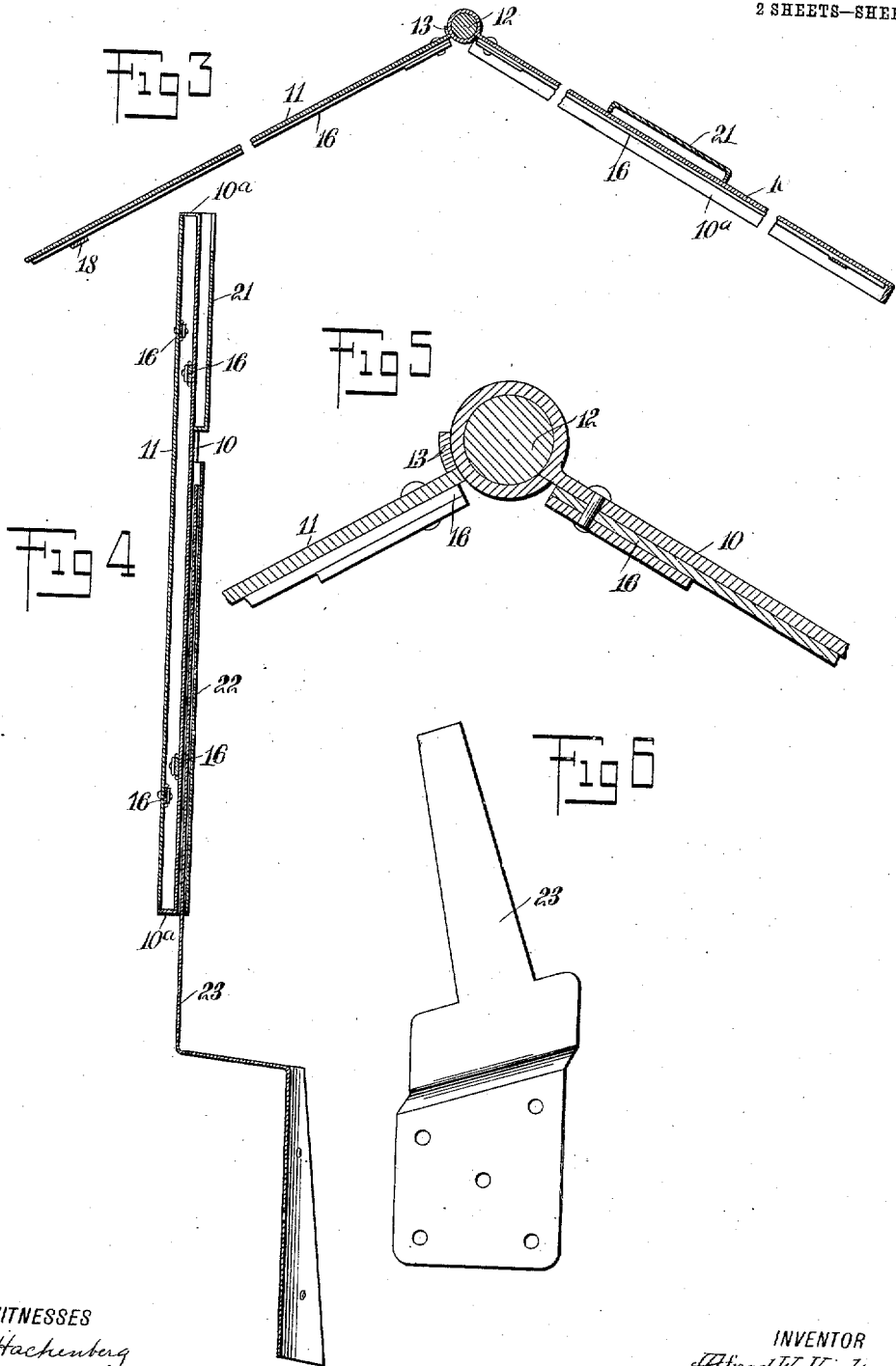


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALFRED W. VICK, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Savannah, in the county of Chatham and State of Georgia, have invented a new and Improved Train-Order Holder, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The invention is an improvement in train order holders, and has in view such a device of book form having means to retain the orders stretched out on the inner side of either cover and present the same, when the holder is open, in a visible and accessible position, thus avoiding the handling, folding and careless pocketing of the orders by the trainmen and insuring a careful and frequent reading of the orders, the holder being preferably removably supported on a bracket, with the latter constructed and arranged so as to cause the covers of the holder to swing apart and remain open when the said covers are unlatched.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a portion of a cab, showing my improved train order holder in its preferred construction and arrangement; Fig. 2 is an inside view of the holder in its open position; Fig. 3 is a section of the holder on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2; Fig. 4 is a vertical section of the holder and supporting bracket on the line 4—4 of Fig. 1; Fig. 5 is a sectional view through the hinge of the holder on an enlarged scale on the line 5—5 of Fig. 2; and Fig. 6 is a perspective view of the bracket for supporting the holder.

The holder in its preferred form embodies covers 10 and 11, hinged together at their rear edges, each cover being preferably, though not necessarily, of sheet metal in order that the same may not absorb grease and dirt but may be kept bright and clean. The hinge between the two covers has a pintle 12, about which interfitting sections of the covers are bent, as in the conventional hinge construction, with the said sections of one cover shown in the drawing to be cover 10, having attached stop strips 13, adapted to contact with the outer cover when the holder is open to the extent shown in Figs. 3 and 5, thus preventing the covers from swinging

relatively to positions in which both covers are not visible at the same time.

The cover 10 has inwardly-turned flanges 10^a at the top, bottom and the outer side edges, between which the cover 11 neatly fits when the holder is closed, with the two covers latched together by a spring catch 14. On the outer face of each cover, near both the bottom and top, are formed grooves or ways 15, extending from side to side, each way having a spring strip 16, riveted or otherwise securely fixed at their inner ends to the cover and joined together near their opposite and outer ends by a spring strip 18, the several strips constituting a spring clamp tending to bear against the inner face of the cover and firmly retain such train orders 19, as are placed under them. The sides of the grooves 15 are preferably formed by wire ribs 20, which are suitably attached to the covers and of a gage to make the grooves relatively shallow so that the spring strips 16, in pressing the train order into the grooves, will bind it sufficiently against the wires to prevent the possible accidental displacement of the order. When several orders are placed under one clamp they may all be conveniently referred to by clamping them at the top only, leaving their lower ends to hang over the bottom clamping strip 16. To retain the orders after they have been executed, or other papers, I provide on the outer side of the cover 10, near the top, a pocket 21, the pocket opening upwardly so the papers may be conveniently placed within it and removed when the holder is in operative position. Attached to the same cover of the holder directly under the pocket 21, is a socket 22, the same extending longitudinally of the cover and being open at the bottom to receive the post of a bracket 23, the latter being permanently secured to the cab, as shown in Fig. 1, and offset to support the holder in a downwardly and outwardly and laterally-inclined position, so that when the spring catch 14, holding the covers together, is disengaged, the cover 11 will swing open under gravity and present the orders before the engineer.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent:

1. A holder suitable for train orders, comprising covers hinged together, one of the covers having a groove extending crosswise thereof, and a spring clamp secured at its

inner end to the grooved cover and opening at its opposite end, constructed to press the order against the cover into the said groove.

2. A holder suitable for train orders, comprising covers hinged together, each cover having a spring clamp at its inner side to bind the orders against the covers, with the inner sides of the clamps fixed to the respective covers and the outer sides thereof extending along the outer edges of the covers approximately parallel thereto and opening outwardly therefrom for the insertion and removal of the orders.

3. A holder suitable for train orders, comprising two covers hinged together, each cover having a transverse groove near its top and bottom, clamping strips arranged in the grooves of each of the covers and secured thereto at their inner ends, and clamping strips securing the first-named clamping strips of each cover together at their opposite and free ends.

4. A holder suitable for train orders, comprising covers hinged together, each cover having a clamp arranged to bind the order to the inner face thereof, with the hinged portion of one cover having a stop adapted to bear against the other cover and prevent the separation of the covers beyond a predetermined point.

5. A holder suitable for train orders, having two covers hinged together, and a

bracket removably engaged with one of said covers and supporting the holder at an angle suitable for reading and tending to cause the other cover to swing open under the action of gravity.

6. A holder suitable for train orders, comprising two covers hinged together and having means at the inner side thereof for retaining the said orders, with one of said covers provided with a socket, and a bracket having a post with which the socket of the said cover is adapted to be removably engaged and arranged to support the holder in a position suitable for reading the orders within.

7. A holder suitable for train orders, comprising covers hinged together, one of the covers having a rib extending thereacross with the outer side thereof forming a seat for the order, and a spring clamp secured at one end to the cover and opening at the opposite end thereof and arranged closely adjacent to the rib to bind the order thereagainst.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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