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Fig. 1.

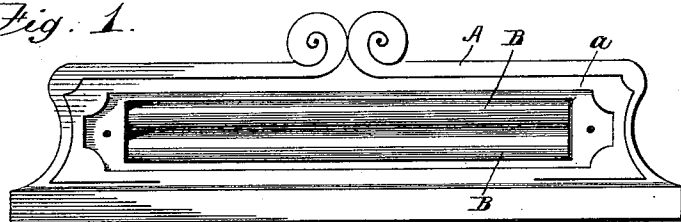


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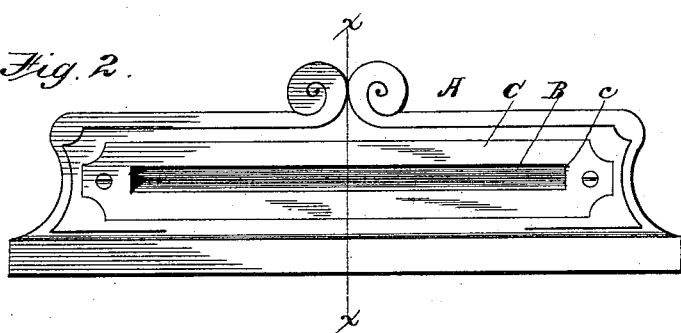


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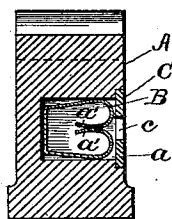
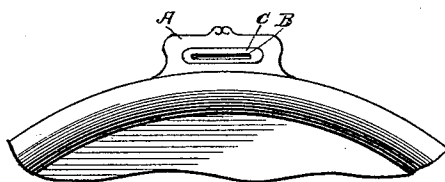


Fig. 4.



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## TICKET-HOLDER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM H. THAYER, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Weymouth, in the county of Norfolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Ticket-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.

My invention relates to improvements in ticket-holders; and the object is to provide a neat and attractive device adapted to receive tickets and the like and hold the same by frictional contact.

My invention is designed particularly for use on railway-cars, where, in traveling some distance, checks are given or the traveler's ticket is punched a number of times, and it is intended to provide a device which may be applied to the backs of car-seats or in other convenient places adapted to hold the check or ticket and expose it practically to full view, thus relieving the traveler of constantly producing the check when called for by the conductor.

With these ends in view the invention contemplates a metallic clamp having resilient arms, between which the ticket is adapted to be inserted, said plate being placed in a socket or chamber in the back of a seat or to an ornamental cap-piece, which can be attached to a chair, and locking said clamp in place by a slotted plate.

The improved clamp may be arranged in a socket in the chair-frame, the side of the car, or in other available places; but in the accompanying drawings I have shown it within a cap-piece, referring to which—

Figure 1 is a front elevation of a cap-piece having a friction-clamp embodying my invention, with the locking-plate removed. Fig. 2 is a similar view with the locking-plate in position. Fig. 3 is a cross-sectional view, and Fig. 4 is a view showing the clamp arranged in a socket formed in the back of a chair.

Referring to the drawings, in which like letters of reference denote corresponding parts in the several figures, A designates the cap-piece, which is constructed in an attractive or ornamental manner in harmony with the ar-

ticle to which it is attached, and it is provided with a longitudinal socket *a* of suitable dimensions and which opens through one face of the cap-piece. The clamp B is made of a single piece of sheet metal bent in such shape as to permit of its being inserted in the socket and being held therein partially by the frictional contact of its sides with the top and bottom of the socket. The ends of the clamp are bent inward toward each other and thence reversed to extend nearly to the base or back *a*, thus forming the spring-arms *a'* *a'*. The clamp is preferably made of a suitable metal having a considerable degree of elasticity, and when the clamp is placed in the socket it is compressed therein, and the arms *a'* will thus be brought into contact with each other. It is obvious that the greatest pressure of the arms *a'* will be exerted at or near the ends of the same, and thus the ticket can be readily inserted in the clamp, and it will be held securely in place by frictional contact.

To give a more ornamental appearance and confine the clamp in place, I employ a face-plate C, which is secured in place on the face of the cap-piece over the clamp, and it is provided with a longitudinal slot *c*, through which the ticket is passed into the clamp. When the cap-piece is dispensed with, the socket is formed in the back of a chair-frame or in the side of a car, and it can be employed for various purposes other than for holding railway-tickets—as, for instance, theater-checks, &c.

I am aware that changes in the form and proportion of parts and details of construction of my invention can be made without departing from the spirit or sacrificing the advantages thereof, and I therefore reserve the right to make such changes as fairly fall within the scope of the same.

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

1. In a ticket-holder, the combination, with a frame or other article having a socket therein, of a spring-clamp removably fitted in said socket and having the upper and lower side pieces connected at their rear ends by a vertical web and their free ends bent inward to form the spring-arms, said clamp being compressed laterally by its upper and lower sides

bearing against the walls of the socket and the arms *a' a'* of the clamp forced into contact with each other, the whole being flush with the surface of the frame, substantially as described.

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2. In a ticket-holder, a chair-frame or other article having a socket therein, combined with a spring-clamp having the upper and lower side pieces thereof joined together at their rear ends by a vertical web and the free ends bent inward in contact with each other, so

that when the clamp is fitted in the socket the sides thereof will impinge against the walls of the socket and laterally compress the arms, and a removable slotted face-plate rigid with the chair-back, substantially as described. 15

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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