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Fig. 1.

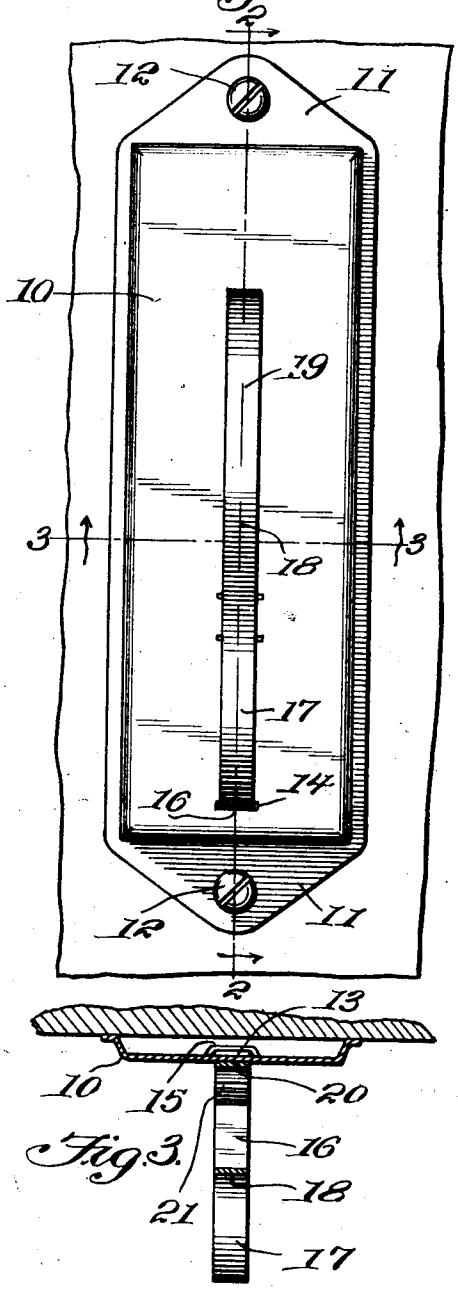






Fig. 3.

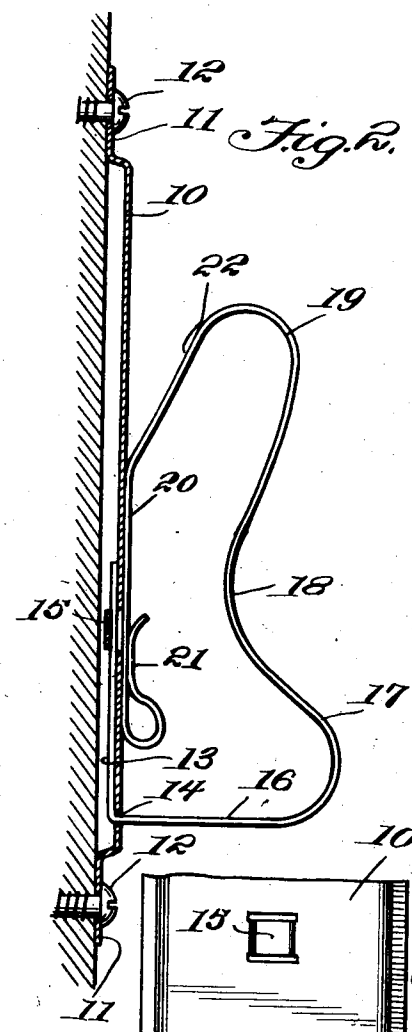



Fig. 2.

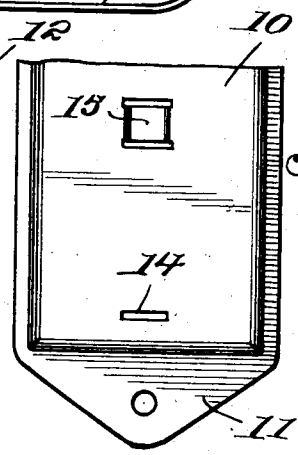



Fig. 4.

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This invention relates to improvements in holders and which embodies among other characteristics an attaching means of ornamental design.

Another object of the invention comprehends a holding element mounted upon the attaching means.

A further object of the invention contemplates the provision of an auxiliary holding element.

More specifically stated the holding elements are possessed with resilient propensities to correspondingly engage their work.

With the above and other objects in view, the invention further consists of the following novel features and details of construction, to be hereinafter more fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawing and pointed out in the appended claims.

In the drawing:—

Figure 1 is a front elevation of the invention as applied for use.

Figure 2 is a longitudinal sectional view taken on line 2—2 of Figure 1.

Figure 3 is a horizontal sectional view taken on line 3—3 of Figure 1.

Figure 4 is a fragmentary front elevation of the attaching plate per se.

Referring to the drawing in detail, wherein like characters of reference denote corresponding parts, the reference character 10 indicates an attaching plate, which is constructed after the manner of the conventional form of escutcheon plate employed for use upon door locks. Ears 11, projected from the ends of the attaching plate, are adapted to accommodate fastening elements 12 to secure the same in position for use.

The embossing of the attaching plate is adapted to provide clearance or space between its inner side and the outer surface of a wall, the purpose of which will be presently apparent.

As mentioned in the foregoing, the holding elements are resiliently composed, and to this end, I have provided a length of relatively flat spring steel 13 adapted to lie flush against the inner surface of the attaching plate 10, in the manner as illustrated in Figure 2 of the drawing.

Said end is first projected within a horizontally disposed elongated slot 14 adjacent the lowermost end of the attaching plate 10. The aforementioned end is then extended along the remaining portion of the inner surface of the attaching plate and projected in advance of a belt 15 stamped from the attaching plate. The belt being adapted to prevent displacement of the holding element. A portion 16, of the element 13, is outwardly projected therefrom and horizontally disposed at right-angles to the outer surface of the attaching plate 10. An upwardly and inwardly curved portion 17, formed as a continuation of the portion 16, is subsequently reversely curved, as indicated at 18, and then bent upon itself to provide a reversely disposed yoke 19. The end 20 of the yoke being sprung against the outer surface of the attaching plate 10 immediately in advance of the element 13 upon the opposite side of the attaching plate. The extremity of the end 20 is curved upon itself to provide a spring finger 21 sprung against the outer surface of said end. The spring finger 21 is primarily adapted to retain a card giving the resident's name and address.

As illustrated in Figure 2 of the drawing, the reversely disposed yoke 19 is disposed at an inclination, whereby a guide portion 22 is provided, the purpose of which will be presently apparent.

The invention was primarily designed for use upon residences to hold the resident's card and to provide an effective means for holding newspapers and second class matter, such as catalogues, etc.

It is further to be noted that the invention in and of itself resembles a door knocker and would be taken as such if it were not for the exposition of the card and a possible parcel of mail retained thereby.

Although I have described the invention as being primarily adapted for use upon residences to display the names and street numbers of the occupants therein and for holding newspapers, it is to be noted that the invention may be equally and effectually as well applied within stores for keeping bills and for suspending telephone books, directories and other books of reference.

The invention is susceptible of various changes in its form, proportions and minor details of construction, and the right is herein reserved to make such changes as properly fall within the scope of the appended claims.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed is:—

1. A holder comprising a raised attaching

plate having a slot within one end, a retaining element having one end projected within the slot, a strap carried upon the inner surface of the plate being adapted to retain the aforementioned end of the element, the opposite end of the retaining element being extended outwardly, upwardly, downwardly and sprung against the outer surface of the plate, and a spring finger formed upon the extremity of the last mentioned end.

2. A holder comprising a raised attaching plate having a slot within one end, a retaining element having one end projected within the slot, a strap carried upon the inner surface of the plate being adapted to retain the aforementioned end of the element, the opposite end of the retaining element being extended outwardly, upwardly, downwardly and sprung against the outer surface of the plate and a spring finger formed and looped upon the extremity of the last mentioned end and having its terminal end sprung upon the last mentioned end of the retaining element.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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