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NEWSPAPER RECEIVER

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Fig. 1.

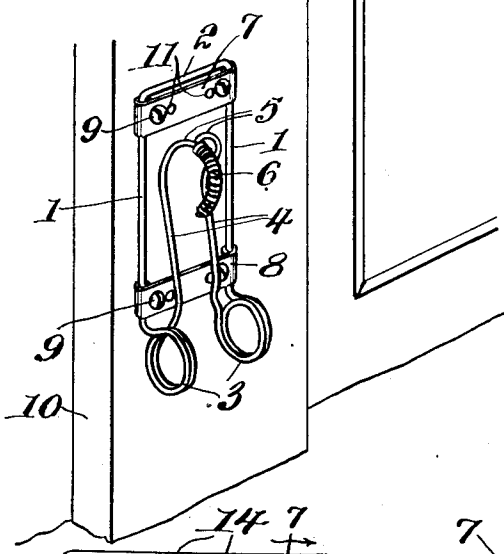
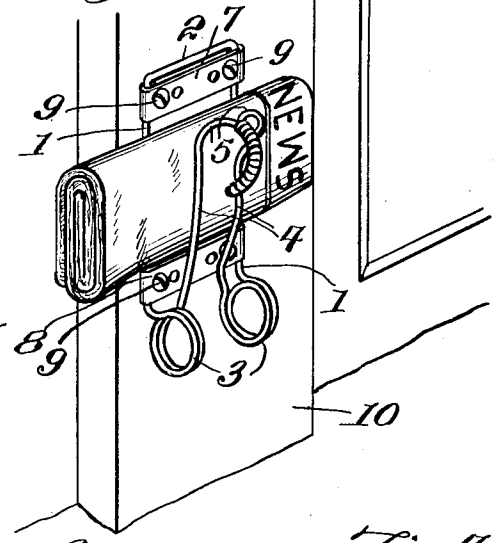


Fig. 2.



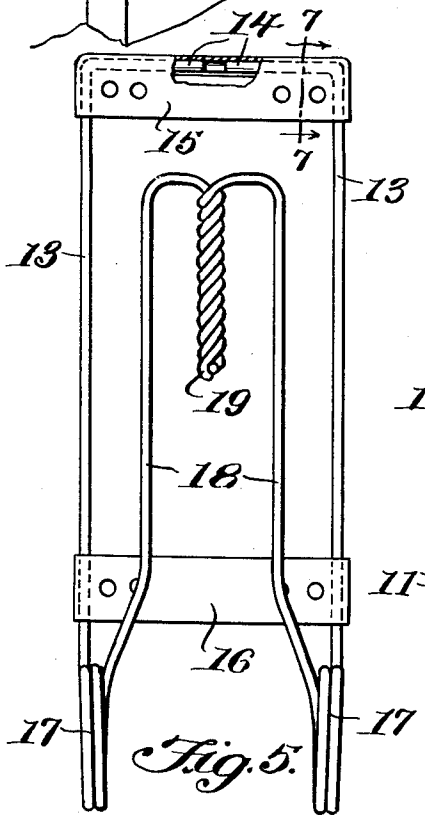


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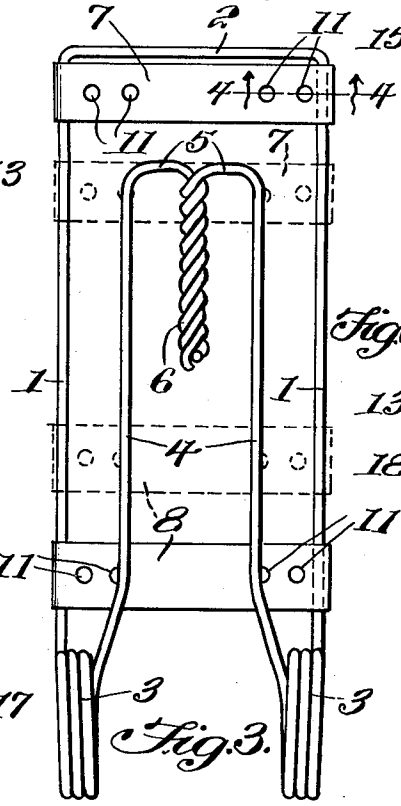


Fig. 3.

Fig. 4.



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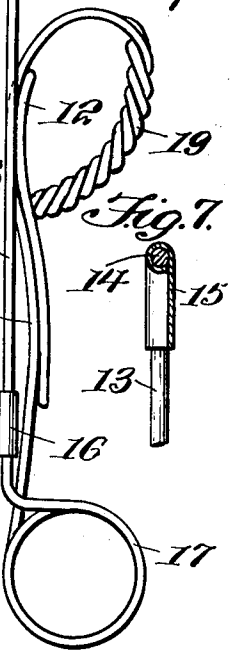


Fig. 7.

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My present invention has reference to a device for holding newspapers delivered by newsboys and like articles, and the primary object is the provision of a device for this purpose which may be readily attached to any exterior surface and which will effectively hold articles arranged therein to prevent the same being dislodged by wind or other weather conditions, so that the articles can only be manually removed from the holder.

A further object is the provision of a device for this purpose that is characterized by simplicity in construction, cheapness to manufacture and thorough efficiency in practical use.

To the attainment of the foregoing the invention consists in the improvement hereinafter described and definitely claimed.

In the drawing:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improvement in applied position.

Figure 2 is a similar view showing the device grippingly engaging with the newspaper.

Figure 3 is a front elevation of the device.

Figure 4 is a detail sectional view on the line 4—4 of Figure 3.

Figure 5 is a front elevation of a slightly different construction.

Figure 6 is a side elevation thereof.

Figure 7 is a detail sectional view on the line 7—7 of Figure 5.

As disclosed by the drawing the improvement essentially comprises a body portion of resilient and rust-proof wire.

In the embodiment of the invention disclosed by Figures 1 to 4 of the drawing the outer portion of the body is substantially U-shaped in plan, comprising outer straight and parallel legs 1 connected at one of their ends by a part 2, and their other and lower ends coiled upon themselves, as at 3, the inner coils being formed with rounded extensions that merge into arms 4 and the said arms, through the medium of the coils 3, are influenced between the legs 1. The arms 4 have their outer portions rounded inwardly toward each other, and the ends of these rounded portions, indicated for distinction by the numeral 5 are brought into contacting engagement and are coiled or twisted upon themselves and bent at a curvature to provide an arched finger 6. The finger is directed between the arms 4 which afford the jaws or gripping elements of the device, and the arched portions 5 exert a sufficient pressure or tension against the finger to cause the end thereof to be received between but not to project through the space afforded by the jaw arms 4.

On the legs 1 there are the rounded ends of upper and lower plates 7 and 8, respectively. These plates are slidably arranged upon the legs and the rounded ends of the said plates are connected to the plates proper by binding elements 9, which enter the post, pillar, door frame or any other vertically arranged support 10 on the exterior of a building. The plates 7 and 8 are preferably provided with other openings than those through which the bolts pass, the last-named openings 11, designed to receive securing means therethrough that enter the structure 10, when the bolts or screws 9 are comparatively short and are employed only for compressing the rounded or eye ends of the plates 7 and 8 against said plates and against the legs 1 that pass therethrough. The adjustable element of the plates of the device permits the device being attached to a comparatively small support, and insures a firm attachment of the device to supports of different contours and to supports which are comparatively weak.

In operation the newsboy grips the finger piece 6 to swing the jaws away from the legs 1 and inserting the newspaper between the jaws and the legs. The newspaper is firmly sustained on the device and cannot be dislodged therefrom by wind or other weather conditions and likewise can only be removed by an operator gripping the finger piece 6 and swinging the jaws away from the legs 1. The finger piece as disclosed by Figure 6 of the drawing performs an additional function, that is, letters, pamphlets or the like, indicated in said Figure 6 by the numeral 12, may be inserted between the ends of the finger and the arms 4 of the jaws and effectively sustained therein. This is accomplished by the operator holding the arms 4 of the jaws and springing the finger slightly away therefrom for the insertion of the matter 12.

In Figures 5 to 7 the construction is similar to that previously described, except that the wire body is formed with two strands. The outer straight legs 13 provided by the strands have their upper ends extended toward each other and arranged at a right angle with respect to the legs. These ends 14 as well as the upper portions of the legs 13 receive the rolled or beaded edges at the ends and at the top of a plate 15, which like the plates 7 and 8, properly space the legs and afford means whereby the device may be secured upon a support, the lower and

slidable spacer plate 16 having rounded or beaded ends also receiving the legs 13 therein and this plate is likewise attached to the support. The lower ends of the legs are provided with loops 17 from which are extended the side members or arms 18 of the jaw and the upper ends of the arched or rounded jaw are rounded toward each other, arranged in parallelism and twisted one on the other to afford the curved finger 19 of a construction and for a purpose as heretofore described.

It is believed that the foregoing description will, when read in connection with the accompanying drawing, fully and clearly set forth my improved device and its advantages so that further detailed description will not be required.

Having described the invention, I claim:

1. A newspaper holder having its body portion formed from a strand of rust-proof spring wire and including straight legs having the lower portions coiled upon themselves and the inner convolutions of the coils being arched and extended between the legs to provide jaws, said jaws having their upper ends rounded toward each other and merging into straight portions which are twisted, arched and terminate between but which do not extend through the arms that afford the jaws, spacer plates for the legs and said spacer plates affording means whereby the device may be attached to a support.

2. A newspaper holder having its body portion formed from a strand of rust-proof spring wire and including straight legs having the lower portions coiled upon themselves and the inner convolutions of the coils being arched and extended between the legs to provide jaws, said jaws having their upper ends rounded toward each other and merging into straight portions which are twisted, arched and terminate between but which do not extend through the arms that afford the jaws, upper and lower plates having rounded ends through which the legs pass, means compressing the rounded ends of the plates against the legs and said plates affording spacer elements for the legs and having openings therethrough for the reception of securing means for attaching the device to a vertical support.

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