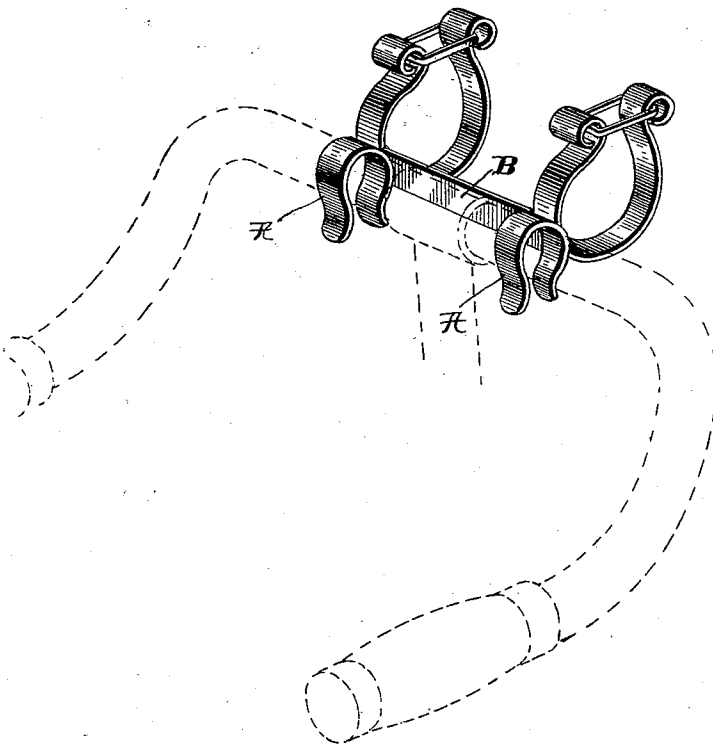


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FREDERICK J. BOEHM, a citizen of the United States, residing at Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Parcel-Carriers for Bicycles; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My device relates to improvements in parcel-carriers for bicycles.

It consists of two sets of curved steel springs, each set consisting of one small spring to be forced over the handle-bar and to hold itself thereon by its spring-pressure and the other which is attached thereto and projects forwardly, being larger and curved so as to have open side up. The two sets of springs are united by a bar.

In the drawing the figure is a perspective view of my device upon the handle-bar.

The object of my invention is to provide a cheap and simple device for parcels for bicycles to be used for carrying coats and other small packages. The small spring A is made of a flat steel band and is curved, so that it may be placed over the handle-bar and will grasp the same tightly. This spring is made of a U shape, the open side being down. Fastened to the front side of this spring near its upper end is a horizontal strip B of steel, which has a similar spring fastened upon its opposite end. A similar spring made of thin plate-steel, but of a considerably larger size than the last, is fastened to the front thereof. This is also of general U shape having the open side up. There are two of the small springs which fasten over the handle-bar and two of the larger springs which are intended for receiving the package. These are united by the strip B and held a certain distance apart.

In using my device the small springs A are forced over the handle-bars. The large springs project forward of the handle-bar and have their open ends up. A coat or any small package may be placed within said springs, and unless quite small will be held there by the springs themselves.

In order to increase the spring-power and yet keep the device light, a couple of rubber bands may be used, each band being placed over the upper ends of the package-holding springs. By doing this the springs themselves may be made quite weak, and light and sufficient pressure be obtained by means of the bands to hold the package securely.

It will be seen that my device forms a very light, cheap, and effective one for its purpose. It is also very convenient for use and holds a coat which is placed within it without the necessity for any strings for tying the coat.

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

As an improved article of manufacture, a parcel-carrier for bicycles comprising a strip adapted to lie parallel with the handle-bar, substantially inverted-U-shaped springs at opposite ends of said strip, substantially U-shaped springs oppositely disposed at the ends of said strip upon the opposite side thereof with their upper ends curved outwardly, and elastic bands, one for each of the last-mentioned springs, engaging the bent-over portions thereof, all substantially as herein shown and for the purpose specified.

In testimony whereof I have signed this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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