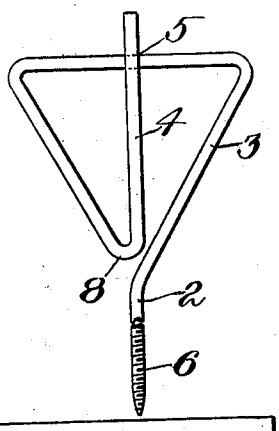
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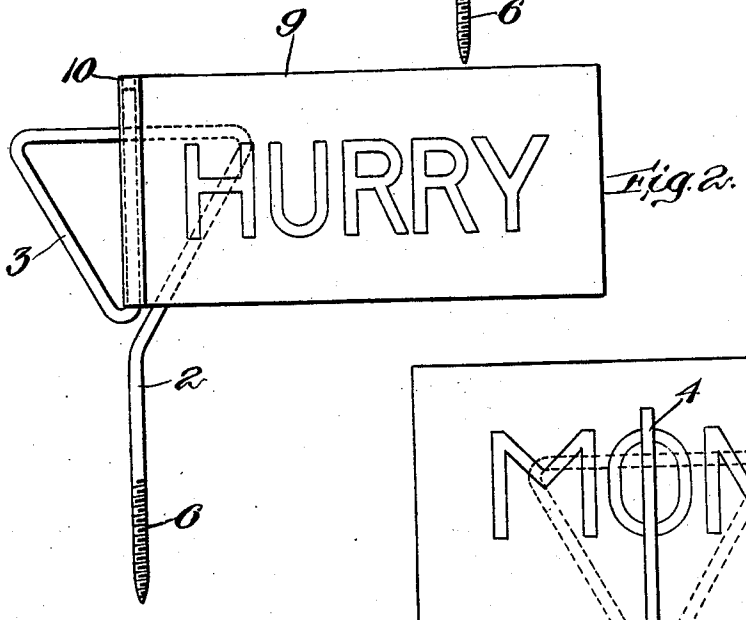




Fig. 2.

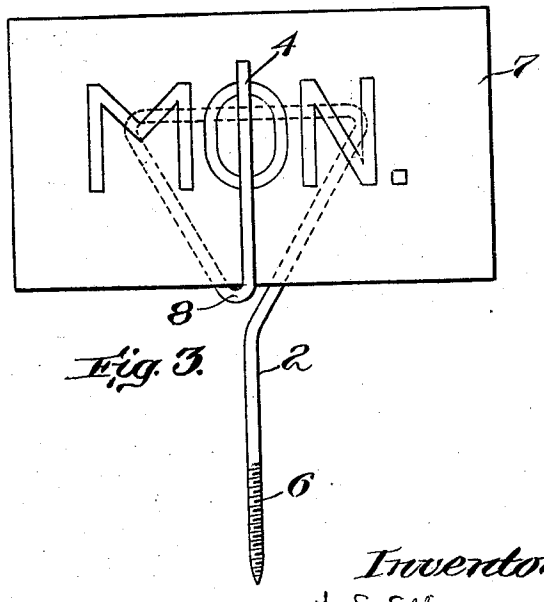



Fig. 3.

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## DEVICE FOR HOLDING CARDS, &c.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WARREN EUGENE ELLIS, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Haverhill, in the county of Essex and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Devices for Holding Cards and the Like, of which the following is a specification.

In the manufacture of shoes it is a common custom to place the unfinished shoes and parts thereof as soon as one process has been performed upon them in racks in which they are transported to the operators who are to perform the next step in the process of manufacture, and it is desirable that each of these racks shall be supplied with one or more tags or cards indicating various data, particularly the number or position of the contents of the rack in the sequence of the cases of shoes being manufactured in order that the first case of shoes to undergo one operation may also be the first to undergo the succeeding operations, and so on. My invention is intended to provide a simple and efficient device by means of which such tags or cards may be temporarily secured to these racks, and is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of what I term the "holder" proper. Fig. 2 is a view showing the holder in combination with a supplementary tag hereinafter described, and Fig. 3 is a view showing a card attached to the holder.

My holder is preferably made of a piece of stiff wire bent, as shown in the drawings, to form a shank 2, a nearly-closed loop 3, and a free end portion 4, extending across one portion of the loop and normally lying against said portion, as shown at 5. The lower end of the shank 2 is preferably screw-threaded, as at 6, in order that the device may be readily screwed into or out of the edge of a wooden rack, such as is commonly used for the purpose above described. As thus constructed a card 7 may be attached to my holder by slipping it between the free end portion 4 and the loop 3, in which position it will be held by the spring action of said end portion, which acts to press the card firmly against the loop. The loop serves to keep the card flat and to prevent its being bent or broken, and the bend at the point 8, where said loop joins the portion 4, acts as a stop to limit the downward movement of the card when inserted and to prevent its falling out of the holder. It will be understood that this card ordinarily contains the name of a day of the week or some other inscription identifying the batch of goods contained in the rack to which the card is attached.

In Fig. 2 I have shown my holder as provided with a supplementary tag consisting of a flat plate 9, provided at one end with a socket 10, which socket is adapted to slip over the portion 4 of the holder, as shown in said Fig. 2, and to turn thereon. This tag may be made of an ordinary strip of sheet metal having one of its ends bent to form the socket referred to, and may be used for special inscriptions either in connection with a card 7 or independently thereof, as its presence or absence in no way affects the insertion and removal of said card. It will be seen that this tag may be turned to face in any direction desired with respect to the plane of the loop, and the plane of the loop itself may be made to face in any desired direction by turning the holder itself in the rack into which it is screwed.

I claim as my invention—

1. A holder for cards and the like, composed of a piece of wire bent to form a shank 2 provided at its lower or free end with a gimlet-pointed screw-thread, a loop 3, and a straight terminal portion 4 extending upward from the bottom of the loop and crossing and extending beyond the upper side of the same, closely adjacent thereto, substantially as described.

2. The combination with a card-holder composed of a shank, a loop, and a free end portion crossing one side of said loop adjacent to the same, of a tag composed of a body portion adapted to receive an inscription, and a socket adapted to receive the free end portion of said holder, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name this 15th day of November, 1902.

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