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Fig. 1.

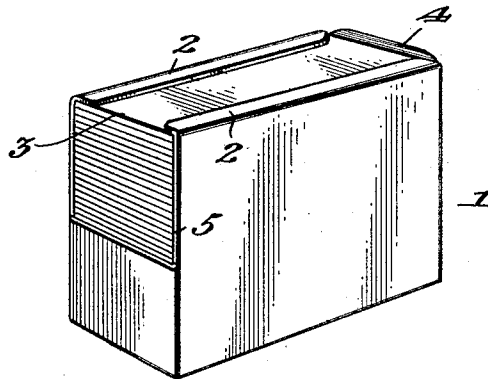


Fig. 2.

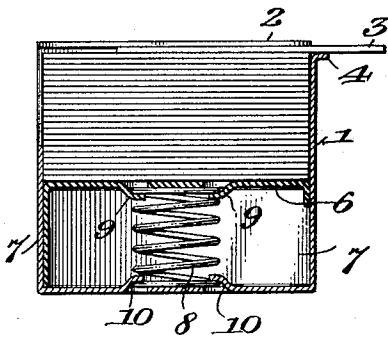
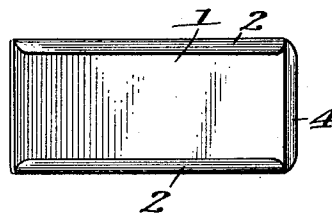


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRED AUGUST SEMMELHACK, a citizen of the United States, residing at Watersmeet, in the county of Gogebic and State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Ticket-Holders, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

This invention relates to certain improvements in ticket holders and has relation more particularly to a device of this general type especially designed and adapted for use by conductors of railway passenger trains; and the object of the invention is to provide a device of this general character having novel and improved means whereby the identifying checks, generally employed by conductors, may be conveniently retained within the holder in such a manner as to be withdrawn therefrom singly.

The invention consists in the details of construction and in the combination and arrangement of the several parts of my improved ticket holder whereby certain important advantages are attained and the device is rendered simpler, less expensive and otherwise more convenient and advantageous for use, all as will be hereinafter more fully set forth.

The novel features of the invention will be carefully defined in the appended claim.

In order that my invention may be the better understood, I will now proceed to describe the same with reference to the accompanying drawings, wherein—

Figure 1 is a view in perspective of a holder constructed in accordance with an embodiment of my invention; Fig. 2 is a vertical longitudinal sectional view taken through Fig. 1, with an uppermost check shown in partly withdrawn position; and Fig. 3 is a top plan view of the device as illustrated in Fig. 1.

As disclosed in the accompanying drawings, 1 denotes the body or casing of a holder, preferably produced of metal and of a configuration in longitudinal section in conformity with the design of the checks which it is adapted to receive, and has its upper end open, the upper marginal portions of the sides of such holder being flexed or bent inwardly, as indicated at 2, in order to afford flanges to overlie the checks 3 whereby such checks will be maintained within the holder in a manner to be here-

inafter more particularly referred to. One end of the holder has its upper marginal portion flexed or bent to afford the outwardly directed flange 4, such flange being positioned in a plane slightly below the plane occupied by the flanges 2 and thus produces a delivery opening for the uppermost check 3, it being observed that the flange 4 prevents injury, such as tearing, to the check 3 during its removal from within the holder. The opposite end of the holder, as indicated at 5, is cut away and thus provides a means whereby a supply of checks 3 may be positioned within the holder.

Slidably positioned within the holder 1 is the follower 6 which is provided with the depending flanges 7 adapted to engage the adjacent walls of the holder proper whereby such follower 6 is maintained in operative position within the holder. The checks 3 are adapted to be positioned above such follower 6, which follower under the influence of the expansible member 8, herein shown as a coil spring, coacts with the flanges 2 and thus serves to effectively clamp or maintain the checks 3 against accidental displacement, in a manner which is believed to be clearly apparent.

As herein disclosed, the follower 6 at substantially its center is provided with the depending spurs or tongues 9 struck therefrom, which interlock with the adjacent convolutions of the spring 8, while the opposite end or extremity of such spring 8 is similarly interlocked with the inwardly directed spurs or tongues 10 struck from the base or bottom of the holder 1, as is believed to be particularly shown in Fig. 2 of the accompanying drawings. It is to be observed that certain of the flanges 7 are adapted to contact with the base of the casing 1 so that undue compression of the coil spring 8 is prevented and which arrangement in practice has been found to be of especial advantage.

From the foregoing description, it is thought to be obvious that a ticket holder constructed in accordance with my invention is of an extremely simple and comparatively inexpensive nature and is particularly well adapted for use by reason of the convenience and facility with which it may be assembled and by reason of the effectiveness with which it performs its functions, and it will also be obvious that my invention is susceptible of some change and modifica-

tion without material departure from the principles and spirit thereof and for this reason I do not wish to be understood as limiting myself to the precise arrangement and formation of the several parts herein shown in carrying out my invention in practice.

I claim:

10 A device of the character described comprising a casing having its upper face open and having the upper marginal portion of one end open, the upper marginal portion of the opposite end being provided with an outwardly disposed flange, the free marginal
15 portions of the side being provided with inwardly disposed flanges, the flange at the end of the casing being positioned a prede-

termined distance below the flanges of the sides of the casing, a follower positioned within the casing and provided with depending flanges adapted to engage the adjacent walls of the casing, and a coil spring interposed between the follower and the bottom of the casing, such follower and bottom of the casing having inwardly directed
25 tongues struck therefrom and interlocking with the coils of the spring, certain of said flanges of the follower being adapted to contact with the base of the casing to prevent undue compression of the coil spring.
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