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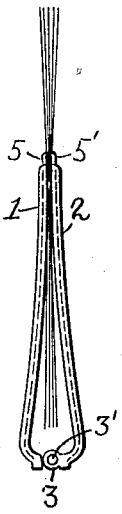


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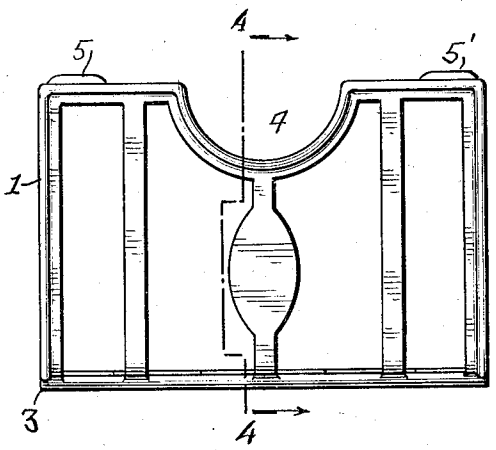


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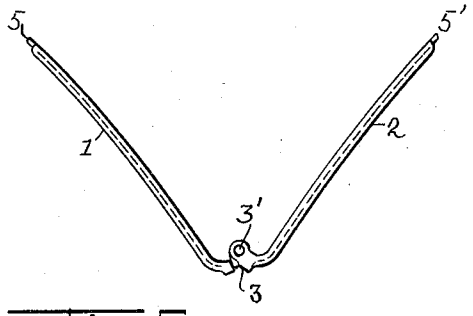


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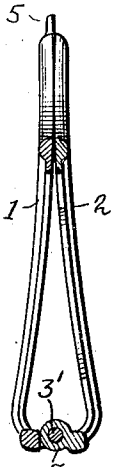
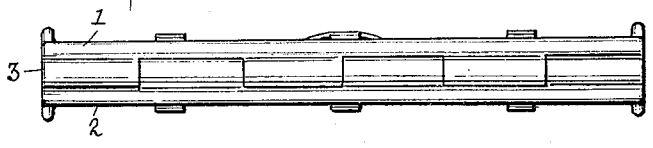


Fig. 5



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My invention relates to bill holders for receiving and retaining folded paper money and it is my object to produce a holder which will be semi-rigid, capable of holding one or more bills and which will be small, light and attractive in appearance. The invention also contemplates the use of a minimum of material, thereby reducing the cost when precious metals are used.

In the drawing Fig. 1 is an end view of my improved bill holder; Fig. 2 a plan view thereof; Fig. 3 an end view of the opened holder; Fig. 4 a sectional view of the structure of Fig. 2 on the line 4—4 thereof; and Fig. 5 an enlarged plan view of the hinge or bottom of the holder.

The holder comprises two skeleton frames 1 and 2 hinged together at their bottoms by a spring hinge 3. This hinge is preferably formed by passing a piece of piano wire 3′ through the alternate knuckles on the frames and locking one end of the wire to an end knuckle on one frame. The wire is then given a twist or torsional strain and locked to an end knuckle on the other frame, the twist being in a direction to throw the tops of the frame together. Each frame is cut-out or concaved at 4 at the center part of the top of the frame and each has a nail catch or projection 5—5′ at opposite top corners.

A resilient semi-rigid material, such as metal is used in making the holder, so that it will yield slightly under pressure in use or in the pocket and the use of skeleton frames assists this flexibility as well as cuts down the weight of the material used, without affecting the ability to securely hold the paper money.

In use the holder is opened by pulling the frames apart at the top and inserting the bills as indicated in Fig. 1. To withdraw a bill the thumb and finger go into the cut out parts 4 and the desired bill may be extracted.

The frames may be slightly separated by engaging the catches 5—5′ to relieve the pressure on the bills while withdrawing one.

I claim:—

A bill holder comprising a pair of frames formed of flexible metal cut away to form an outer rim, each of said frames having a notch at its free end, and also cross bars, a spring hinge connecting the frames at the ends opposite the free ends, the cut away portions serving to increase the flexibility of the frames, the cross-section of the frames being such that the free ends of the two parts are in contact for some distance from the ends and a nail catch on each frame at its outer edge.

In testimony whereof I have affixed my signature.

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