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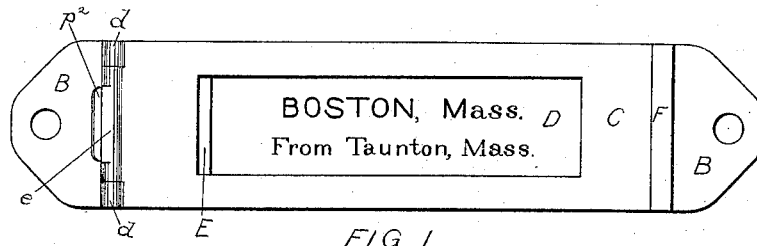


FIG. 1.

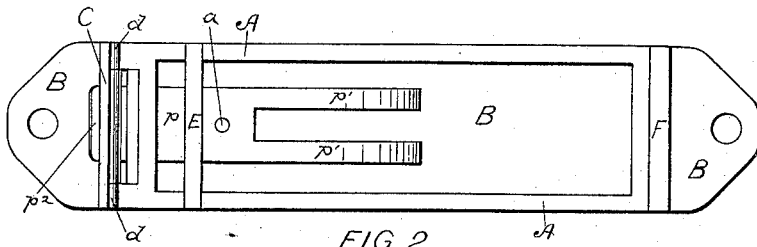


FIG. 2.



FIG. 3.

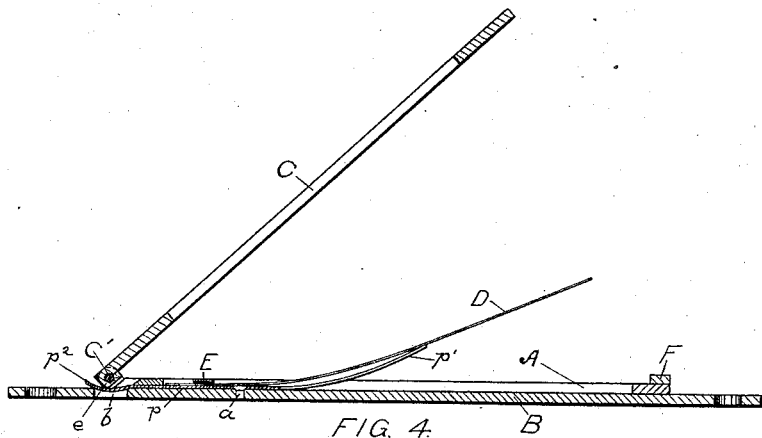


FIG. 4.

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## TAG-HOLDER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, EDWARD F. GOODWIN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Taunton, in the county of Bristol and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Tag-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

My invention consists of a convenient tag-holder to be attached to mail-pouches, trunks, and various articles, means being provided for holding the tag securely in place and for easily introducing and removing the same.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a plan view of my improved tag-holder closed, with the tag in place. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the same open, with the tag removed. Fig. 3 is a side view of the holder when closed; and Fig. 4 is a section through the center, the tag being inserted and the cover half-open.

A is the card-receiving frame, firmly secured to the plain base-plate B, which is attached to the mail-pouch or other article in any desired manner. The rear end of the receiving-frame A has two projecting portions, *d d*, which are rounded over the hinge-bolt C'.

C is the cover, hinged at one end to the receiving-frame, as shown, preferably, by having its end *e* bent around the hinge-bolt C'. The spring *p*, secured to the inner surface of the base-plate B in any desired manner, as by the rivet *a*, bears at its free end *p*<sup>2</sup> against the end *e* of the hinged cover C, which is squared off along the portion of its width directly over the spring *p*<sup>2</sup>, as clearly shown in the drawings. An aperture, *b*, is made in the base-plate B directly below the hinge, thereby allowing the spring *p*<sup>2</sup> to bend downward when the cover C is raised. This spring, pressing upon the squared-off surfaces of the portion *e* of the cover, holds the cover firmly in place when open or closed and tends to keep it in either one or the other of those positions. The cover C has an opening around the printed portion of the tag, and when closed retains the tag securely in the receiving-frame A.

E is a thin bar, preferably flush with the upper surface of the receiving-frame and set securely therein, under which the end of the

tag D easily slips and is held down as best shown in Fig. 4. The spring *p* is forked at its outer end, *p*<sup>1</sup>, and bent upward, so as to bear with a light pressure upon the card D, so that when the cover is opened one end of the said card is automatically raised and presented for removal, the other end being still held under the thin retaining-bar E. This pressure, however, is extremely light, so that the end *p*<sup>2</sup> of the spring *p* is sufficiently powerful to hold the cover firmly closed against the upward pressure of the forked end *p*<sup>1</sup>, or a separate spring from that used to operate the hinged cover may obviously be employed to raise the tag for removal.

I claim—

1. A tag-holder consisting of the combination of a card-receiving frame, a cover, C, hinged to one end thereof, said frame being provided with a retaining-bar, E, near the hinged end, a base-plate, B, and a spring, *p*<sup>1</sup>, secured to said plate and bearing against the card, whereby when the cover is raised one end of the card is automatically thrown up, substantially as described.

2. A tag-holder consisting of a card-receiving frame and a retaining-cover hinged thereto, said frame being provided with a spring, free at both ends, attached to said frame, whereby one end of the spring bears against the hinged end of the cover and the other end of the spring against the card, substantially as and for the purposes described.

3. A tag holder consisting of a card-receiving frame, A, having a plain base-plate, B, provided with an aperture, *b*, a cover, C, hinged at *e* to the plate B, and a spring, *p*, free at both ends, secured at a point intermediate of its ends to the said plate B, whereby one end of the spring works against the cover and the other end of the spring against the card, substantially as described.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand.

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