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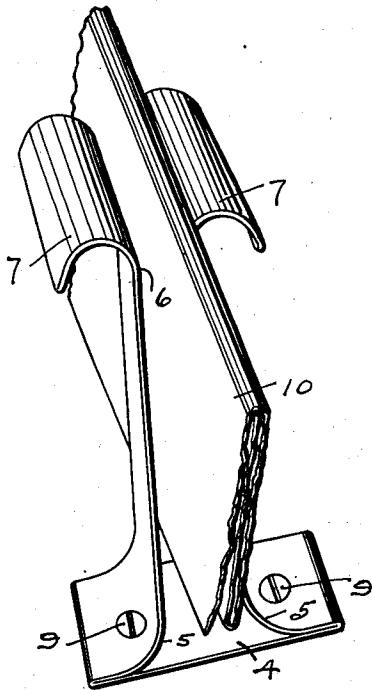


Fig. 1

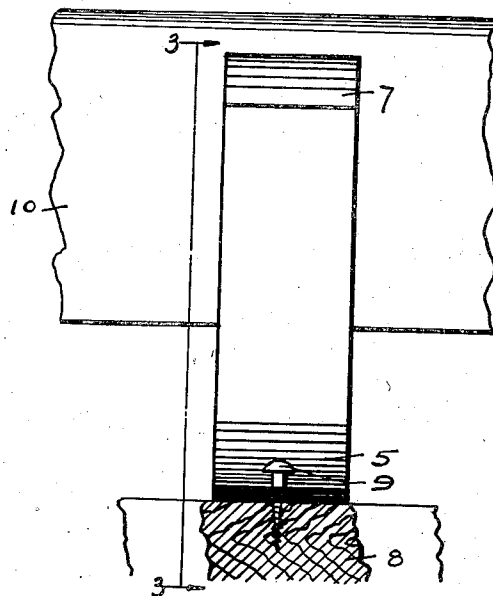


Fig. 2

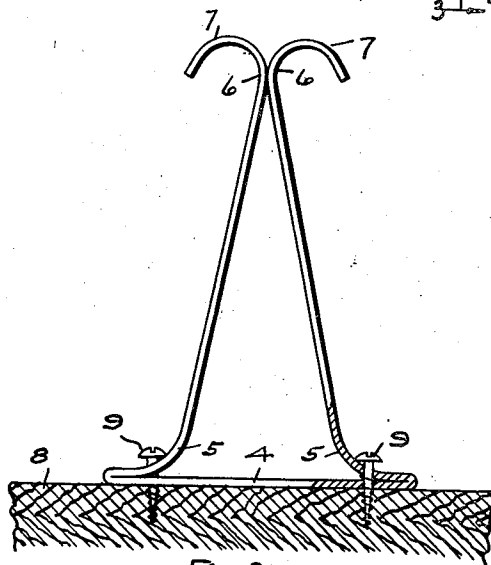


Fig. 3

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In the daily delivery of newspapers to residences and other places by carriers the custom has been for the carrier to deposit it in a more or less folded condition on the door step or porch floor where it is frequently opened and messed by wind, blown into the dirt, and sometimes carried away.

The object of this invention is to provide a metal clip which is inexpensive to make, which can be easily attached by an inexperienced person to a door frame or other wall support and which will readily receive a folded newspaper and hold it against accidental removal.

A further object is to provide a clip of the above character, the paper-gripping action of which may be regulated by changing the insertion into the door frame, of the clip retaining screws.

I accomplish the above and other objects which will hereinafter appear, by the means illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which—

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of my clip with a folded newspaper retained by it;

Fig. 2 is an elevation of same, looking at the left side of Fig. 1 and showing a fragment of a supporting door frame in partial section, and

Fig. 3 is a side elevation of the clip as seen from the line 3—3 of Fig. 2 showing the clip in edge view.

Like characters of reference indicate like parts in the several views of the drawing.

The clip is formed out of resilient strap metal having a base 4 with ends bent outwardly and then inwardly upon the base and thence outwardly in curves 5, 5. The ends are extended for a considerable distance to form the clamping jaws 6, 6, the bends 5, 5 being sufficiently less than a quarter circle to cause the jaws 6, 6 to meet near their outer ends, as best shown in Fig. 3. To aid in the insertion of a folded newspaper 10 and the spreading of the jaws apart for such insertion, the ends of the latter are extended in semi-circular bends 7, 7.

The clip thus formed is attached to a door casing 8, or other supporting portion of a house, by two screws 9, 9.

Holes for the passage of screws 9, 9 are formed

through the base and also through the superimposed extension of the base, well into the curves 5, 5, in order that the heads of the screws may be made to contact the curves more or less forcefully by the extent of the insertion of the screws in the casing thereby varying the distances of those parts of the curves, from the base, and varying the pressure of the outer ends of jaws 6, 6 against each other.

Thus if the jaws 6, 6 do not grip the newspaper sufficiently tight to hold it securely the grip may be increased by driving the screws deeper into the wood of the casing.

In the operation of my device, which has been erected as above described, a folded newspaper is pushed between the two semi-circular bends 7, 7, thereby spreading the jaws. The newspaper is then pushed in as far as desired, sometimes until it contacts the base 4 and casing 8, which will keep the paper from tilting, or it may not be inserted further than is shown in Figs. 1 and 2.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim is—

1. A clip for holding newspapers and the like formed out of a strap of resilient metal, comprising a base the ends of which are bent outwardly and then inwardly upon the base and thence outwardly in curves less than a quarter circle and thence continued straight to form clamping jaws which meet at their outer ends, said outer ends being extended in outer semi-circular bends.

2. A clip for holding newspapers and the like formed out of a strap of resilient metal, comprising a base the ends of which are bent outwardly and then inwardly upon the base and thence outwardly in curves less than a quarter circle and thence continued straight to form clamping jaws which meet at their outer ends, said outer ends being extended in outer semi-circular bends, and screws through the base and curved extensions of the base having heads contacting the curved extensions and body members seated in a door casing, for supporting the clip and for regulating the grip of the jaws.

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