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FIG. 1.

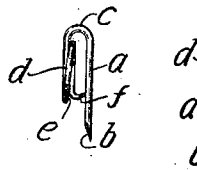


FIG. 2.



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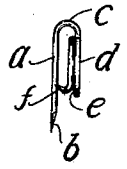


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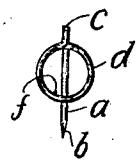


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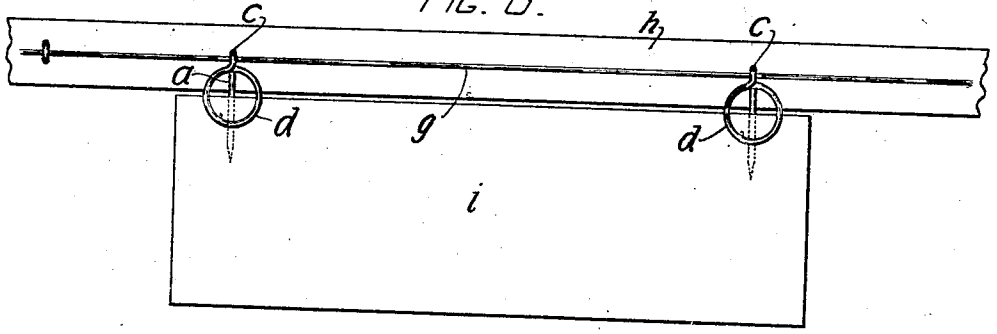
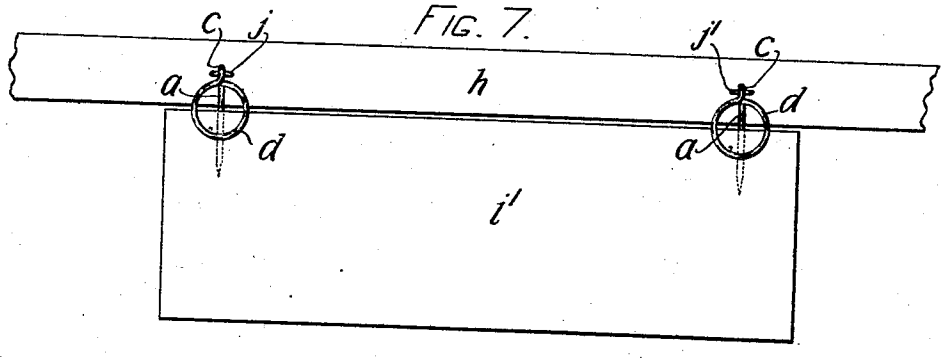


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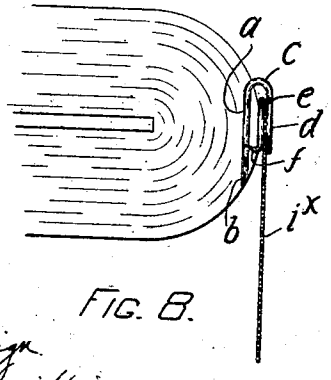


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, STEDMAN P. CROUSE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Card-Holders, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

My invention relates to certain improvements in card-holders adapted to be used for holding display-cards upon shelves and rolls of goods, and consists of a wire holder so formed as to be readily attached to the article itself, inserted into the fabric of textile goods, attached to a hook suspended from a shelf, or hung upon a wire suspended from the shelf when it is desired to have free movement of the display card along the line of the shelf.

A full understanding of my invention can best be given by a detailed description of a preferred construction of my device which is inexpensive, simple, and durable, and a description of such a device will now be given in connection with the accompanying drawings, and the features forming this invention will then be specifically pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a right side elevation of my device. Fig. 2 is a rear elevation of the same. Fig. 3 is a left side elevation of the same. Fig. 4 is a front elevation of the same. Fig. 5 is a plan view of the same. Fig. 6 is a front elevation of a pair of the holders strung upon a wire and supporting a card. Fig. 7 is a front elevation of a pair of the holders suspended on hooks and holding a card. Fig. 8 is a side elevation of the holder supporting a card and inserted in a roll of dress goods.

Corresponding and like parts are referred to in the following description and indicated in all of the views of the drawings by the same reference characters.

My device is formed of a piece of wire having a shank *a* which is pointed or tapered at its lower end, as at *b* and its upper portion curved as at *c*, thence extending downward into a card clamping coil *d* in the form of an eye formed of a little less than one and a half circular turns of the wire having the same diameter and the semi-circular turn of the wire lying normally in close engagement with the circular turn of the wire so that a clamping action results from the forcing apart or disengagement of the semi-circular portion from the circular portion by the inserting of the card in the space *e*.

The lower end of the semi-circular portion extends rearward in close proximity to the shank *a* and at an angle upward and is pointed or tapered as at *f*.

The curved portion *c* allows the card-holders to be hung or suspended from a wire *g* suspended from the side of a box or shelf *h*, so that when the card *i* is inserted in the space *c* the card may be moved as desired along the wire thus allowing of easy access to the goods upon the shelf normally behind the card.

The card-holders may also be hung upon hooks *j j'* as shown in Fig. 7 to hold a card *i'*, or a card *i*× may be inserted in the space *c* and the shank *a* pressed down into the goods selected to support the card-holder and then the tapered end *f* pressed backward and upward into the goods so that the holder will not easily be knocked out of the goods by careless twisting of the card.

By the above-mentioned formation of the holders they permit of easy snapping over the wire *g* or hooks *j* and are firmly held thereon by the tapered point *f* being in close engagement with the shank *a*.

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

1. A card-holder formed of a wire bent with a little less than one and a half circular turns to form a clamping-coil, one end extending rearward in the form of a U-shaped loop and having a shank extending vertically downward to a point below the lower edge of the coil, the other end of the coil extending rearward in close proximity to the shank.

2. A card-holder formed of a wire bent with a little less than one and a half circular turns to form a clamping-coil, one end extending rearward in the form of a U-shaped loop and ending in a downwardly pointed shank, the other end of the coil being tapered and extending rearward in close proximity to the shank.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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