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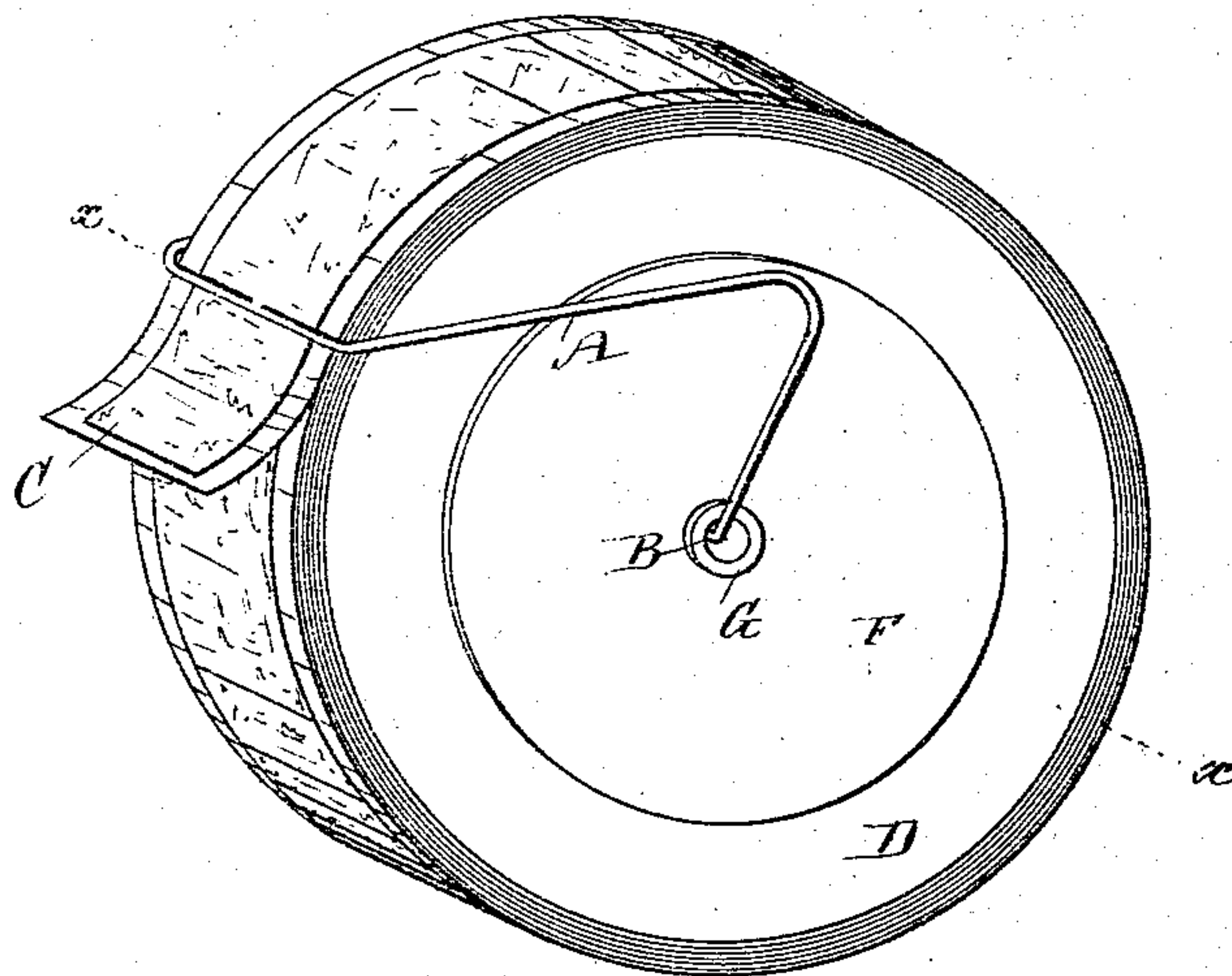
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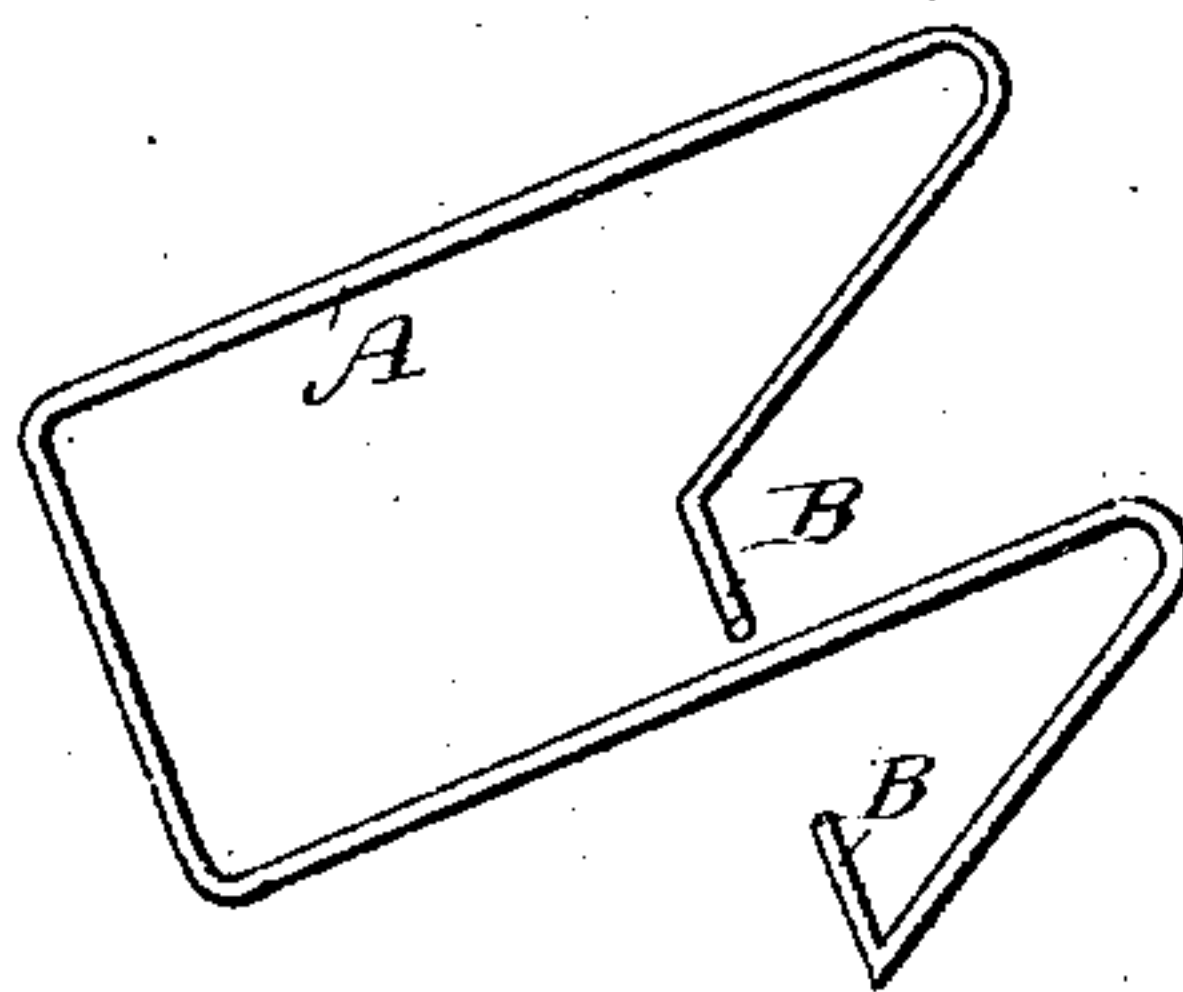
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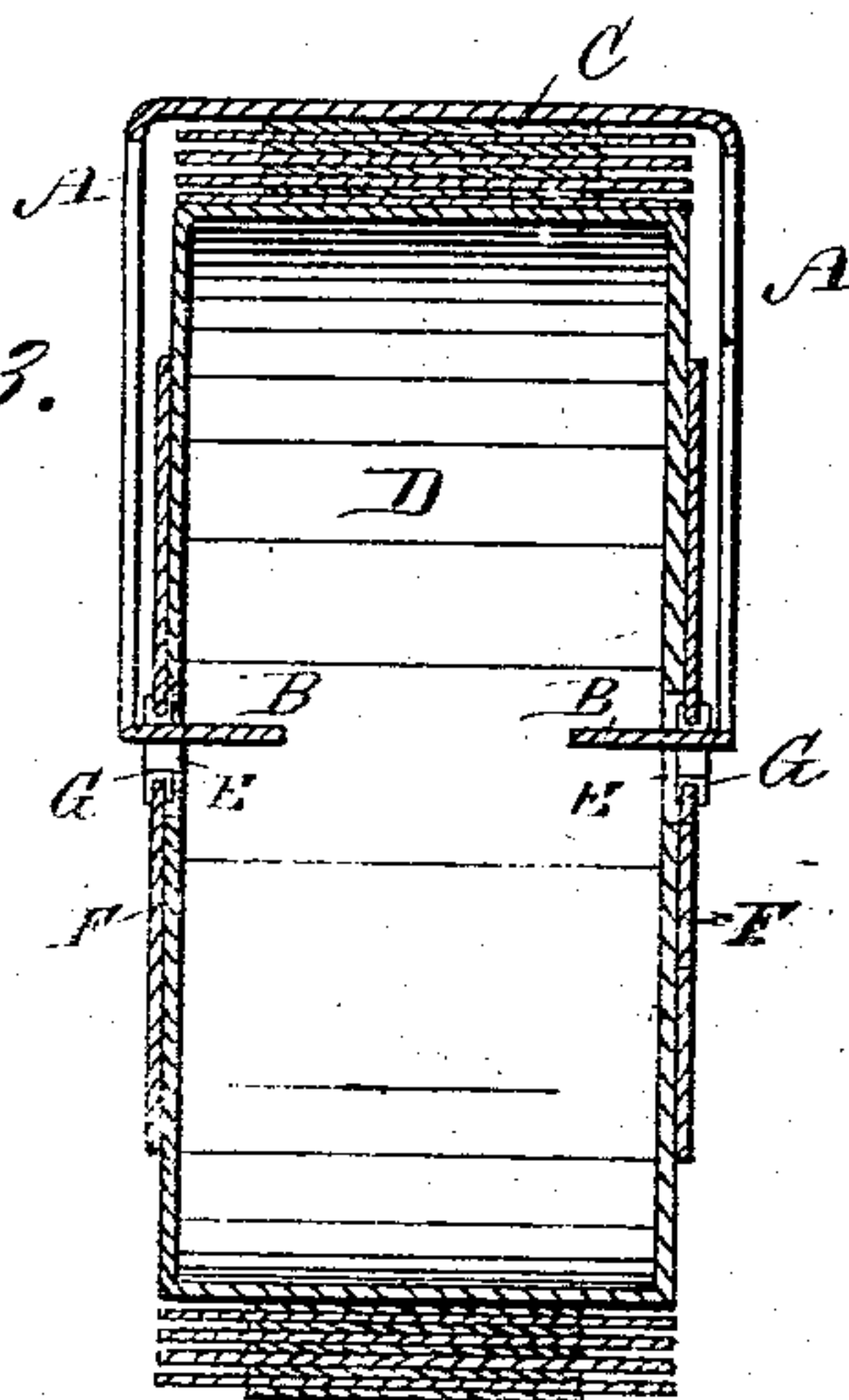
*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 3.*



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## RIBBON-HOLDER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN MELLETTE, of Winamac, in the county of Pulaski and State of Indiana, have invented a new and Improved Ribbon-Holder, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to devices for holding the free end of a ribbon on the roll on which the ribbon is wound; and the invention consists of the construction hereinafter described and claimed.

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

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a ribbon-roll provided with a ribbon-holder. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the ribbon-holder, showing it detached from the roll. Fig. 3 is a cross-sectional elevation of the roll on the line *x x*, Fig. 1, the ribbon-holder being held on the roll.

The holder is formed of a spring-wire, A, bent U-shaped, and having the ends B of the prongs bent toward each other. The prongs are bent at or near the middle at an acute angle, so that the closed end of the holder will be a less distance from the ends B than the length of the prongs, and will thus obtain greater elasticity. If the ribbon C is wound on a hollow roll having sides of wood, pasteboard, or heavy paper, holes are formed in the centers of the sides of the roll, into which holes the bent ends B of the prongs are passed to hold the ribbon-holder on the roll, the cross-piece of the U-shaped wire being pressed against the ribbon wound on the roll by the spring in the wire. If the hollow roll D is made of thin pasteboard or paper, a hole, E, is made in the middle of each side, and on the

sides paper or pasteboard disks or plates F are pasted, which are provided with central apertures having eyelets G, and into the said eyelets the bent ends of the U-shaped wire A are passed. The eyelets prevent the edges of the hole from being torn and ripped by the ends B, and insure an easy movement of the ends B in the eyelets. The wire A holds the free end of the ribbon, as shown in Fig. 1. If any of the ribbon is unwound, the roll revolves on the bent ends B, or the holder describes a circle around the roll. If the ribbon is cut, the free end of that part of the ribbon on the roll will be held in place by the spring-wire A. The spring-wire A holds the ribbon equally well, whether there is a great or a small length of ribbon on the roll.

The device can be used for all kinds of ribbons, bands, &c. The length of the cross-piece of the U-shaped wire must be made different in the different holders, according to the width of the roll.

I do not claim the U-shaped holder, broadly.

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

The combination, with a hollow ribbon-roll, D, having holes in the sides of the disks F, pasted on the sides of the rolls, and provided with eyelets at the middle of the U-shaped wire A, having its ends bent toward each other and passed into the said eyelets, substantially as herein shown and described, and for the purpose set forth.

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