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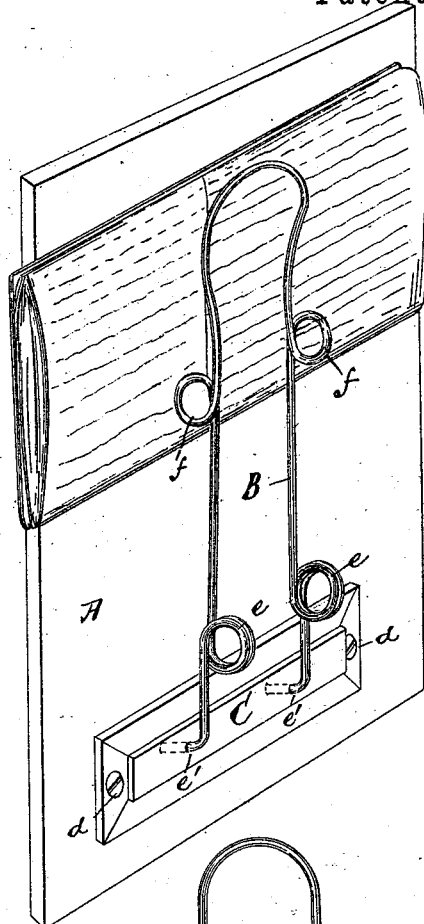


Fig. 1.

Fig. 2.

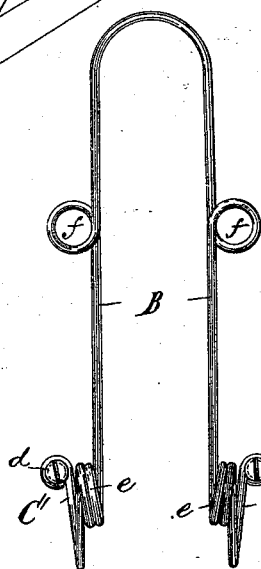
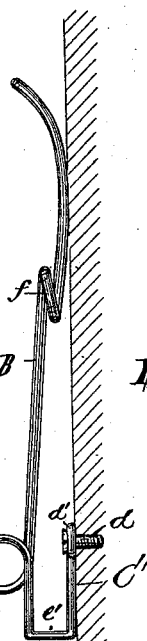


Fig. 3.



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## PARCEL-HOLDER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM ARTHUR CRANE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Newark, in the county of Essex and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Parcel-Holders; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

The object of this invention is to provide a durable and convenient receptacle or holder for mail matter and other light parcels, and adapted to be secured to a door, door-jamb, wall, partition, or other suitable structure where such parcels can be deposited by carriers, delivery clerks or others without having to wait at a door for some one to come and receive them.

The invention consists in the improved parcel-holder and in the arrangement and combination of the parts thereof, as herein set forth and finally pointed out in the claims.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, in which similar letters of reference designate corresponding parts in each of the figures where they occur, Figure 1 represents, in perspective, a holder embodying my improvement and showing a package of mail matter inserted therein. Fig. 2 represents, in front elevation, a modification of the spring-clamping arm, shown in said Fig. 1, or, rather of the means for securing said arm in position, and Fig. 3 is a side elevation of the latter.

In said drawings, A designates a back or it may be taken to represent a door, door-jamb, wall, partition or other convenient structure to which the spring-clamping arm B, is secured. Said part B is composed of spring-wire which is doubled to form two prongs separated more or less widely from and lying parallel with one another and connecting at their extremities with a support or base, as C, Fig. 1, or C', Figs. 2 and 3, which are secured to the back by means of screws d, there- by forming a spring-actuated clamp, between

which and the back parcels may readily be inserted and will be held by means of the pressure exerted by said spring-clamping arm, as will be manifest.

In order to render the spring-action of said clamping arm as effective as possible I form coils e and f (though the latter may be dispensed with) in each of the said prongs, the former being near the base and the latter, if employed, between the base and the top, as indicated in the drawings. I also bend the upper end of the arm outward as shown in Figs. 1 and 3, in order to facilitate the insertion of parcels in the holder, as will be understood.

In Fig. 1, as will be observed, the extremities of the prongs of the clamping arm are bent inward substantially at right angles, forming elbows, e', that connect with the support or base which is secured to the back, while in Figs. 2 and 3, the said extremities are again bent at right angles to form arms C', the ends of which are formed into eyes, d', to receive the fastening screws, d, thus the clamping arm and base or support are formed from one piece of wire instead of being in two parts as in the former case. It will be manifest, however, that the elbows, e', may be inserted directly into and secured to the back instead of into the base or support, as seen in Fig. 1, and so dispensing with said base if preferred. It will also be observed that the arms, C', as seen in Figs. 2 and 3 are bent outward laterally so that when driving the screws the screw-driver will not impinge against the coils or body of the clamping arm. It will further be observed that the normal pressure of the clamping arm, at the upper end is slightly against the back, as indicated in Fig. 3.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

1. The improved parcel holder combining therein a spring-actuated clamping arm composed of a bent wire having two prongs lying parallel with one another the extremities of which are bent at right angles and secured to a suitable back and each prong having a coil formed therein near the said bent extremities and another substantially midway

of the aforesaid coils and the upper end of said clamping arm, as described and for the purposes set forth.

2. In a parcel holder, of the character described, the combination of a spring-actuated clamping arm composed of a bent or doubled wire having two prongs lying parallel with one another and having coils, *e*, elbows, *e'*, arms, *C'*, and eyes, *d'*, arranged in relation to one another as described, and means for se-

curing the same to a suitable back or support, as and for the purposes set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 28th day of September, 1893.

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