

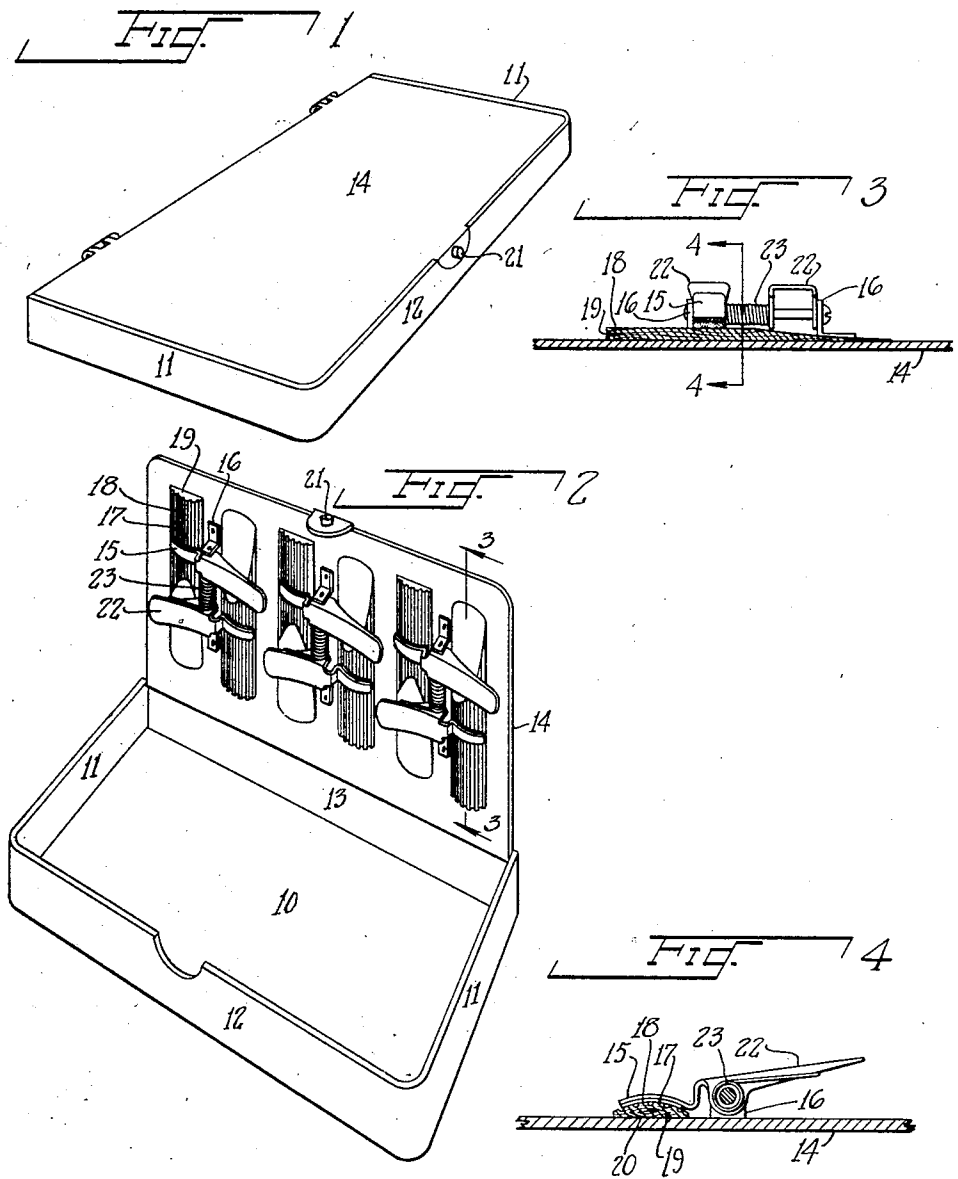
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This invention relates generally to reed instruments, and particularly to a device for holding the reeds when not in use.

The main object of this invention is to provide a reed holder by means of which reeds may be held straight while drying, and also protected from injury while not in use.

The second object is to so facilitate the proper drying of reeds as to encourage this operation and cause a musician to remove the reed from the instrument whenever he stops playing, and to place it in a condition wherein it will dry perfectly straight and ready for further use.

These, and other objects, will become more apparent from the specification following as illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the holder showing same in a closed position. Figure 2 is a perspective view of the holder showing same opened to expose the reeds. Figure 3 is a transverse section taken along the line 3—3 in Figure 2. Figure 4 is a section taken along the line 4—4 in Figure 3.

Similar numbers of reference refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

Referring in detail to the drawing, in its preferred embodiment the device consists of a box-like cabinet or case consisting of a bottom 10 and sides 11, 12 and 13. To the side 13 is hinged a top or closure 14 whose inside is perfectly straight and preferably of some non-corrosive material. On the inside of the member 14 is mounted a plurality of spring clamps 15 on the brackets 16. The clamps 15

are preferably rounded on their under sides 17 which are cork lined to enable same to closely fit against the rear sides 18 of the reeds 19 whose flat sides 20 bear against the smooth surface of the top 14.

It is preferable to provide a spring catch 21 for the closure 14.

In operation it is only necessary for the user to depress the thumb piece 22 of the clamp 15, which makes it easily possible to slip the reed 19 into position. When the thumb piece 22 is released the spring 23 urges the curved face 17 of the clamp 15 toward the rounded side 18 of the reed 19 causing same to firmly bear against the member 14.

It is obvious that many forms of cabinets may be constructed embracing the idea above described, or the member 14 may be in the form of a shelf in a cabinet, in which case the reeds may be held against both sides instead of only a single side as above illustrated; but it is thought that such changes are too obvious to require further illustration.

I claim:

A reed holder consisting of a box having a cover hinged to one side thereof, said cover having a straight inner surface; and having a plurality of pairs of reed holding clamps mounted on said inner cover surface, said holding clamps having spring actuating means whereby a reed may be held on each side of each pair of clamps with the straight side of the reed against the straight side of said closure.

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