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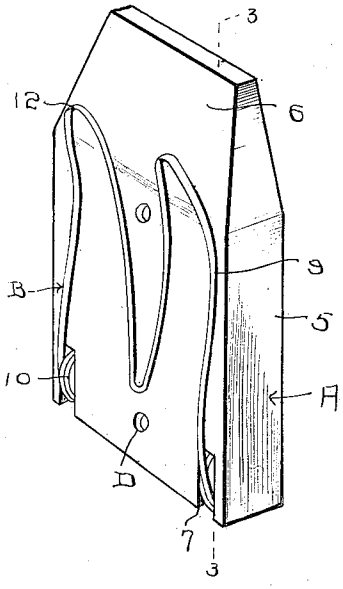
Fig. 1.



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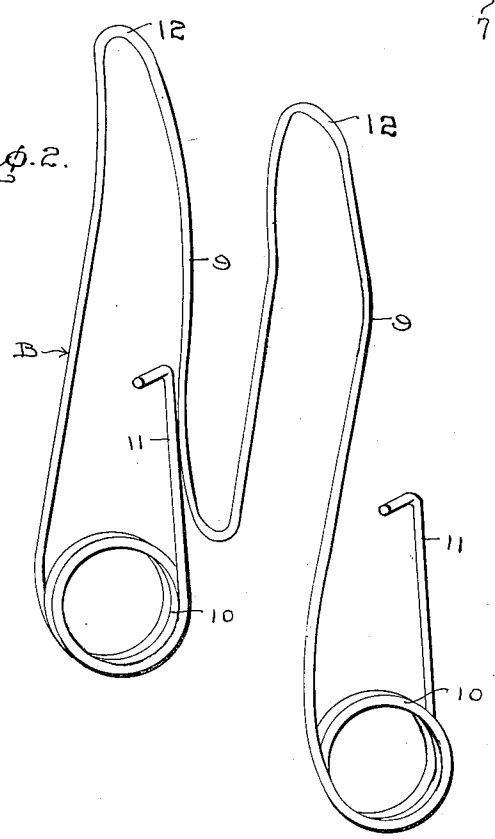

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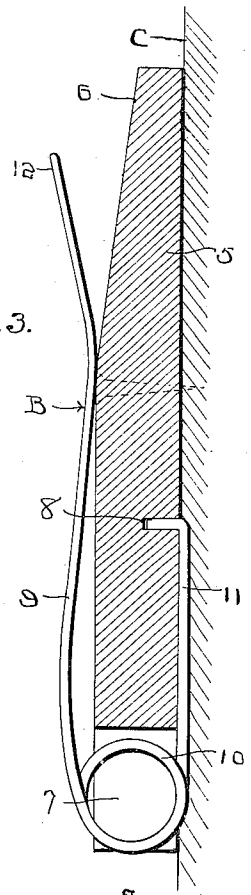

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN S. WALLICK, a citizen of the United States, residing at Lancaster, in the county of Lancaster and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Newspaper-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a holding device and more particularly to the class of newspaper holders.

The primary object of the invention is the provision of a holder of this character wherein the same can be fastened at any convenient point, either upon a porch post, a door-frame, window-frame, or other support, so that the same will be in a convenient position for the insertion of newspapers or the like therein, whereby the same will be held to avoid the accidental slipping of the paper or papers therefrom and thereby eliminate the necessity of the newspaper carrier or distributer throwing the newspaper upon the door-step or the porch as is usual which results in the blowing of the paper therefrom and the consequent loss of the same.

Another object of the invention is the provision of a holder of this character which is novel in construction to adapt the same particularly for use in rural districts as it is equally adaptable for receiving mail matter aside from the use thereof to receive newspapers or the like, the holder being convenient and is readily mounted at the desired locality for free accessibilty to a mail carrier or newspaper distributer and when in use will avoid the accidental loss of mail matter or newspaper therefrom.

A further object of the invention is the provision of a holder of this character, wherein the resilient clip is mounted and engaged with the base adapted for detachable connection to a support without the necessity of the use of separate fasteners for the engagement of the resilient clip upon the base, the clip being mounted in and on the base in a novel manner so that newspapers or mail matter can be readily introduced therein and will be positively held thereby.

A still further object of the invention is the provision of a holder of this character which is extremely simple in construction, possessing few parts which are connected together in a novel manner so that the device can be assembled and disassembled with despatch, thoroughly reliable and efficient in its purpose, strong, durable and inexpensive to manufacture.

With these and other objects in view the invention comprises the novel features of construction, combination of elements and arrangement of parts which will be more fully described in the following specification and set forth with particularity in the claims appended hereto.

In the accompanying drawing:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a holder constructed in accordance with the invention.

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the resilient clip detached from the base of the holder.

Fig. 3 is a vertical sectional view on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1 showing the base abutting a support, the support being in fragmentary sectional elevation.

Similar reference characters indicate corresponding parts throughout the several views in the drawing.

Referring to the drawing in detail, the holder comprises a base A and a resilient clip B, the base being preferably in the form of a block 5 of substantially rectangular shape and made from wood, although the same may be made from any suitable material and also may be of any other shape. One end of the block 5 is outwardly tapered, both at the side edges and at the front face thereof, the front face presenting a beveled portion 6 for a distance of its extent for a purpose presently described. The opposite end of the block 5 contiguous to the side edges thereof has formed therein slots or notches 7 which are parallel with each other and extend into the block a predetermined distance and open through the said end edge within the rear face of the block intermediate the ends thereof coincident to the vertical disposition of each slot 7 is a socket 8 which together with said slot 7 are for a purpose presently described.

The resilient clip B is formed from a single strand of relatively stiff wire yet having the desired resiliency, and this wire is bent intermediate its end portions to form a substantially M-shaped jaw constituting dual gripping fingers 9 which confront the front face of the block 5 while said wire is further bent to provide coils or convolutions 10 and hook extremities 11, which latter extend upwardly from the coils 10 and by the tension thereof are directed toward the jaw consti-

tuting the fingers 9 so that the clip B when engaged upon the base 5 by inserting the coils 10 into the notches or slots 7 the gripping fingers 9 will be disposed at the front side of the block 5 and against the front face thereof, while the hook extremities 11 will be disposed against the rear face of said block 5 and detachably engaged in the sockets 8, thus in this manner the clip will be detachably fastened upon the base A and when the latter is applied to a support, for example as the C in Fig. 3, the hook extremities 11 will be positively held engaged in the sockets 8 in said block 5 without the use of separate fasteners and the coils 10 will be confined within the slots or notches 7 in said block 5, yet will be free to yield on the opening or closing of the fingers 9 of the clip B.

The fingers 9 are slightly inwardly curved so that the tips 12 thereof will be flared outwardly from the beveled surface 6 of the block, thus affording a wide entrance gap between the block 5 and the jaw constituting the fingers 9 for the convenient introduction of newspapers or mail matter to be gripped by said fingers 9 of the jaw and retained in the holder. The block 5 is provided with suitable fastener receiving holes D so that it may be detachably secured to a support.

It will be obvious that the base A and clip B can be assembled with despatch and the same connected together without the use of separate fasteners, it being seen that when the block 5 forming the base of the holder is applied to a support there is no possibility of the separation of the clip B from said base and the tension exerted by the coils 10 upon the jaw forming the fingers 9 will assure the positive gripping action of the latter upon newspapers, mail matter, or the like when introduced between the block 5 and the clip B for the positive holding thereof.

From the foregoing it is thought that the construction and manner of operation of the holder will be clearly understood and therefore a more extended explanation has been omitted.

What is claimed is:—

1. A holder of the character described comprising a base plate having spaced notches in one end thereof, a resilient clip forming a substantially M-shaped jaw and hooked extremities opposite the latter, spring coils formed in the clip between the jaw and the said hooked extremities, said coils being seated within the notches causing the said jaw and hooked extremities to exert tension on the base plate.

2. A holder of the character described comprising a substantially flat base plate having spaced notches in one end thereof and beveled at its opposite end, a detachable resilient clip forming a substantially M-shaped jaw and hooked extremities engaged in recesses in the back of said plate, spring coils formed in the clip between the jaw and the hooked extremities, said coils being seated within the notches causing the jaw and hooked extremities to exert tension on the base plate.

3. A holder of the character described comprising a base having notches opening through one end and sockets in its rear face, a resilient detachable clip formed from a single length of wire bent to provide a jaw constituting plural fingers, and hook extremities, said wire being further bent to form spring coils between the jaw and said hook extremities and adapted to be confined within the notches in said base with the hook extremities engaged in the sockets in the rear face thereof while the fingers will overlie the front face of said base, said base being formed with a beveled surface for a portion of its front face, the fingers being outwardly extended from the beveled face to provide a flared entrance between the latter and said fingers.

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