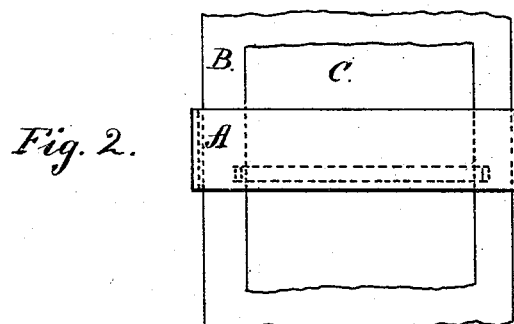
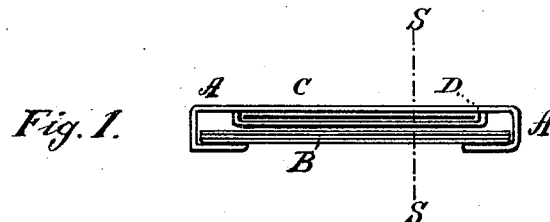


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IMPROVEMENT IN CLASPS OR CLIPS FOR HOLDING RIBBONS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES COLOMBUS GENGEMBRE HUBERT, of New York city, in the county and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Clasps or Clips for Holding Ribbons on Rolls or Blocks, of which the following is a specification.

In putting up ribbons upon rolls or blocks it is customary to coil the ribbon upon a strip of paper, so as to have the ribbon packed between two papers; and for the purpose of protecting the edges of the ribbon, as well as for giving a more pleasing appearance to the package, it is also customary to have the said paper strip wider than the ribbon itself, so that the paper will show a margin on each side of the ribbon.

When the ribbon is unrolled and rolled up again, if great care is not taken, it will often happen that the ribbon will get all to one side—that is to say, that it will not lie in the center of the paper strip. This not only looks untidy, but it will injure or soil the edge of the ribbon. To remedy this inconvenience I provide the ribbon clip or clasp with a ribbon-guide or central aperture, through which the ribbon alone is passed, and so shaped and located on the clasp or clip that said guide will always deliver the ribbon issuing therefrom in the center of the paper strip and block.

My improvement then has for its object the keeping of ribbons which are coiled or rolled upon paper strips always in the center of said paper strips; and it consists in providing the ribbon clasp or clip with a ribbon-guide, aperture, loop, or bail, through which the ribbon alone is passed, so that said ribbon cannot be rolled otherwise than in the center of the strip of paper upon which it is coiled.

In the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, Figure 1 represents a front view of an ordinary ribbon clasp or clip provided with my ribbon-guide. Fig. 2 is a top view of the same, and Fig. 3 represents a

sectional view of the same through the line S S.

A represents an ordinary ribbon clasp or clip. B is the strip of paper upon which the ribbon is rolled, and C is the ribbon itself.

D is my ribbon-guide, which, in my present illustration, is represented by a bail or loop of wire fastened to the under side of the top piece of the clip or frame A; but the guide D may be simply a slot or aperture cut in the said top piece of the clip or frame A, or in the top piece of any clips or clasps, for holding ribbons tightly coiled upon rolls, provided said slot, aperture, bail, or loop is so located and shaped that as the ribbon passes therethrough it will be delivered therefrom in a central position upon the strip of paper upon which said ribbon is coiled.

The ribbon clip or clasp having my improvement attached thereto is put upon a roll of ribbon in the usual way, except that the last turn of ribbon is passed through the ribbon-guide D.

When any ribbon is pulled out it has to be drawn through the ribbon-guide D, and when said ribbon is wound up again the guide D will deliver the ribbon always in the center of the paper.

In all the clips or clasps for holding ribbons coiled upon blocks that I know of there are no provisions made for keeping the ribbon in the center of the paper strip, and it is the guide D, for keeping said ribbon in the center of the paper, which alone I consider as my invention.

What I claim as my invention is—

In a clip or clasp for holding ribbons in coils, the slot or aperture D, of less width than the clip or clasp, and serving as a guide for holding the ribbon centrally upon the roll, all substantially as shown and described.

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