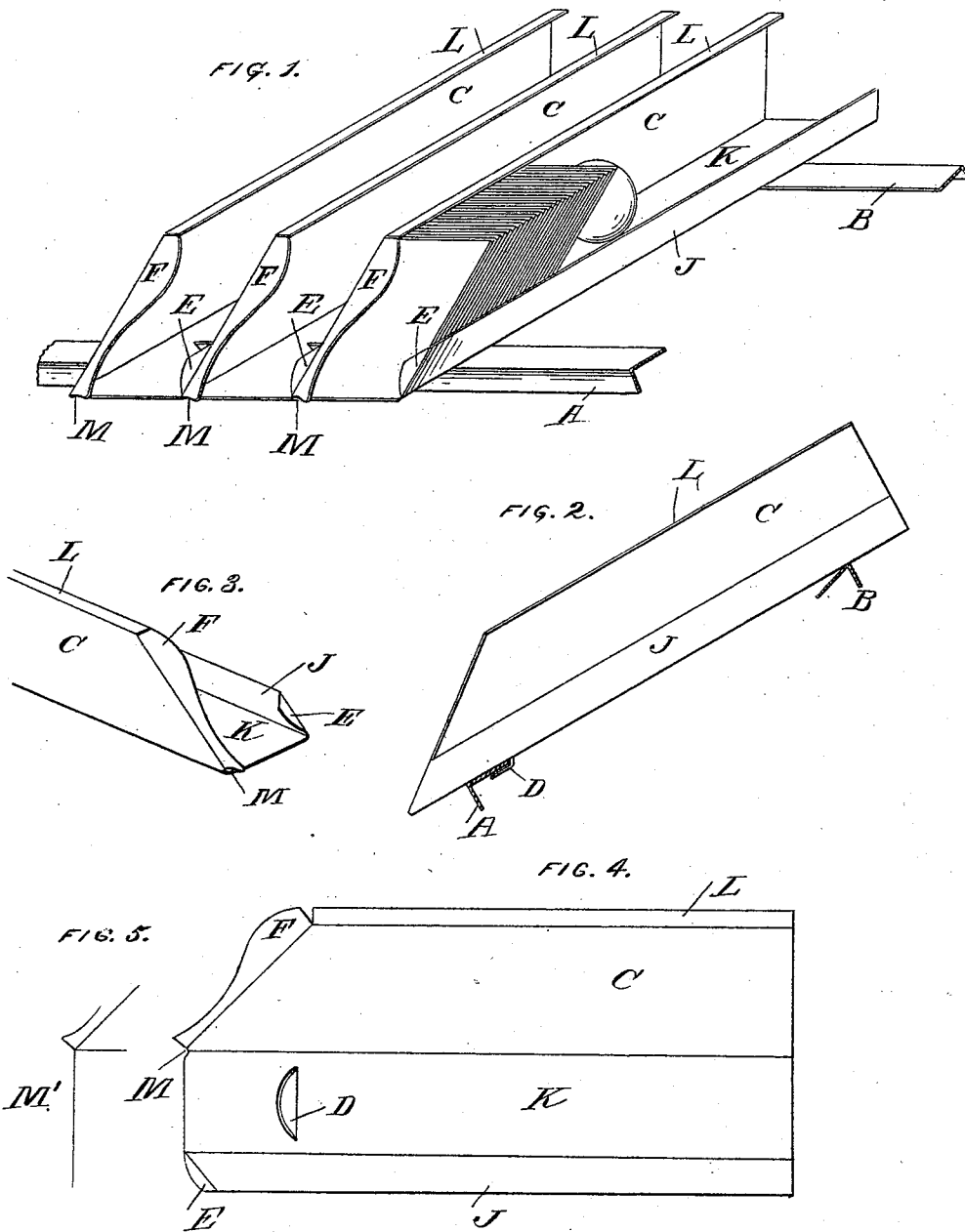


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LEONARD J. BLADES, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, county of Cook, and State of Illinois, have invented new and useful Improvements in Ticket-Holders, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, illustrating my invention, in which—

Figure 1, is a perspective representation of a series of my improved ticket holders as in position for use. One holder is represented as supplied with tickets. Fig. 2, is a side elevation of one ticket holder in position on its supporting bars; Fig. 3, a perspective representation of the lower end of one ticket holder, showing the exterior of the back portion; Fig. 4, a plan view of the metal plate blank, as it is cut preparatory to being formed into a ticket holder. Fig. 5, is a modified detail of the blank shown at Fig. 4.

I have heretofore secured Letters Patent for ticket holders, as follows:—Patent No. 145,388, dated December, 9, 1873; patent No. 161,093, dated March 23, 1875; patent No. 321,783, dated July 7, 1885.

My invention is an improvement on these several patents; and the nature and construction of the invention will be fully comprehended by reference to the following detail specification.

At Fig. 4, is illustrated a blank piece of tin plate, or sheet metal, which when formed as follows constitutes the ticket holder. K, represents the bottom which has a width fully equal to the widths of the tickets the case is to hold. The back C is bent at right angles to the bottom K and is of such a width that the long straight line bounding the inner portion of the part F will equal the lengths of the tickets. The end portion E is bent at right angles to the portion J, and the side portion J is bent at right angles to the bottom K. The longer end portion F is bent at right angles to the side C and the top portion L is bent at right angles also to C; and the single ticket holder is complete.

Any desired number of these holders are

by means of lips D, made to engage a lower bar A, and their open end portions rest on a bar B, and the ends of the bars are to be affixed to a suitable case, in the ordinary manner. The lower end portions E, F, are so bent that a suitable space is left between them and the lower end of bottom K for a ticket to be drawn down and out of the case—as is now the custom. The case is formed to incline so that a ball, or weight—placed in the case to bear against the upper portion of the package of tickets—will press the same downward to the ends E, F, as in other cases. In case suitable stiff metal be employed the top portion L is not so essential as to render the case inoperative, but when ordinary tin plate is employed the top portion L is required; and in any event it holds the tickets more evenly bunched.

At Fig. 4, and near to M, the corner of the bottom K is slightly notched out, as a better means of giving a free outward movement to the ticket than at M' Fig. 5. It is essential that these cases should be internally very smooth and true that the tickets may move down as a solid body, and so that a ticket can be withdrawn without its being torn or defaced. These conditions are very difficult to secure in the construction of a ticket case of several parts united by seams or solder. The case formed of a single piece of metal plate is much cheaper, and as a whole, much better.

I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States—

A ticket case formed of a single piece of sheet metal from the blank shown, the lower end portion E bent at right angles to the low side portion J, the portion J bent at right angles to the bottom K, the lower end portion F bent at right angles to the wider side portion C, and the top portion L bent at right angles to the wide side, and the case combined with suitable supports as and for the purpose specified.

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