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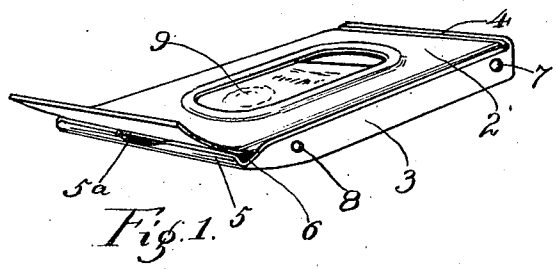


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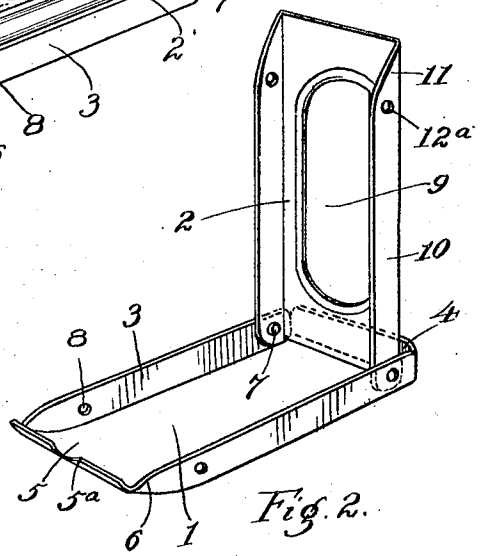


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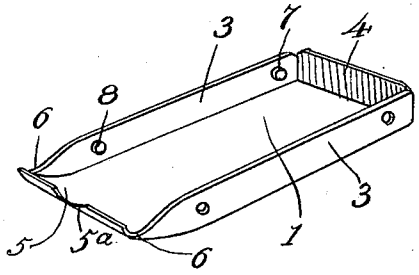


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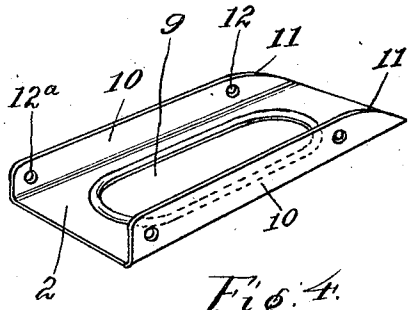


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN E. STRIETELMEIER, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Cincinnati, in the county of Hamilton and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Ticket Holders, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, forming part of this specification.

My invention relates to holders for tickets, particularly street car tickets, which have come into very wide use recently, and moving picture house tickets, which are of about the same size as street car tickets. I am aware that there are a good many devices for this purpose on the market, but so far as I am aware the great difficulty with ticket holders is that they are too expensive, or else fail to fulfill the necessary functions.

It is the object of my invention to provide a device of the character noted wherein the fewest number of parts are used, and the simplest structure, and which still are easy of use and safe as containers to be carried in the pocket.

These objects and other more detailed advantages which will be noted, I accomplish by that certain construction and arrangement of parts to be hereinafter more specifically pointed out and claimed.

In the drawing,

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the holder in use.

Figure 2 is a like view, showing the same open.

Figure 3 is a like view of the holder portion.

Figure 4 is a like view of the hinged or lid portion.

The parts of the box or holder are readily observable as comprising two metal stampings and nothing else. No springs or followers are employed and no expensive hinges. There is the holder member 1 and the lid member 2. The holder member has its sides 3 turned up and its one end 4 turned up to form three walls for retaining the ticket. At the mouth of the holder the base is curved up as at 5, to form an incline over which the tickets ride in being ejected, and the sides 3 are cut out slightly at 6 near the incline 5, for a purpose which will be described.

In addition to the above, the metal at the sides of the holder portion is punched in, to form the well defined nobs or pins 7, 7, at the back of the holder, and the less protruding nobs, 8, 8, at the front portion adjacent the beginning of the inclined section of the base. A cut 5^a is made at the edge of the inclined portion. The lid is formed with a closed slot or opening 9 in its main portion, this slot being wide enough for the finger to be inserted therein. The sides 10, 10, of the lid are bent downwardly and cut away at the front as at 11, to correspond with the inclined base of the holder portion. The metal at the sides is also punched in slightly at 12 so as to leave holes to engage the nobs referred to in connection with the holder portion.

As so described, the box is assembled by forcing the rear of the lid portion into the holder portion, whereupon, the proportions being correct, the nobs or pins 7 will engage in the holes 12, and the sides of the lid will fit within the sides of the holder. Thus a hinged lid is formed for the box, which closes it at the top from front to back except at the finger hole or closed slot. The nobs 8 and the holes 12^a at the forward end of the lid form a sufficiently tight snap fastener to prevent accidental opening of the lid, and consequent loss of the tickets contained in the box.

The sides of the lid are so proportioned also as to bring the front edge thereof sufficiently high to leave a delivery slot for the tickets, after they have ridden up the incline of the base of the holder.

The cut-out portions 6 near the mouth are provided to avoid the catching in the mouth of rough edged tickets. The cut 5^a is to permit the finger nail to be inserted for raising the lid when installing tickets in the box.

In placing the tickets in the box, the lid is raised and the tickets placed in the lid, after which it may be closed without trapping any of the tickets under the side edges of the lid adjacent the hinge or pivot formed by the pins 7 and the rearward holes in the lid.

In removing the tickets, the finger or thumb is inserted through the slot and a slight pressure applied to the tickets, which is no more than enough to slide a ticket out at the mouth of the box far enough to protrude slightly from said mouth. The ticket may then be grasped by the fingers and entirely withdrawn. When in use in street cars, the owner may slide a ticket out with his thumb and extend the box toward the ticket collector, so that he may withdraw

the ticket the rest of the way, this being more convenient for both collector and owner.

The simplicity of this box is readily apparent from the above description, as is its operation. I am aware that holders have been provided in the past which have inclined mouths, but in these instances the slots for the finger or thumb have not been closed slots but have been located in the mouth itself. This would not be sufficient in a ticket holder since the tickets could fall out or become readily dislodged in the pocket, unless they were exactly the size of the box. Thus my box is adapted for a much wider range in size of tickets.

By reference to lid and holder portion, I do not wish to be confined, other than if I referred to two box sections, not specifying their position.

In the above description, no reference has been made to alternative structures, but this was not intended as confining my invention to the exact details described. On the contrary, I desire that the full application of the doctrine of equivalents be applied in the construction of the claim that follow, as setting forth my invention.

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

In a ticket box, two sections therefor, each made up of one piece and having a delivery orifice left between them at one end, a sloping wall leading to said orifice in one of the sections, a slot in the other section for pushing on the tickets, with the material of the portion having the sloping wall provided with sides cut away adjacent the orifice to allow for the roughened edge tickets.

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