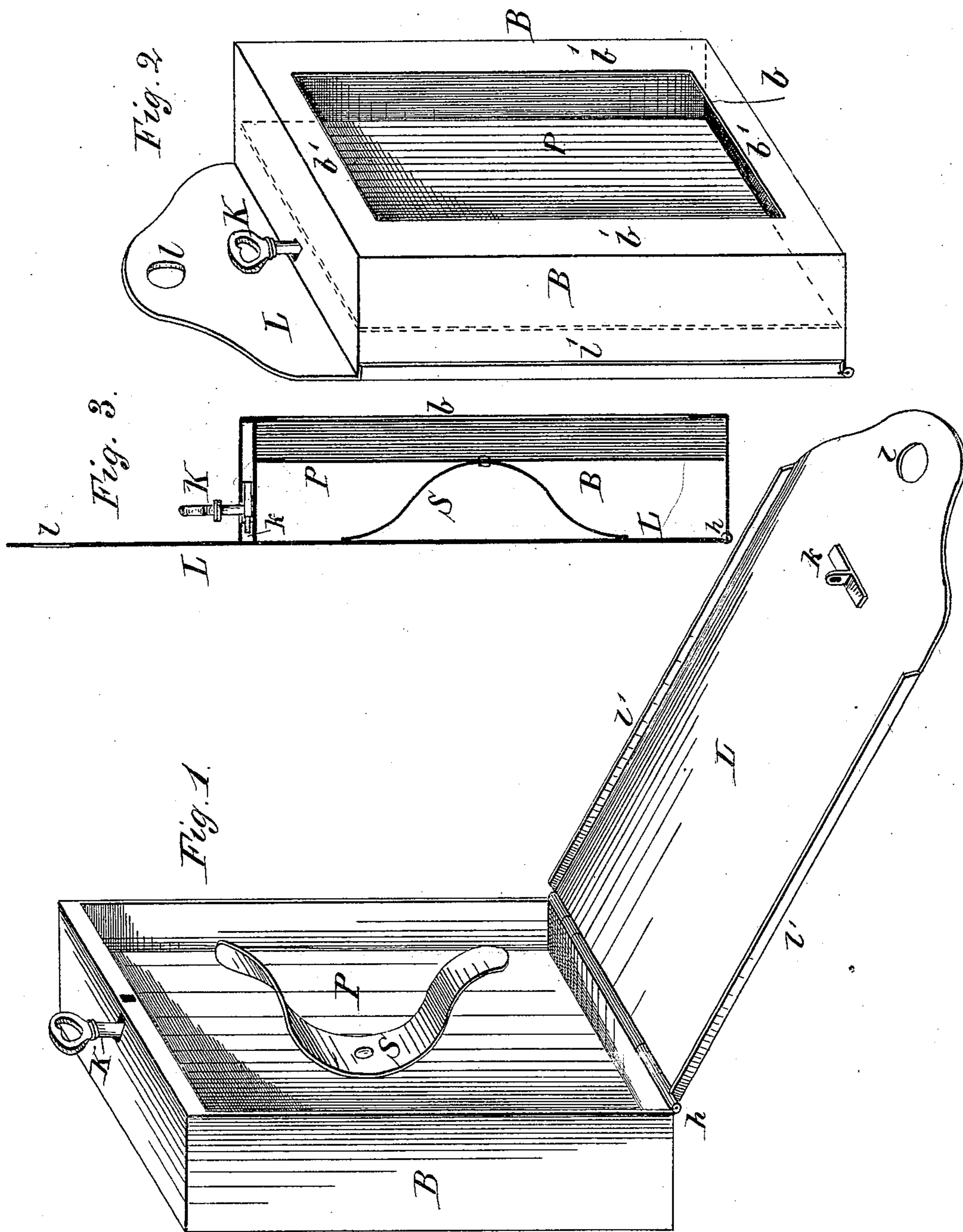


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, BRUNO SCHOOF, a subject of the King of Prussia, residing at Wiesbaden, Prussia, German Empire, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Closet-Paper 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 or figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

My invention consists in the construction of a holder for separate sheets of paper, more particularly adapted for holding waste or water-closet paper, substantially as hereinafter more fully described, and as specifically pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying sheet of drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the holder, showing the lid open. Fig. 2 is a like view, showing the holder closed; and Fig. 3 is a vertical transverse section thereof.

Heretofore the sheets of closet-paper have either been held together at one edge by a clamping device, or by means of rivets driven through the paper or through the latter and two bars of metal or wood, or such sheets have been bound at one edge by means of an adhesive substance or by a seam. In either of the described methods of connecting the separate sheets of the paper, there is more or less waste of that part of the sheet where it is attached to a holder, or where it is sewed or glued, and also from the fact that it is difficult to detach the sheets singly from such holders. Loose sheets of closet-paper have also been held within a receptacle by the weight of its lid or cover, said lid or cover being combined with appliances to lock it against removal without interfering with its movement to hold the sheets of paper; yet in such a holder no means are provided to prevent any one from interfering with the movement of the top, as such top may be held against downward movement, and any desired quantity of paper removed.

In the drawings, B is a box of any suitable shape and size, and of any desired material. I preferably employ tin in the manufacture of these holders, the front of which has an open-

ing, *b*, of less vertical and horizontal diameter than the box itself, thus forming flanges or a framing, *b'*, by which the edges of the paper are retained and such paper is prevented from falling out of the holder.

P is a follower-plate of the same size approximately as the interior of the box B, and fits loosely in the latter. This plate P carries a leaf-spring, S, that bears against the lid L when the latter is closed, and which plate serves to press the package of loose sheets of paper against the frame *b'*, or front of the box. The lid L is extended some distance above the box, and has an aperture, *l*, whereby it may be suspended to a nail or other suspension device. It is further provided with lateral flanges *l'*, that project over the lateral sides of the box when said lid is closed. As will be seen, the lid forms the back of the box, to the lower edge of which it is hinged, as shown at *h*, the upper end of the lid being held by a suitable retaining device, either a hook and staple, a catch, or a lock and key, K *k*, as shown.

The sheets of paper may be readily removed from the holder by a closing movement of the finger-tips, and may be so removed singly, and as the paper is used the follower-plate will feed it forward and keep and press it against the framing *b'* of the box.

The spring S, instead of being attached to the plate P, may be attached to the lid or back L, and made to perform the same services. Instead of extending the lid beyond the upper edge of the box for purposes described, said lid may be made of the same size as the box, and provided with a hook or ring, or other device whereby it may be suspended from a wall, as will be readily understood.

I am aware that ticket-holders have been constructed in which a spring-actuated follower is employed to feed the tickets to an opening in the holder, and I do not wish it to be understood that I desire to claim, broadly, a spring-actuated follower in combination with a receptacle having an opening in one of its walls on the line of motion of said follower.

I claim—

1. A holder for loose sheets of paper, consisting of a receptacle, the front, sides, top, and bottom of which are rigidly connected together, said front having an opening, as de-

scribed, and a back hinged to said receptacle, in combination with a spring-actuated false bottom contained in said receptacle, all arranged for operation substantially as described, for the purposes specified.

2. A holder for loose sheets of paper, consisting of a receptacle whose front, sides, top, and bottom are rigidly connected together, said front having an opening, as described, a back hinged to said receptacle, said back being extended, as described, and provided with means for suspending the holder, a lock for locking the back to the receptacle, and a spring-actuated follower-plate contained in said receptacle, all constructed and arranged for operation

substantially as and for the purposes specified.

3. The box B, having an open front, surrounded by a flange, *b*, the lock K, the lid L, extended beyond the walls of the box, and provided with means for suspending the same, the plate P, and spring S, all constructed, arranged, and operating substantially as and for the purposes specified.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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