

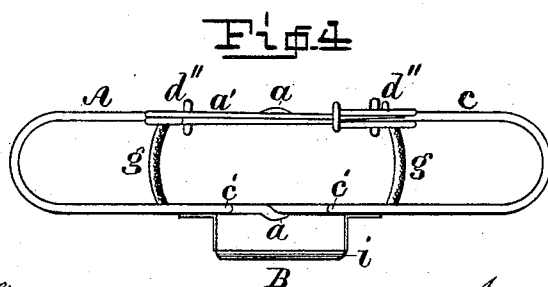
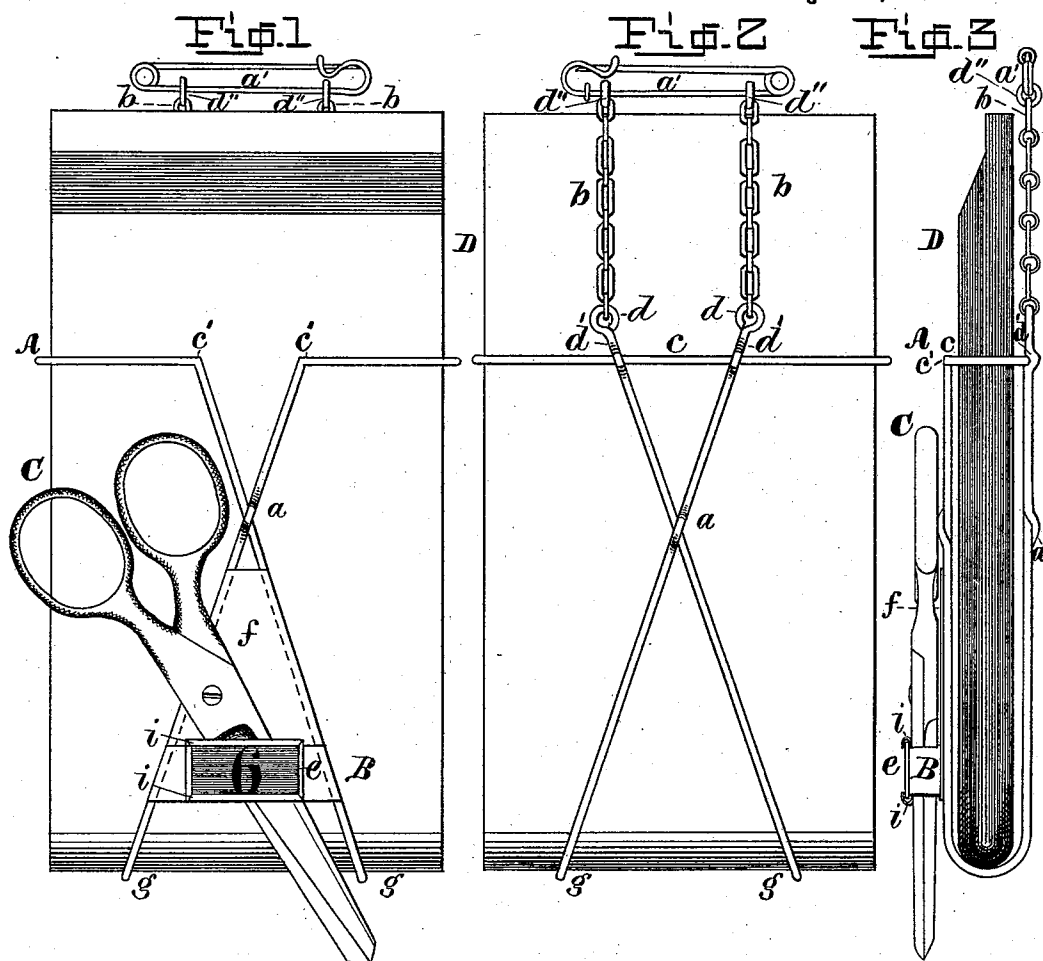
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CHECK-BOOK HOLDER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES L. MCGERVEY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Xenia, in the county of Greene and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Check-Book Holders; and I do 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, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates to a new and useful improvement in check-book holders, it being an improvement upon the check-book holder for which Letters Patent were granted to James L. McGervey, dated January 19, 1892, No. 467,263.

This improvement consists in a more tasteful and rigid construction of the wire frame, which latter is made of greater strength.

It also consists in the combination, with the holder-frame, of a scissors-holder on the front side of the latter convenient for the use of the salesman.

It also consists in the attachment of a removable card slip or plate to the device in a conspicuous place, having thereon the number of the salesman or saleswoman. The case in which the card or slip is carried is preferably placed on the front side of the scissors-holder.

The means for attaching and suspending my improved check-book holder do not differ from those used in my former patent, the simplest form of which is (by preference) used in this improvement.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a front elevation of my improved check-book holder with scissors-holder and card-case, with the number on the card (of the salesman) in the latter. The book is also shown. Fig. 2 is an elevation of the reverse side of the check-book holder. Fig. 3 is an edge view of the check-book and scissors holder shown in Fig. 1. The scissors as well as the check-book are both shown in Figs. 1 and 3. Fig. 4 is a view of the check-book and scissors-holder without the book or scissors as seen from the top.

The frame A of my improved check-book

holder is of wire bent with an open-mouth end of oblong shape, lying in a horizontal plane, much like that in my former patent before referred to, the top wire *c* being brought around from the rear to the front side to the points *c' c'*, where they are bent downwardly at an angle; but instead of being carried in perpendicular parallel lines they are extended diagonally from the angles *c' c'* across the front side, crossing each other at the point *a* at the middle longitudinal line of the frame and are carried thence down and around to the rear side to form the bottom end with the bends *g g*. From the latter the wires are carried diagonally upward on the rear side, again crossing each other on the latter side at the middle longitudinal line of the frame and extending thence upward outside of and across the top wire *c* and having ring-terminals above the latter, as seen in the view Fig. 2. The overlapping wires where they cross each other are all bent to conform to the under wires (as seen in Figs. 1, 2, and 3) and are brazed to the latter at points *a* and *d'*, thus making the frame stronger and more rigid than by any other means of uniting the wires.

On the front side of the frame, below the point *a*, a triangular sheet-metal plate *f* is brazed or soldered upon the wires. It extends from a little below the point *a* to a point near the bottom of the frame, and across the lower end of this plate is a rectangular sheet-metal loop B, which projects outward from plate *f* and has a vertical opening through it for holding the scissors C, the blades of which are thrust through the loop, while their handles rest above the latter in convenient position for use. Flanges *i i* extend from the upper and lower edges of the loop-plates, which are bent forward and inward toward each other, forming grooves into which a strip of cardboard or sheet metal having thereon the number of the salesman is slipped, as seen at *e*, Figs. 1 and 3. The utility of this part of the device is apparent, as the purchaser readily identifies the salesman by the number, thus making it easy to correct any errors in the purchase. The check-book D (shown in the holder in Figs. 1, 2, and 3) is of the long manifold kind and is doubled upon itself in inserting it in the holder.

By reference to Fig. 3 it will be noticed that

another object besides securing a good joint at the points *a* and *d' d'*, by bending the overlapping wires, is to bring the latter back into the same vertical plane with the wires under them, thus making a more even surface on the inside of the holder-frame and preventing all danger of abrasion to the book-cover.

The safety-pin *a'* and chains *b b*, attached to the ring-terminals *d d* at the back of the holder-frame, are preferably used as the most simple and cheapest means of attaching and suspending the check-book holder. The rings *d'' d''*, which connect the chains *b b* with the safety-pin *a'*, are soldered or brazed to the latter to keep them at a fixed distance apart and prevent them from moving upon the safety-pin.

I claim as my invention—

1. In a check-book holder, a wire frame having an open-top end and members extending from the latter diagonally downward and across the plane of said frame, said members crossing each other on the front and rear sides of said frame and secured together and to the mouth-wire, substantially as set forth.

2. In a check-book holder, the combination of an oblong open-mouth wire and integral diagonal members extending therefrom and crossing each other upon the front and rear sides and continuous across from side to side at their lowest points to form the bottom end of a wire frame and having their upper ends crossing the rear side of said mouth-wire and secured thereto and ending in ring-terminals above the latter, said members being united to each other at the crossing-points.

3. In a check-book holder, a wire frame having an open-mouth end and wires depending from the latter and crossing each other to form the sides and bottom of said frame, the upper member of said crossed wires being formed with a bend or curve to conform to the shape of the under member and to bring it in line with the latter, said members being united together at their points of intersection, substantially as set forth.

4. In a check-book holder, a rigid wire frame having an oblong open-mouth end and adapted for holding and carrying a check-book in an upright position, said frame being pro-

vided with a number plate or card with the number thereon of the salesman or saleswoman using said check-book holder.

5. In a check-book holder, an inclosing wire frame having an open-mouth end adapted to be suspended uprightly for holding and carrying a book, means for suspending said frame to the person, and a holder for scissors in combination therewith, substantially as hereinbefore set forth.

6. The combination, in a check-book holder, of a holder for scissors and a number plate or card having a number thereon indicative of the number of the salesman with means for suspending said check-book holder to the clothing of the latter, substantially as set forth.

7. In a check-book holder, a wire frame having an open-mouth end, diagonal members depending therefrom crossing each other on the sides and extending across the lower end, said members being secured together at their crossing-points and to the mouth-wire on the rear side, and a sheet-metal plate of triangular shape fastened to said diagonal members on the front side, having attached thereto a number plate or card with the number thereon of the salesman using said check-book holder.

8. In a check-book holder, a wire frame having an open-mouth end, members depending therefrom crossing each other on the front and rear sides, said members being continuous across the plane of said frame to form the lower end and united together at their crossing-points and to the mouth-wire on the rear or suspending side of said frame, a sheet-metal plate connecting said members on the front side, a loop on said plate having incurvated flanges or bent edges *z z*, and a removable number plate or card having thereon the number of the salesman using said check-book holder.

9. In a check-book holder, the combination, with the frame *A*, having ring-terminals *d' d'*, of chains *b b* and safety-pin *a'*, having rings *d'' d''* immovably secured thereto.

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

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