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Fig 1

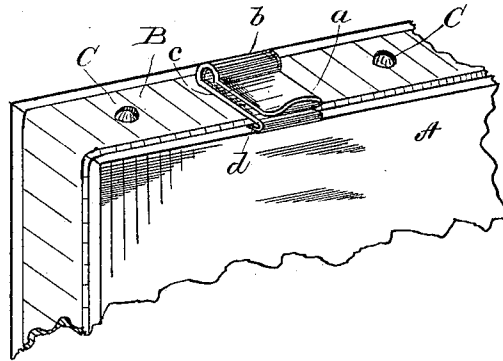


Fig 2

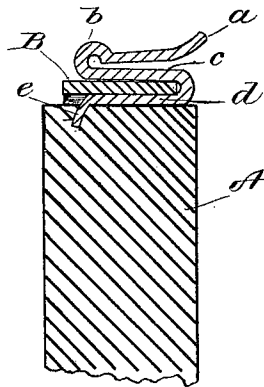
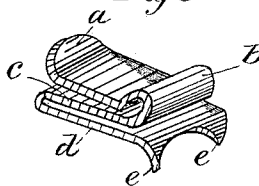


Fig 3



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DAVID F. CROFUT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Bridgeport, in the county of Fairfield and State of Connecticut, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Ticket-Holders; 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 invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in ticket-holders, and has for its object to provide a device of this description for attachment to the backs of car-seats which shall be simple in construction and of ready application; and with these ends in view my invention consists in the combination, with the back of a car or similar seat and the binding-strip thereon, of a doubly-curved resilient clasp or holder embracing the binding-strip, and whose rear end engages with the seat-back, as is hereinafter fully explained, and then recited in the claim hereto appended.

In order that those skilled in the art to which my invention appertains may readily understand its construction and application, I will describe the same in detail, referring by letter to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective of the top of a car-seat back with a ticket-holder properly attached thereto; Fig. 2, a section transverse of the seat back and longitudinal of the ticket-holder, and Fig. 3 a perspective of my device slightly enlarged for purposes of illustration.

Similar letters denote like parts in all the figures of the drawings.

My device is bent up from a strip of sheet metal, which from the upwardly-curved lip *a* extends backward, and is bowed upward at *b* to give to it the necessary resilience. Thence it is bent under and extends forward, as at *c*, substantially parallel to that portion of the strip above it, and is again parallel to the central section of the strip, as at *d*, and finally terminates in a pair of downwardly-projecting prongs, *e*.

In Figs. 1 and 2 of the drawings, A represents a car-seat back of the construction common to passenger-coaches, and B the flat metal binding-strip, which is secured around the edge thereof by screws C.

My device is attached as follows: Two screws in the binding-strip are loosened, so that said strip may be slightly lifted from its normal position upon the seat-back. The ticket-holder is then slipped onto the strip, the latter occupying the space between the parts *c* and *d* of the holder. If the seat back be upholstered, pressure applied to the strip on each side of the holder will cause the prongs on the latter to engage firmly in the upholstery. If the strip be mounted upon a frame of wood, small recesses for the reception of the prongs can readily be formed in the latter. The retightening of the screws in the binding-strip secures the holder firmly in its position, and the engagement of the prongs effectually prevents any accidental displacement.

It is designed to place four of the holders upon each seat-back of a passenger-coach, so that two will be always in position in front of the occupants of each seat, irrespective of which way the seat-back may be turned.

My device affords a very convenient means for holding the ticket, and, moreover, by its use the taking of tickets by the conductor is greatly facilitated, since each passenger's ticket will be in the holder on the seat-back before him within easy reach of the conductor.

I am aware that prior to my invention resilient clasps for holding tickets and analogous articles, and formed by bending from a single strip of metal, have been employed, and I do not therefore wish to be understood as laying claim, broadly, to such a construction, but only to the doubly-curved ticket-holder adapted for attachment to a car or other seat, as above set forth.

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

In combination with the back and binding-strip of a car or other seat, a ticket-clasp consisting of a strip of metal bent upon itself to form a resilient clip for the ticket, then bent backward to embrace the binding-strip, and terminating at its lower end in a downwardly-projecting prong or prongs adapted to engage with the seat-back, substantially as shown and described.

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

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