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Fig. 1.

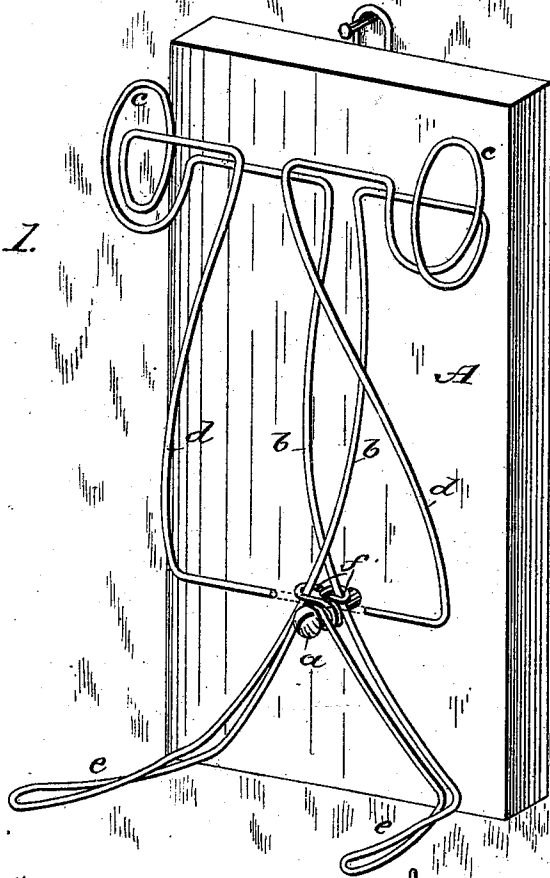


Fig. 3.

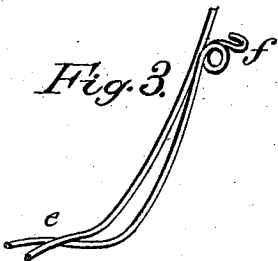


Fig. 2.

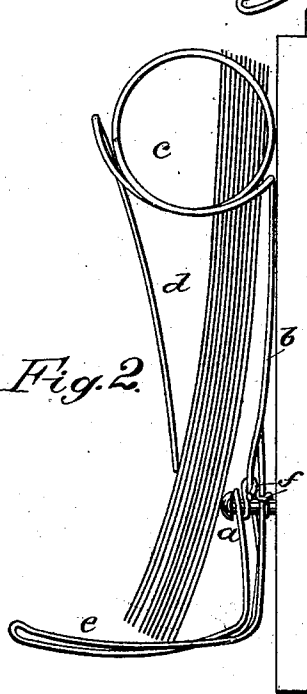
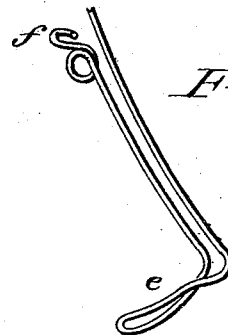


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ORRIN P. KENYON, of Wakefield, in the county of Washington and State of Rhode Island, have invented a new and Improved Paper-Bag Holder, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The object of my invention is to provide a device for holding paper bags in a compact and convenient shape upon store counters, shelves, or other places, and so that they can be readily removed when one or more is desired for use.

The invention consists in a holder provided with a spring of peculiar form, arranged to press upon the bags and follow them down when one or more are removed, so as to keep those remaining securely in place.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved bag-holder. Fig. 2 is a side view of the same. Figs. 3 and 4 are detail views.

A is a base-board of wood or other suitable material and of suitable length and width. Upon this board are attached the holding-springs by a single screw at *a*, or two screws may be used, if found desirable. The springs are formed of a continuous piece of wire, the ends of which are firmly attached at the screw *a*, near one end of the board. From that point the two portions *b* extend as arms upon the face of the board *A* to near its end, where they are bent outward at right angles and then bent to form the rings *c c* that project upward from the face of the board. They are then bent inward from the outer edges of the rings *c* toward the middle of the board, and form the loop *d* that extends to the screw *a*. The rings *c* thus form springs which tend to press the outer end of the loop *d* down upon the board *A*, or the bags placed thereon, and at the same time the two arms *b b*, extending from the screw *a*, allow the lateral separation of the rings *c c*, so that they may receive bags of different widths between them, and the arms *b b* act as springs, tending to press the rings *c c* toward each other.

Below the screw *a* are fixed arms or supports *e e*, upon which the bags will rest, as shown in Fig. 2, and preferably these supports

e are formed of the same piece of wire as the springs, the ends of the wire being first coiled around the screw *a*, then carried downward, bent outward, and carried back to the screw *a*, from which point they continue upward to form the springs *b*.

Figs. 3 and 4 show the ends of the continuous wire as wound to pass around the screw *a*, and formed with hooks *f* for taking over the two arms *b b*, thereby preventing the separation of the two parallel wires below the screw *a*. These supports *e* may, however, be made of separate wires, or in any suitable manner.

In use, the holder is to be hung up or placed upon a counter or shelf, and the loop *d* being raised and the rings *c* pushed apart the bags can be readily inserted and will be held by the pressure of the loop *d* and side pressure of the rings *c*.

To remove a bag it is only necessary to take hold of its lower end at the supports *e* and draw it out, and both the face and side springs will retain the remainder securely in place.

This device is simple, inexpensive, and exceedingly useful for the purpose named.

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

1. The combination, with the base-block *A*, of the holding-springs arranged along its surface, and with their portions *b* extended outward from each other horizontally, said horizontal portions being coiled at their outer ends into or provided with rings or springs *c*, arranged at right angles thereto, and provided with inward and downward extended arms *d*, having inward-projecting ends, substantially as set forth.

2. The combination, with the base-block *A*, of the holding-springs arranged along its surfaces, and with their portions *b* diverging from each other, and said divergent portions extended at right angles to the block *A*, as at *e*, while the said portions *b* are also extended outward from each other horizontally, said horizontal portions being coiled into or provided with rings or springs *c*, arranged at right angles thereto and provided with downward-extended arms *d*, having inward-projecting ends, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

3. The combination, with the base-block *A*, of the holding-springs arranged along its sur-

face, and with their portions *b* extended at right angles to the base-block, the said portions being also looped and coiled around a pin or screw, *a*, of the base-block, with their
5 free ends formed into eyes *f*, through which pass the said portions *b*, the latter being also extended outward from each other horizontally and provided with rings *c*, arranged at right

angles thereto, and provided with inward and downward extended arms *d*, having inward- 10 projecting ends, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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