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Fig. 1.

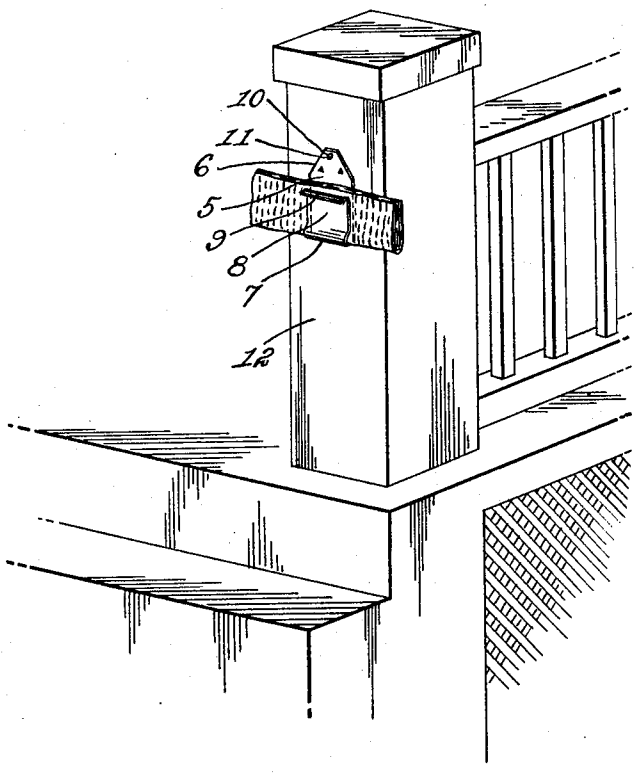
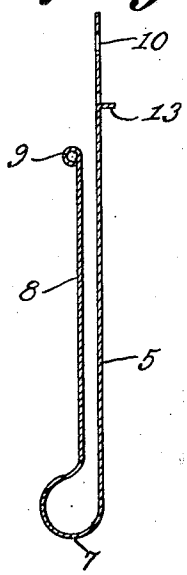


Fig. 2.



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The invention relates to a holder and more especially to a clamping receptacle for mail matter, newspapers, magazines, books or the like.

The primary object of the invention is the provision of a device of this character wherein the construction thereof permits its use either inside or outside of a house or other edifice and will permit the clamping of mail matter, newspapers, magazines, books or other articles or papers for the holding thereof without liability of the same becoming released and possible loss thereof.

Another object of the invention is the provision of a device of this character wherein the body thereof is especially constructed so that but a single fastener will be required to secure the same in place without liability of its becoming disarranged or swinging on its single fastener, the device being novel in form to permit the clamping of articles therein such as newspapers, magazines, books or other like mediums.

A further object of the invention is the provision of a device of this character which is extremely simple in construction, neat and attractive in appearance, reliable and efficient in its purpose, light in weight but strong, durable, susceptible of construction from a single blank and inexpensive to manufacture.

With these and other objects in view, the invention consists in the features of construction, combination and arrangement of parts as will be hereinafter more fully described in detail, illustrated in the accompanying drawing, which discloses the preferred embodiment of the invention, and pointed out in the claim hereunto appended.

In the accompanying drawing:—

Figure 1 is a fragmentary perspective view of a porch for a house showing the device constructed in accordance with the invention mounted upon the stoop post.

Figure 2 is an enlarged vertical longitudinal sectional view through the device.

Similar reference characters indicate corresponding parts throughout the several views in the drawing.

Referring to the drawing in detail, the device comprises a body 5 preferably made from a single blank of sheet metal cut into substantially rectangular shape with beveled corners 6 at one end thereof, while the other end portion of the body is bent outwardly, upwardly and inwardly to constitute a roll 7 and also further bent to form a clamping jaw terminal 8 which by the roll 7 is arranged close to the post 5 and disposed in parallelism therewith. The upper edge of the jaw 8 is outwardly curled as at 9 and this curl terminates considerably removed from the beveled corner end 6 of the post 5.

The roll serves to permit the jaw 8 to open and close relative to the base 5 on the insertion of mail matter, newspapers, magazines, books or the like within the device whereby the folds if present in such articles will be compensated for in the roll 7 of the device and the jaw 8 will firmly clamp the articles as will be apparent.

The beveled corner end of the base 5 has a centrally located aperture 10 for accommodating a screw or other fastener 11 for the mounting of the device upon a support, as example at 12, the stoop post. Struck from the base 5 at the end with a beveled corner 6 on opposite sides with relation to the aperture 10 are spurs or teeth 13, these being at right angles to the rear face of the base 5 and adapted to puncture or bite into the support as the post 12 to hold the device against displacement thereon when made fast thereto by the fastener 11 and in this manner the said device will be held in one rigid position on its application to its support.

What is claimed is:—

A device of the class described comprising

a single piece of sheet material, preferably metal, cut and bent to provide a flat wide base, a spring clamping jaw of corresponding width to the base and a sleeve-like bight, the bight being located between the clamping jaw and base and constituting a hinged area for said jaw, an extension on the base remote from the bight and having an aperture for a fastener accessible beyond the jaw, and anchoring spurs struck from the base and spaced from said aperture and adapted to bite into a support about a fastener when passed through the aperture to rigidly secure the base upon the support, the jaw at its free edge being outwardly curled.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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