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ARTICLE HOLDER.

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Fig. 1.

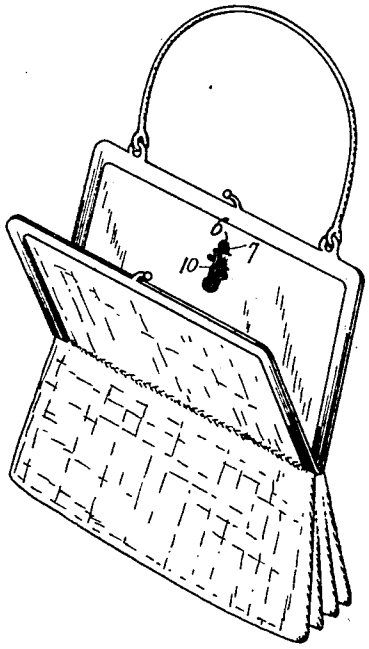


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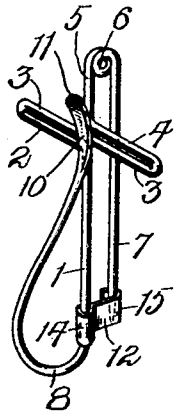
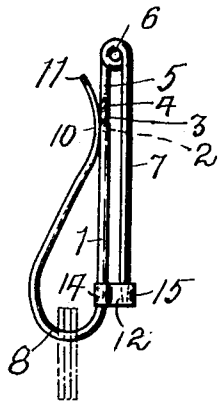


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I. MOLLIE W. HOLCOMB, a citizen of the United States, residing at Erie, in the county of Erie and State of Pennsylvania, have invented new and useful Improvements in Article-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

The object of this invention is to provide a combined clasp and hook capable of being readily attached to the inside of any article, such as a purse, and upon which may be hung articles such as street car tokens, keys or the like, and in the clasp portion of which may be inserted street car tickets, transfers, or memoranda or the like.

With these and other objects in view, as will be hereinafter more particularly pointed out, reference will be had to the accompanying drawing forming a part of this specification and wherein like parts are designated by like ordinals of reference, in which:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a purse with the invention applied thereto.

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the invention, and

Fig. 3 is a side elevation thereof.

In the drawing, reference numeral 1 indicates the main bar or body portion which is formed of suitable wire bent near its upper end outwardly to one side at right angles forming the portion 2, then given a return bend to form the portion 3 which engages portion 2 and extends the same distance to the other side of the body portion 1, where it is given a return bend to produce the portion 4 which is in engagement with the portion 3. The wire is then given an upward bend to produce the portion 5 which is alined with the portion 1 and at its upper end, this portion 5 merges in a spring coil 6 which in turn merges in a pin portion 7 extending downwardly in the rear of the portions 1 and 5 and being provided at its lower end with a suitable point.

At its lower end, the portion 1 is bent forwardly and then upwardly to produce the suspending loop portion 8 for tokens and the like as indicated by dotted lines in Fig. 3, and the wire is then continued upwardly and deflected toward the body portion and its upper terminal end flattened as at 10. This flattened portion 10 bears upon the body portion, and particularly the cross bar 3, and the extreme point 11 of the hook member is terminated with an outwardly deflected end portion.

When the body portion 1 merges with the bent hook portion 8, it is provided with a pin guard 12, formed of sheet metal having an end portion 14 bent around the body portion 1 and suitably secured as by soldering, and its opposite outer end bent upon itself to provide a pin point receiving portion 15.

In use, the pin is inserted in the lining of a purse, or the under fold of a coat lapel, or other suitable article, and its point end permitted to protrude so as to be engaged with the guard or catch element 12. The laterally extending portions 2, 3, 4 engaging the face of the article to which the device is attached, prevent turning or canting of the device, while at the same time affording a wider backing for a ticket or transfer or the like when clasped beneath the resilient hook end portion 10. This portion 10, it will also be observed is flattened to increase the bearing surface as well as to facilitate entry of the hook into the hole of a token, key or the like. Obviously, eyeglasses and other articles may be hung upon the hook portion 8 or clasped between the portions 10 and 2—3—4.

The material of which the device is constructed is immaterial and left to choice, though it is preferable that it be some spring metal, either precious metal or coated to insure against rust, tarnish and the like.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new is:—

A device of the character described, comprising a body portion comprising a horizontal portion doubled upon itself at its ends and each said doubled portion bent to right angles into alined vertical portions, an upwardly extending hook continuing from the lower end of the body portion and having its upper end yieldingly engaging the said horizontal portion, a coil spring as a continuation of the upper end of the body portion, a pin portion extending downwardly from the coil spring, and a guard extending rearwardly from the body portion and adapted to shield the point of the pin.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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