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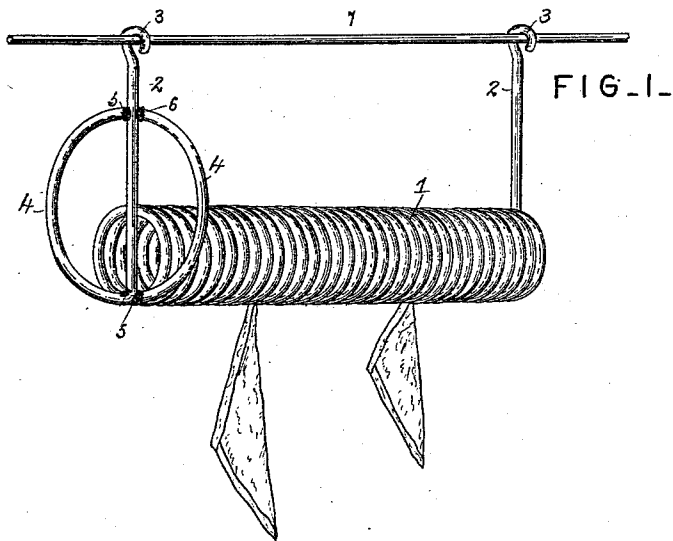


FIG. 2.

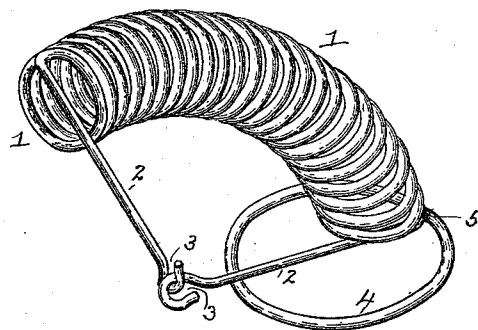


FIG. 4.

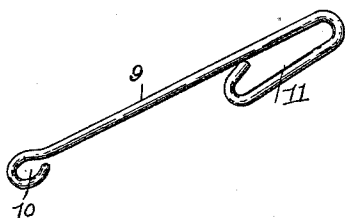
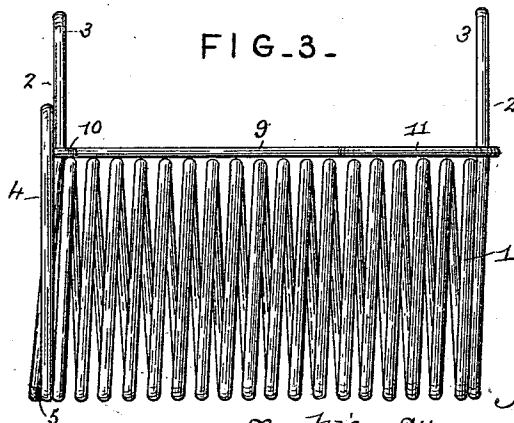


FIG. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH THOME, a citizen of the United States, residing at Glandorf, in the county of Putnam and State of Ohio, have invented a new and useful Exhibiting Device, of which the following is a specification.

This invention has relation to an exhibiting device for use in stores and for conveniently suspending such small articles as pocket-handkerchiefs, stockings, &c.; and among the objects in view are to provide a device adapted to be suspended from a convenient wire and to clasp and hold such articles as desired, to permit of a ready withdrawal of the same for the purpose of inspection by the purchaser, and for a ready insertion of such articles.

With these general objects in view the invention consists, broadly, in a coiled spring holder, the convolutions of the coil each being adapted to receive one or more articles and to be distended to accommodate a series thereof, and in a pair of supporting-hooks adapted for ready connection with an overhead wire.

The invention consists in certain other features of construction hereinafter specified, and particularly pointed out in the claim.

Referring to the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a holder constructed in accordance with my invention, the same being in position. Fig. 2 is a perspective view in position for receiving articles. Fig. 3 is a modification, whereby the holder is adapted for the reception of thick articles, such as stockings, &c. Fig. 4 is a detail in elevation of the limiting-bar.

Like numerals of reference indicate like parts in all the figures of the drawings.

In practicing my invention I form the holder of a single piece of spring-wire, the same being coiled, as at 1, and comprising as many coils as may be desired, said coils closely impinging upon one another, and therefore forming a compact series, each capable of separation for the reception of any article and for clamping said article securely therein between. One of the terminals of the wire is bent transverse the end of the series of coils to form a supporting-arm 2, which latter terminates in a hook 3. The opposite terminal may, if de-

sired, be directly bent to form an opposite similar arm, terminating in a hook, but for reasons hereinafter obvious I bend the same to form a large loop or base 4, and after forming such loop secure the terminal, as at 5, by a drop of solder or otherwise to the beginning of the loop, and then bend the terminal transverse the loop and parallel to the opposite arm to form an arm 2, which terminates in a hook 3. The device as thus constructed is adapted to be removably mounted upon an ordinary exhibiting-wire 7, suspended over the counter or at any other portion of the store, and it will be observed that articles inserted between the convolutions 1 will be exhibited to view.

In order to facilitate the placing of articles within the holder, the flexible series of coils may as a whole be curved or buckled, so that the terminal hooks of the supporting-arms may be brought into contact with each other and coupled, as shown in Fig. 2, the holder resting upon the base-loop 4 and being in a vertical position. When thus bent, it will be noticed that those portions of the convolutions at the convexed side of the series will be spread apart, so as to readily receive the edge of an article. After filling, by disconnecting the hooks the holder will resume a straightened position and thus clamp the articles contained therein.

Referring to Fig. 3 more particularly, in which I have illustrated my device as particularly adapted for the holding of articles thicker than such as pocket-handkerchiefs—such as, for instance, stockings—it will be observed that the only change consists in providing a bar 9, which bar terminates at one end in an eye 10 and at the other end in an elongated loop 11. The loop and the eye each connect with one of the supporting-arms of the holder, so that buckling of the device by reason of its expansion will be prevented and said expansion limited to the length of the bar. With the exception above noted the construction of the modification is a counterpart of that previously described.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

An exhibitor formed of a single piece of

spring-wire bent to form a series of coils, one
of the terminals of the wire being bent trans-
verse to the coil to form a supporting-arm ter-
minating in a hook and the other bent to
5 form an enlarged loop-base, and then bent to
form a supporting-arm terminating in a hook,
substantially as specified.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as
my own I have hereto affixed my signature in
presence of two witnesses.

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