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Fig. 1.

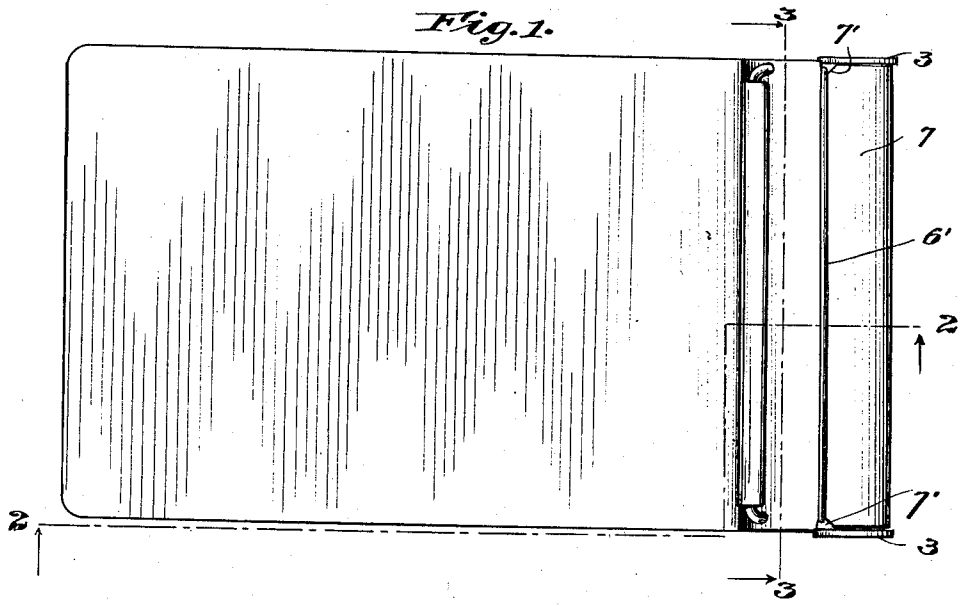



Fig. 2.

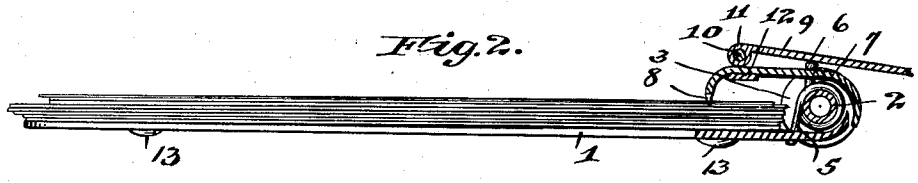
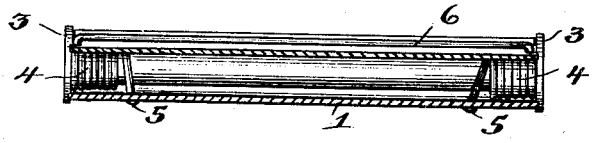



Fig. 3.




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## LEAF-HOLDER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, THOMAS R. EDDY, of Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Leaf-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to leaf-holders, and more particularly to a device for holding orders, invoices, way-bills, receipts, and the like, and has for its objects to provide a holder of the character referred to having a base or back member with a pivotally-mounted spring-actuated holding-jaw thereupon and a cover member hinged upon said jaw between its holding edge and hinge and operable to open said jaw, to provide in such a holder a holding-jaw having a biting edge engagement with the base and a cover member hinged thereto at a point removed from the edge to permit the use of the edge for tearing purposes, and to provide improvements in details of construction and arrangement tending to produce a very convenient, durable, and cheap holder of the character referred to.

To the above ends the invention consists in the matters hereinafter described and will be readily understood from the following description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a top plan view of a holder embodying the invention. Fig. 2 is an edge view, partially in section, taken on the indirect line 2 2 of Fig. 1; and Fig. 3 is a sectional view taken on line 3 3 of Fig. 1.

Referring to the drawings, 1 designates a back or base member turned up slightly at its rear edge and having mounted a cylindrical roll 2, mounted upon each end of which is a washer-like member 3. Around each end of said cylindric roll 2, adjacent the washer-like member, is a coiled spring 4, one end of each coil turning downwardly through said base member and secured thereto by riveting or otherwise, as indicated at 5, while the other end of each coil turns upwardly adjacent the washer-like ends of said roll and extending toward each other merge into a loop or bail 6 parallel with said roll. In other words, the bail terminates at its ends in coil-springs around the ends of the roll and has its ends passed through the base member and riveted or secured thereto, as indicated at 5, said bail and coiled springs being composed of one and the same piece of spring-wire.

7 designates a clamping member or jaw having a curved rear edge which overlies said cylindric roll and the coils of the springs in the manner shown in Fig. 2 and underlies the bail of the springs, said jaw being provided at its edges with notches 7', Fig. 1, so that the lifting of the jaw tends to tension the spring as well as to wind it up slightly around said roll. The front edge of said jaw 7 extends forwardly and turns downwardly, as shown in Fig. 2, terminating in a biting edge 8, which edge may be formed with teeth or terminate in a plain straight-edge surface, as desired. The tendency of the loop or bail 6 downwardly firmly holds said jaw edge in contact with the base or back or with the leaves placed thereunder. 9 designates a cover member hinged upon the forward portion of said jaw between the biting edge and the roll or bail, as clearly indicated in Fig. 2, said hinge comprising a wire or pintle 10, extending through a loop 11, formed in the rear edge of the cover member and having its ends turned downwardly through said jaw member and riveted to a stiffening-strip 12 on the under side of said jaw member. It will thus be seen that the cover member can be readily thrown back out of the way of the biting edge of the jaw and that the leaves can be torn from the holder, if desired, or be used right up to the edge of the jaw without interference by the cover or cover-hinge. It will also be seen that the cover member when turned back, as in Fig. 2, serves as a lever to open said jaw for the insertion or removal of the leaves, said jaw turning upon said roll and springs, the rear curved portion thereof overlapping with the upturned rear edge of the back or base member 1. This construction forms a smooth rear edge to the holder, only the overlapping edges of the jaw member and the base member being visible, while on the upper surface of the holder only the wire bail 6 and the hinge of the cover member are visible, the bottom being perfectly smooth, or, if desired, may have stamped therein in the nature of feet four knob-like projections, as 13.

The holders are made of sheet metal and make a very convenient and durable order-holder for shipping clerks and the like and for use where rough treatment is usual.

It is obvious that alterations and modifications in details of construction and arrangement can be made without departing from the

spirit of the invention, and I do not, therefore, limit the invention to the details shown and described except in so far as said details are made the subject of specific claims.

I claim as my invention—

1. A loose-leaf holder comprising a base or back member having its rear edge turned upwardly, a jaw member having its rear edge turned downwardly, said upturned and downturned edges overlapping each other, a coiled spring interposed between said base and jaw members adjacent the rear edges thereof and operatively connected with both members, and a cylindrical member through said coiled spring and provided at each end with washer-like heads to prevent lateral relative movement of said members.

2. A loose-leaf holder comprising in combination, a back member, a jaw member, a spool-like member interposed between said members adjacent the rear edges thereof, a coiled spring upon said spool-like member and having portions connected respectively with said back and jaw members and operating to hold said members together in operative position, and a cover member hinged upon said jaw member in the rear of the biting edge thereof.

3. In a loose-leaf holder, a base member having a curved upturned continuous rear edge, a holding member having a curved downturned rear edge adapted to overlie and obscure the upturned edge of said base member, means holding said base member and said holding member yieldingly together, and a cover member hinged upon said holding member and operable to open said holding member.

4. A loose-leaf holder, comprising a base member provided with a curved, upturned rear edge, a holding member provided with a curved downturned rear edge overlapping and moving upon said upturned base member, a spool-like member mounted concentrically in the curved portions of said overlapping members, and a coiled spring around said spool-like member and secured to said base member and said holding member and operating to hold said members yieldingly together for the purpose described.

5. A loose-leaf holder, comprising a base member provided with a curved, upturned rear edge, a holding member provided with a curved downturned rear edge overlapping and moving upon said upturned base member, a spool-like member mounted concentrically in the curved portions of said overlapping members, a coiled spring around said spool-like member and secured to said base member and said holding member and operating to hold said members yieldingly together, and a cover member hinged upon said holding member, substantially as described.

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