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NEWSPAPER CLAMP.

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Fig. 1.

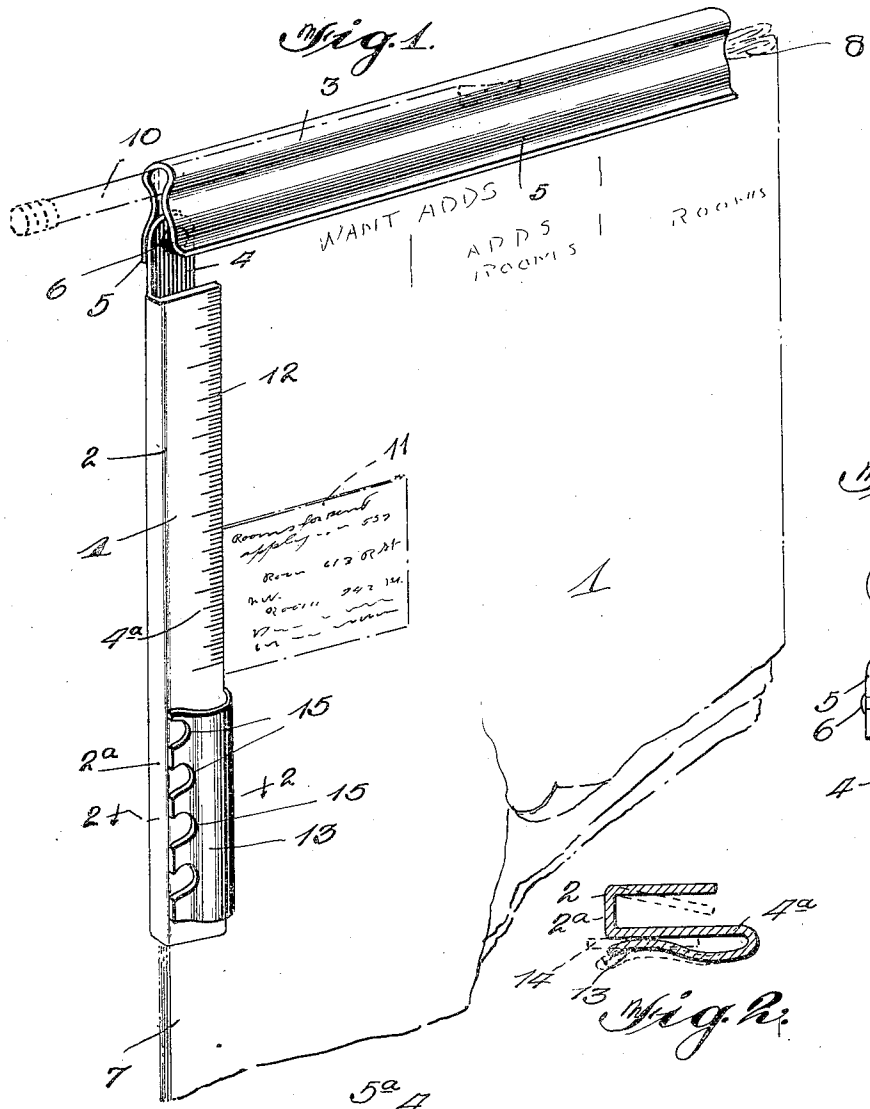


Fig. 3.

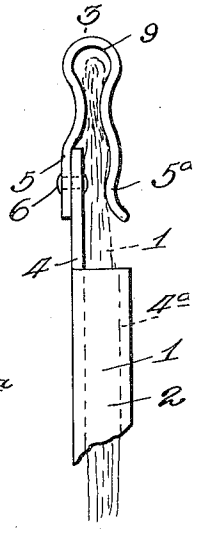


Fig. 2.

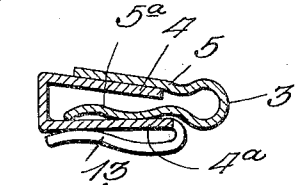


Fig. 4.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SOLOMON OPPENHEIMER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Washington, in the District of Columbia, have invented a new and useful Newspaper Clamp; 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.

The invention relates to newspaper clips and has for its object to provide hingedly connected elongated clamping members, one of said members being adapted to clamp one edge of a newspaper and the other clamping member being adapted to clamp the adjacent angularly disposed edge of the newspaper, thereby holding the newspaper in such a manner that it may be easily supported by one hand and held securely so that it can be easily read.

A further object is to form the hingedly connected members from spring material and U-shaped in transverse cross section thereby providing clamping flanges between which the newspaper is held.

A further object is to so construct the hingedly connected members that they may be folded onto each other and be held in folded position by the interengagement of the flanges of the members.

With the above and other objects in view, the invention resides in the combination and arrangement of parts as hereinafter set forth, shown in the drawings described and claimed, it being understood that changes in the precise embodiment of the invention may be made within the scope of what is claimed without departing from the spirit of the invention.

In the drawings:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the holding device, showing the same in position on the vertical and horizontal edges of a newspaper.

Fig. 2 is a horizontal sectional view taken on line 2—2 of Figure 1,

Fig. 3 is an end view of the upper pivoted member and a portion of the vertically disposed pivoted member.

Fig. 4 is a transverse sectional view through the device, showing the flanges interengaged and holding the hinged members in folded positions.

Referring to the drawings, the numeral 1 designates a portion of a newspaper, which may be folded upon itself centrally as is common practice at the present time, and 2 a clamping and holding device for holding the paper while being read, especially on street cars and the like where readers' space is considerably limited. The paper holding device comprises elongated members 2 and 3 which members are substantially U-shaped in transverse cross section and are formed from spring material which will have a clamping action, preferably celluloid. The members 2 and 3 have their flanges 4 and 5 pivotally connected together as at 6 thereby allowing the members 2 and 3 to be folded upon themselves in such a manner that their flanges 5, 5^a, 4 and 4^a will interengage as clearly shown in Figure 4, and be held in interengaged position by the spring action of said flanges. When the device is in use as shown in Figure 1, the member 2 is preferably placed on the vertical edge 7 of the newspaper 1 and the member 3 on the horizontal edge 8, the paper being forced inwardly between the flanges of the members 2 and 3 and securely held between said flanges. When the paper is so positioned and held, it is obvious that the rear may hold the newspaper in position for reading with one hand, and the clamping members will prevent leaves from being displaced incident to wind or draughts through the car. The clamping member 3 is provided with a longitudinally disposed circular chamber 9 in which a pencil 10 may be held where it can be readily reached for use if the reader desires to make notes while reading, said notes may be made on a sheet of paper 11 held by the jaw 4^a of the hinged member 2. The 2 is preferably provided with a scale 12 thereby allowing the device to be used as a rule.

The lower end 2^a of the member 2 is provided with an integral flange 13 which overlies the flange 4^a and springs inwardly toward the same, said flange 13 forming means for gripping and holding coins 14 as shown in dotted lines, in Figure 2, thereby allowing car fare of the check type to be held or small change in a position where it can be easily reached when needed. Spring flange 13 is preferably provided with recesses 15 for facilitating the removal of a coin or car check of the metallic type with the fingers.

From the above it will be seen that a

newspaper holding device is provided which is simple in construction and formed from two pieces of material bent upon themselves to form U-shaped clamping members for holding adjacent edges of a newspaper. It will also be seen that the device is so formed that its outer faces may be used for advertising purposes and by forming the same from celluloid a light construction is possible and at the same time sufficient spring action is obtained for forming the clamping members 2 and 3.

The invention having been set forth what is claimed as new and useful is:—

1. A device for holding a newspaper, said device comprising hingedly connected elongated clamping members, said clamping members being adapted to receive and hold adjacent angularly disposed sides of a newspaper.

2. A device for holding a newspaper, said device comprising hingedly connected elongated clamping members formed from spring material and U-shaped in cross section and adapted to receive and clamp adjacent angularly disposed edges of a newspaper.

3. A device for holding a newspaper comprising hingedly connected elongated clamping members formed from single pieces of spring material and U-shaped in cross section, said clamping members being adapted to receive and hold adjacent angularly disposed edges of a newspaper, the flanges of said U-shaped members being so positioned that when the members are folded onto each other they will frictionally interengage and hold the members together.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification.

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