrangement of the several parts, to be hereinafter fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings and specifically pointed out in the appended claim.

In describing my invention in detail, reference will be had to the accompanying drawings wherein like characters denote like or corresponding parts throughout the several views, and in which:

Figure 1 is a front elevation of the folder which forms the subject matter of the present invention.

Figure 2 is a rear view thereof.

Figure 3 is an edge elevation.

Figure 4 is a fragmentary view illustrating the securing means for the flexible element which holds the folder in closed position.

Figure 5 is a sectional view taken approximately on line 5-5 of Figure 4, looking in the direction of the arrows.

Referring to the drawings in detail, the folder includes a strip 1 of any suitable material such as cardboard, celluloid, flexible metal or the like, and is folded upon itself as at 2 in a manner to provide a front 3 and a back 4 arranged in parallelism with each other as best shown in Figure 3. The back 4 is folded upon itself at its upper end as at 5 to provide a tongue 7 that is adapted to overlap the upper edge of the front, and the tongue is secured in the position as shown through the instrumentality of clamping members 8 which likewise secure the coupons

and the like between the tongue and the back as shown in Figure 3.

Approximately centrally of the back 4 a relatively large rounded opening 9 is provided and disposed below the opening 9 and arranged upon opposite sides thereof is a pair of relatively small rounded openings 10. The back is split in converging relation from the openings 10 in a manner to provide a substantially V-shaped tongue 11 that may be disposed at an inclination with respect to the back as shown in Figure 5, but in any event the purpose of the V-shaped tongue is to receive an elastic member 12 in the form of a rubber band which is disposed in the small round openings 10 through the instrumentality of the slits forming the tongue 11. The openings 10 act as a securing means for the band which is arranged through the opening 9 and is thence disposed about the folder as best shown in Figure 2 for holding the folder in closed position.

From the above description and disclosure of the drawings, it will be obvious that when it is desired to remove a coupon or the like from the folder, the band or elastic member 12 is removed from about the front 3 which will then be disposed to open position, but when the flexible member 12 is arranged about the front, the contents of the folder are held in a compact manner and protected against loss or damage.

It is thought from the foregoing description that the advantages and novel features of my invention will be readily apparent.

I desire it to be understood that I may make changes in the construction and in the combination and arrangement of the several parts, provided that such changes fall within the scope of the appended claim.

What I claim is:

A folder including a strip of flexible material bent upon itself to provide a front and a back arranged in parallel relation with respect to each other, a tongue formed with the back and disposed in overlapped relation with respect to the upper edge of the front, clamping members passed through the back and tongue for holding the latter in operative position and the contents of the folder

therein, said back being provided with a pair of openings with slits extending from the openings, an elastic member arranged in the openings through the medium of the slits, said elastic member being adapted to be passed through an opening above the opening first mentioned, for disposal about the back and front for holding the folder in closed position.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.
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