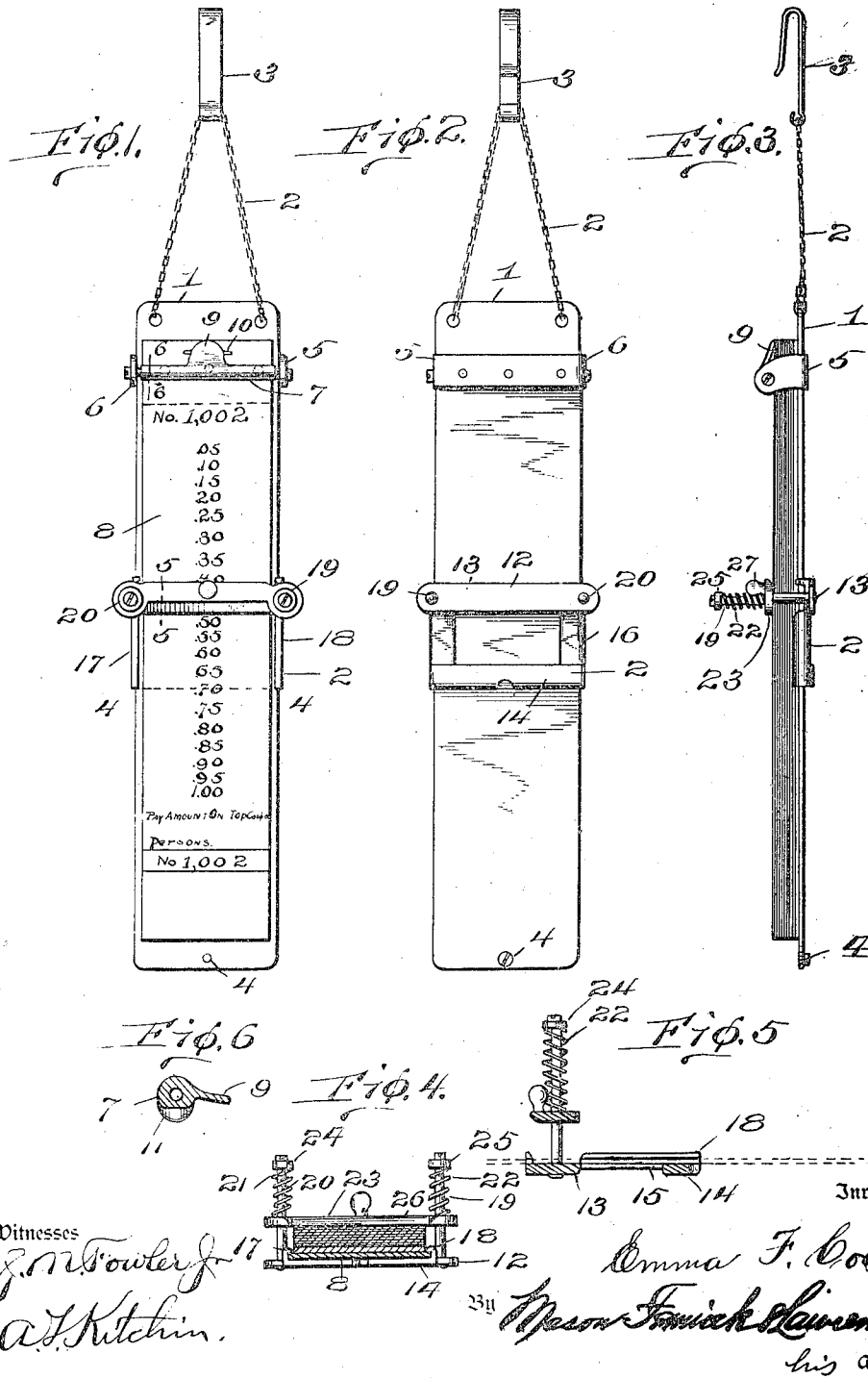


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EMMA F. COATES, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chattanooga, in the county of Hamilton and State of Tennessee, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Holders for Tickets or Check Books; 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.

This invention relates to improvements in ticket holders, and particularly to holders for tickets or pay checks designed to be torn from a stub.

The object in view is the arrangement of improved means for holding a book of tickets or checks formed with means for permitting the tearing of the tickets or checks at any desired point so as to readily provide tickets presenting different values.

A further object of the invention is the arrangement in a holder for tickets and the like, of an improved slide formed with a cutting bar normally held against the tickets by springs, whereby the tickets may be torn at any point, the springs causing the bar to press against the remaining tickets after some have been removed.

With these and other objects in view the invention comprises certain novel constructions, combinations, and arrangement of parts as will be hereinafter more fully described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings: Figure 1 is a front view of an embodiment of the invention assembled. Fig. 2 is a rear view of the structure shown in Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is an edge view of the structure shown in Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is an enlarged sectional view on line 4-4 of Fig. 1. Fig. 5 is a section through the slide shown in Fig. 1, the same being taken on line 5-5 of said figure. Fig. 6 is a section through the ticket retaining clamp shown in Fig. 1, the same being on line 6-6 of said figure.

In forming a holder embodying the invention a back is provided of substantially the same size as the pad of tickets to be used thereon. This back is provided with a supporting hook or other member, and has connected therewith a clamp at one end for clamping one end of the pad firmly to the back. Arranged on the back is a slide provided with a presser bar adapted to be posi-

tioned on top of the pad and to be pressed against the pad by springs carried by up-standing studs projecting from the body part of the slide. By this construction and arrangement the tickets or checks may be torn at any point as the slide may be moved back and forth freely, and as the presser bar continually presses against the pad regardless of the thickness thereof.

In order that the invention may be more clearly understood an embodiment of the same is shown in the accompanying drawings, in which 1 indicates a back of any desired material to which is connected a chain 2 carrying a hook 3. The hook 3 may be used to connect the holder to a waiter's belt when the device is being used in a café, or may be supported by the hook from any desired support. The back 1 carries a slide 2 which may be moved freely from one end of the back to the other, the same being limited only by a removable screw 4 at the bottom of the back, and by a pair of brackets 5 and 6 at the top of the back. The brackets 5 and 6 carry an eccentric member 7 which acts as a clamp for clamping pad 8 firmly to back 1, but permitting the ready removal of the pad at any time. The eccentric member 7 is formed with an extending lip 9 which is adapted to be moved over and rest against the upper end of the pad, whereby the eccentric is locked against further movement in one direction, and the pad is properly clamped in position. In order to accommodate the staple 10 used to connect the various leaves of the pad 8 the eccentric 7 is cut away at 11 so that the bearing surfaces of the eccentric are near the ends of the eccentric.

The slide 2 is designed to be freely moved between the screw 4 and the eccentric 7 under ordinary conditions, but when it is desired to remove the slide screw 4 may be removed and the slide easily slipped off the end of the back 1. Slide 2 is made with a body portion 12 built up of a plurality of transversely extending bars 13 and 14, and a plurality of longitudinally extending bars 15 and 16. Bars 15 and 16 are formed with turned over portions 17 and 18 which define guide ways for holding the slide 2 on back 1. The transverse or cross bar 13 extends a short distance beyond the sides of back 1 for accommodating studs 19 and 20. Surrounding the studs 19 and 20 are springs 21 and 22 which continually press against a

presser bar 23 and against washers 24 and 25, which are held in place by suitable screws connected with the respective studs at their upper ends. The presser bar 23 is beveled at 26 for permitting the tickets or checks of pad 8 to be more easily torn. The presser bar 23 is also provided with a thumb operating stud or gripping member 27 by which the presser bar may be moved longitudinally of the studs 19 and 20 against the action of the springs arranged thereon, and also by which the entire slide 2 may be adjusted longitudinally of the back 1.

When in use the holder may be positioned at any desired point. In case the holder is used by waiters in a café where the same is especially applicable, the waiter will mark on the check the number of persons being served, and after having taken the order will tear off the bottom part of the check up to the amount of purchase, so that the patron may follow the directions at the bottom of the coupon, namely to "pay amount on top of the coupon." If desired the waiter may hand the remaining part of the check to the chef or some other party for acting as a check or system by which an accurate account may be kept of what has been served, and the amount of money collected. The check is provided with the number of the waiter at the top, and at the bottom, so that both the cashier and the chef will have a record of each order served by each waiter. It will, of course, be understood that other forms of checks could be used with the improved holder but for the purpose of illustration the one just described is shown in order to more clearly bring out the advantages of the holder.

What I claim is:

1. In a device of the character described, a back, means for clamping a pad thereon, said means comprising a pair of upstanding ears, an eccentric member journaled in said ears and arranged to press against said pad when moved to one position, and a locking thumb member designed to engage the pad

when the eccentric member is in a locked position, and a presser bar arranged to engage said pad and adapted to permit the tearing of the leaves thereof.

2. In a device of the character described, a back, means for clamping a pad to said back, a presser bar arranged to engage said pad, a reciprocating slide for supporting said presser bar at any desired point along said back, and means supported by said slide for resiliently pressing said presser bar against said pad, said means last mentioned comprising studs acting as guides for the presser bar and springs carried by the guides.

3. In a device of the character described, a back, means for clamping a pad to said back, a presser bar arranged to engage said pad, a slide engaging said back and supporting said presser bar but permitting said presser bar to move toward and from said back, and studs carried by said slide arranged to guide said presser bar and springs carried by the guiding studs for resiliently pressing the same against said pad.

4. In a device of the character described, a back designed to support a pad, a slide mounted on said back and adapted to move from one end to the other, a pair of upstanding lugs connected to said slide, a presser bar slidably mounted on said upstanding lugs and extending across said pad, and springs surrounding said upstanding lugs and pressing at one end against said presser bar for resiliently pressing the same against said pad, and means connected with said upstanding lugs for engaging the opposite end of said springs to that pressing against said presser bar for holding the springs properly in position.

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

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