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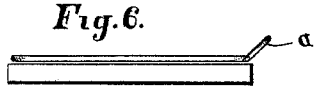

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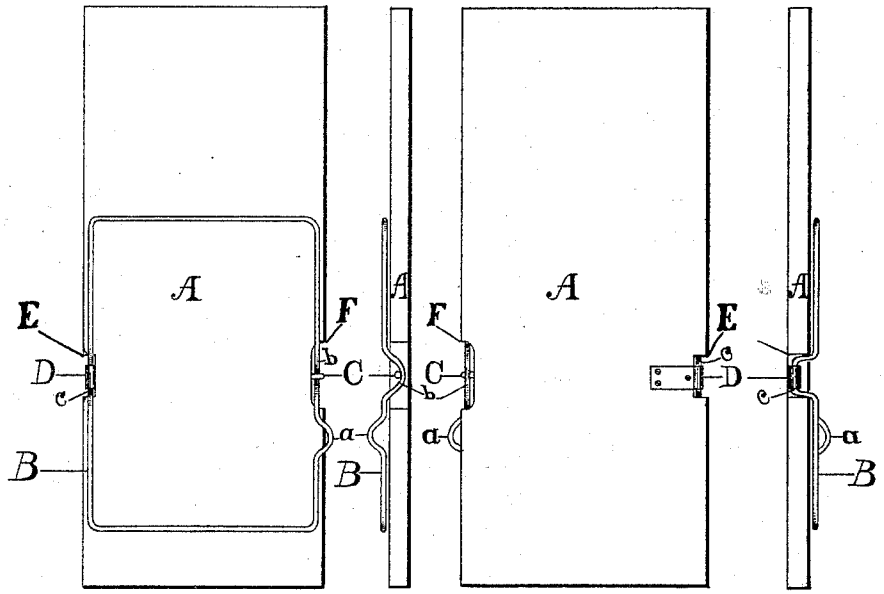

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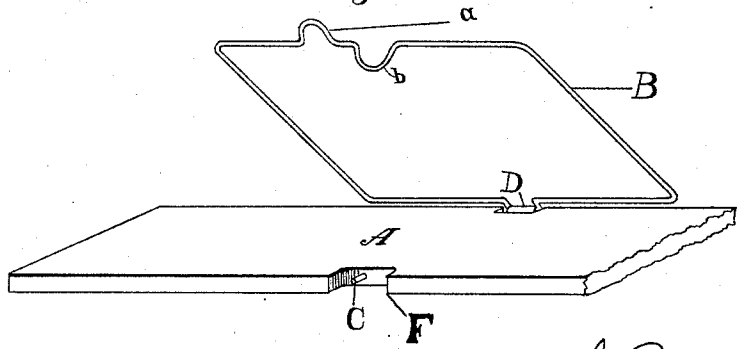

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALLAN G. PARK, a citizen of the United States, residing at Madison, in the county of Dane and State of Wisconsin, have invented a new and useful Bill-Holder, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in that class of bill-holders which are formed with a back board and spring-wire clamp, and the objects of my improvement are to hang the clamp centrally for producing great and equal pressure of its two ends, to open and close the clamp upon the bills embraced for increasing its capacity and convenience in using, to insert all projections and attachments of the clamp in the recesses of the board for producing smoothness in the whole device, and to form a thumb-piece by a bend in the clamp.

With these objects in view my invention consists of certain novel features and combinations and arrangements of parts, as hereinafter set forth, and pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a plan view; Fig. 2, a right-side elevation; Fig. 3, a bottom view; Fig. 4, a left-side elevation; Fig. 5, a perspective view from a position over the right-hand upper corner, showing the clamp open, and Fig. 6 a lower end elevation.

Similar letters refer to similar parts in the several views.

A designates a back board having its upper surface of the form of a right-angled parallelogram and having a gain forming a recess cut in each of its lateral edges a distance below its center. The recess E on the left receives the ear of the clamp, which forms the shaft of the hinge. The recess F on the right receives the ear of the clamp which forms the latch.

B designates a spring-wire bent into the form of a right-angled parallelogram, except as to three minor bends hereinafter described, forming a clamp of the same width as and shorter than the back board. A downwardly-projecting central ear is formed in each of the lateral sides of the clamp by bends therein made. The ears when the holder is closed rest within the recesses in the back board on its respective sides. The ear *c* on the left has a straight longitudinal part which hinges the clamp in a bearing hereinafter described. The ear *b* on the right forms a latch which is engaged by a catch to be hereinafter described when the holder is closed.

D designates a strap of flexible metal centrally bent around the straight longitudinal part or the shaft of the ear *c*, forming the bearing for such shaft and having its ends riveted in gains on either side of the board, thus hinging the clamp to the board.

C designates a pin forming a catch inserted in the recess F on the right-hand side of the board engaging the ear *b*, thus latching the clamp when closed.

a designates an upward nearly-semicircular bend in the right-hand side of the clamp below the ear *b*, forming a thumb-piece, giving power and convenience in manipulating the clamp.

My device with the clamp thus centrally hinged and latched will have the advantages of pressing equally upon the upper and lower bearing-lines upon the papers, of operating in a closed condition when the limited contents and consequent light pressure admit, of taking out and putting in papers without opening, of opening and closing when greater contents and pressure do not admit of such insertion or when freedom in handling papers is desired, of pressing the papers springing the clamp closing and latching with the purchase of the ends used as levers by a convenient thumb-piece, and of presenting smooth outside surfaces in all parts.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A bill-holder composed of a back board gained in its lateral edges, a spring-wire clamp having ears in the gains, a bracket hinging one ear in a bearing, and a catch engaging the other ear, all said parts combined substantially as set forth.

2. In a bill-holder, in combination with the back board and the clamp, a bracket upon one side of the board having a bearing receiving and hinging the clamp and a catch upon the opposite side engaging the clamp.

3. In a bill-holder, in combination, a back board, a bracket bearing a journal and a catch, both attached to the board, and a clamp journaled in the bearing and engaged by the catch.

4. In a bill-holder, in combination, a bearing and catch on either side of the back board, a spring-clamp journaled and hinged in the bearing and engaged by the latch, and a thumb-piece formed in the clamp contiguous to the catch.

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