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Fig. 1.

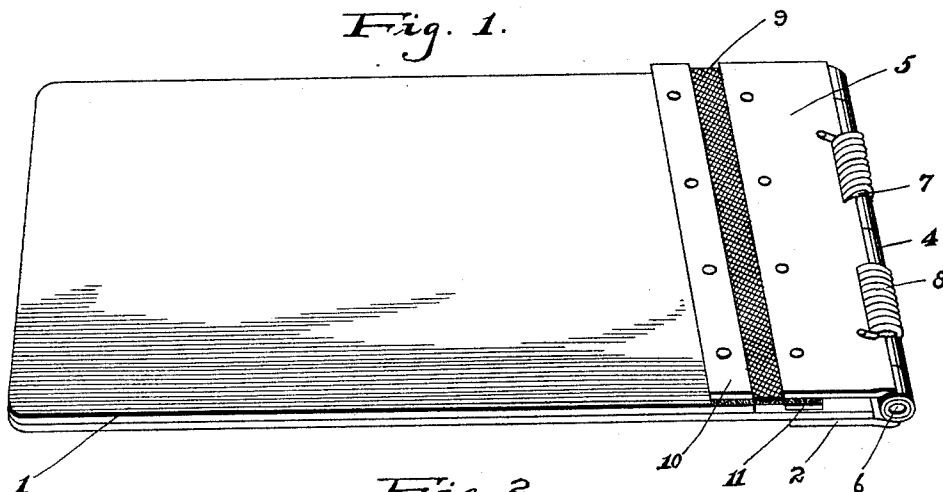


Fig. 2.

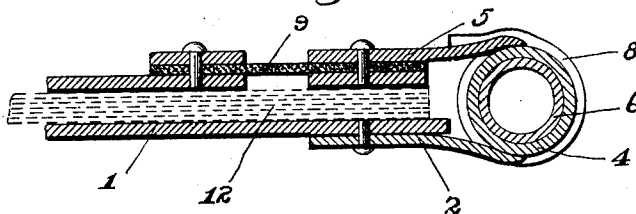
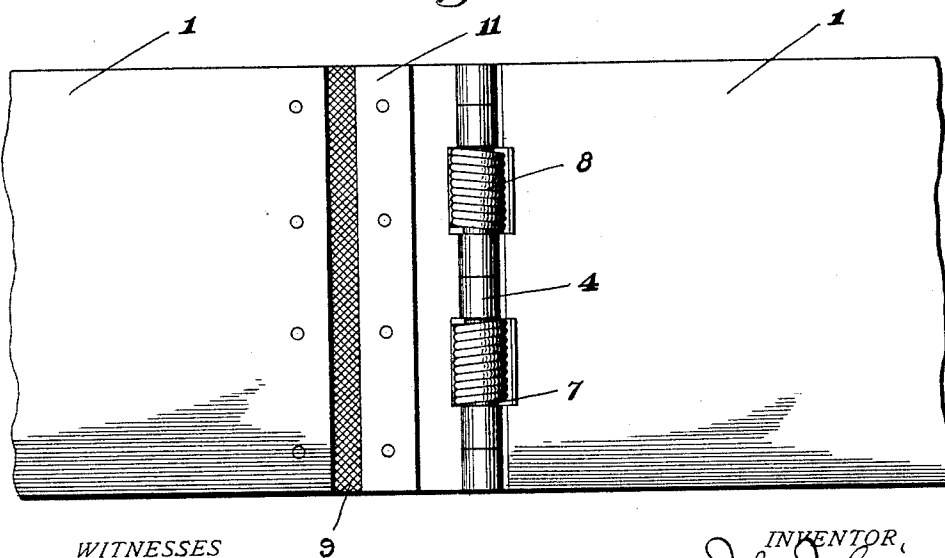


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN F. CORDES, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Metallic Order-Blank and Receipt Holders; 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.

This invention relates to metallic order-blank and receipt holders, and has for its object to provide a simple, cheap, and durable article of the character described, in which any desired number of sheets, leaves, or blanks may be placed and securely held, the same being easily removed when filled up, so that a new supply of leaves or blanks may be readily substituted.

The invention consists in an improved holder embodying certain novel features and details of construction and arrangement of parts, as hereinafter fully described, illustrated in the drawings, and pointed out in the claim.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a holder constructed in accordance with the present invention. Fig. 2 is an enlarged detail section showing the method of hinging the binding-plates and also showing flexible connection between one of said plates and one of the covers. Fig. 3 is a detail inside plan view showing the springs which normally close the binding-plates upon the leaves or blanks.

Similar numerals of reference designate corresponding parts in the several figures of the drawings.

Referring to the drawings, 1 designates the covers of the holder, of which there are two, said covers being preferably constructed of metal, which for the sake of lightness consists of aluminium. Secured to the bottom cover 1 is a hinge-plate 2, the same being provided at its outer edge with a series of ears or sleeves arranged to interlap with corresponding ears or sleeves 4 on a similar plate 5, forming the spring-actuated binding-plate for holding the leaves or blanks in place. Passing through the several ears or sleeves is

a tubular pin 6, which forms the hinged connection between the plates 2 and 5.

At spaced points the plates 2 and 5 are cut away, as indicated at 7, to expose portions of the tubular pin 6, and around such exposed portions of the pin are placed spiral springs 8, one terminal of each spring being engaged with one of the plates 2, while the opposing terminal of the spring is engaged with the other plate 5. The tension of the springs is adapted to maintain the clamping or binding plate 5 in engagement with the leaves or blanks contained in the holder for preventing their accidental displacement, while at the same time the plate 5 may be lifted so as to overcome the tension of said springs for permitting the leaves or blanks to be removed preparatory to their being replaced by new ones.

The upper cover 1 is secured to the binding-plate 5 by a fixed strip 9. This strip may consist of leather or a combination of rubber and canvas, or other suitable material, one edge of said strip being secured to the upper cover 1 by being confined between the inner edge of said cover and a binding-strip 10, fastened to said cover, the other edge of the strip being confined between the inner surface of the binding-plate 5 and a metal strip 11, which is secured to said binding-plate in any convenient manner, preferably by short rivets, and which bears against the inner ends of the leaves or blanks 12 for maintaining them in place.

By means of the construction above described the inner edges of the leaves or blanks are firmly clamped between the binding-plate 5 and the lower cover, and by means of the flexible connection 9 the upper cover may be turned back, as upon a hinge, for exposing the leaves or blanks.

The improved cover is extremely simple in construction, may be manufactured at a slight cost, and is extremely durable.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

In an order-blank or receipt holder, the combination with a pair of binding or clamping plates with interlapping perforated ears or sleeves cut away at spaced points adjacent

to their pivotal connection, of a tubular
hinged pin passing through the several inter-
lapping ears or sleeves, spiral springs dis-
posed around said pin at spaced points and
5 having their terminals in engagement with
said plates for normally closing the latter, a
metallic cover rigidly secured to one of said
plates, a second metallic cover flexibly se-
cured to the opposing plate, a flexible strip
10 or piece interposed between the adjacent
edges of the last-named cover and the upper

clamping-plate, said flexible plate having its
opposing edges secured to said plates by me-
tallic strips, substantially as and for the pur-
pose described.

In testimony whereof I have signed this
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