

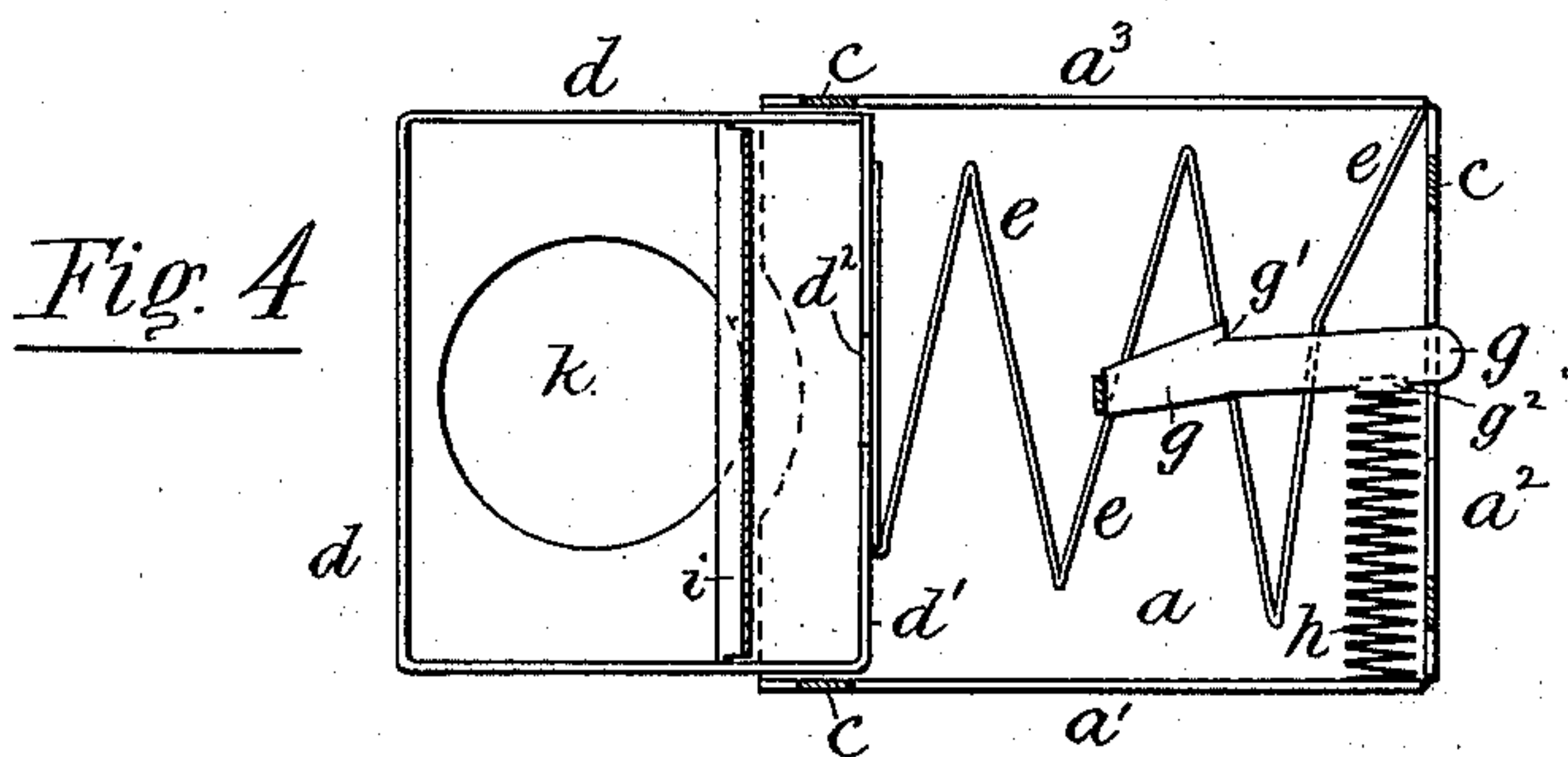
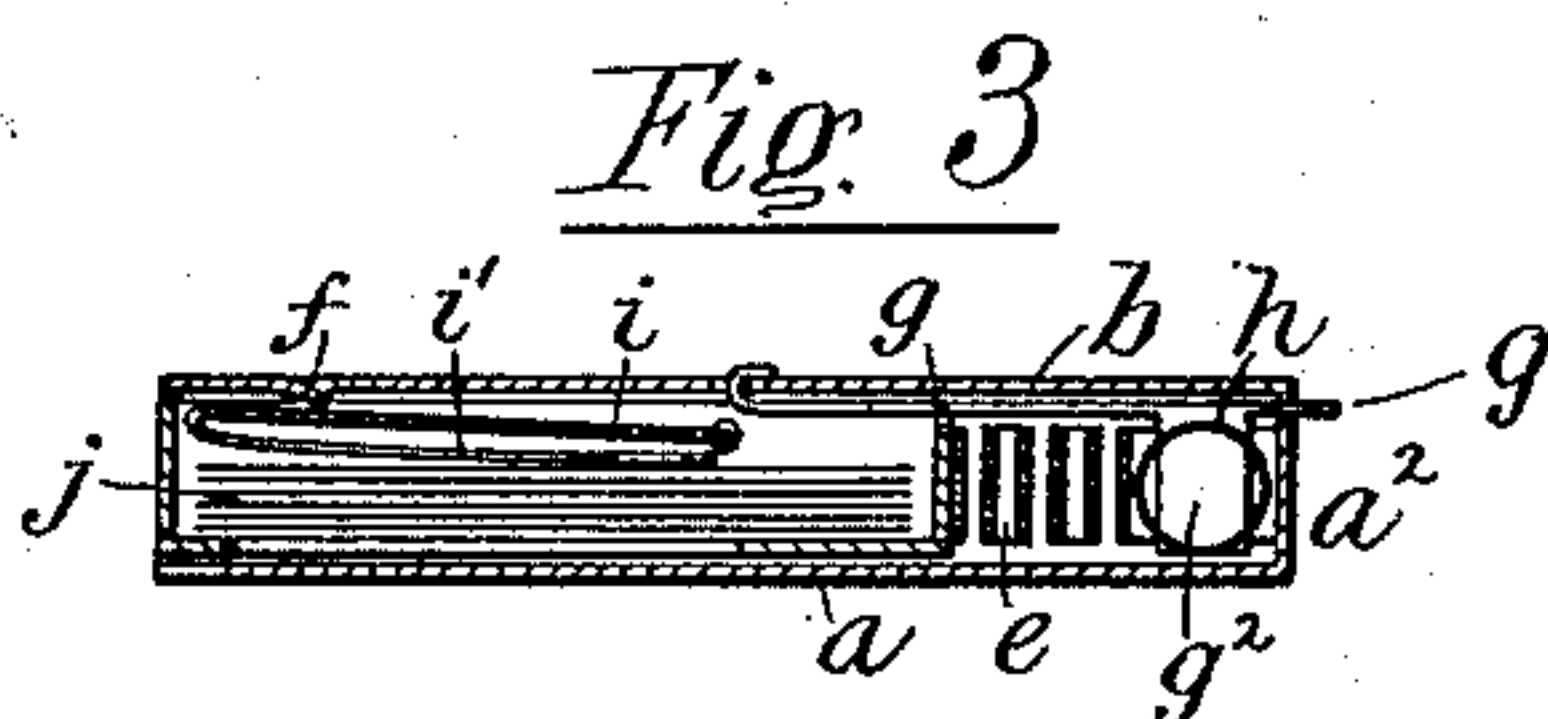
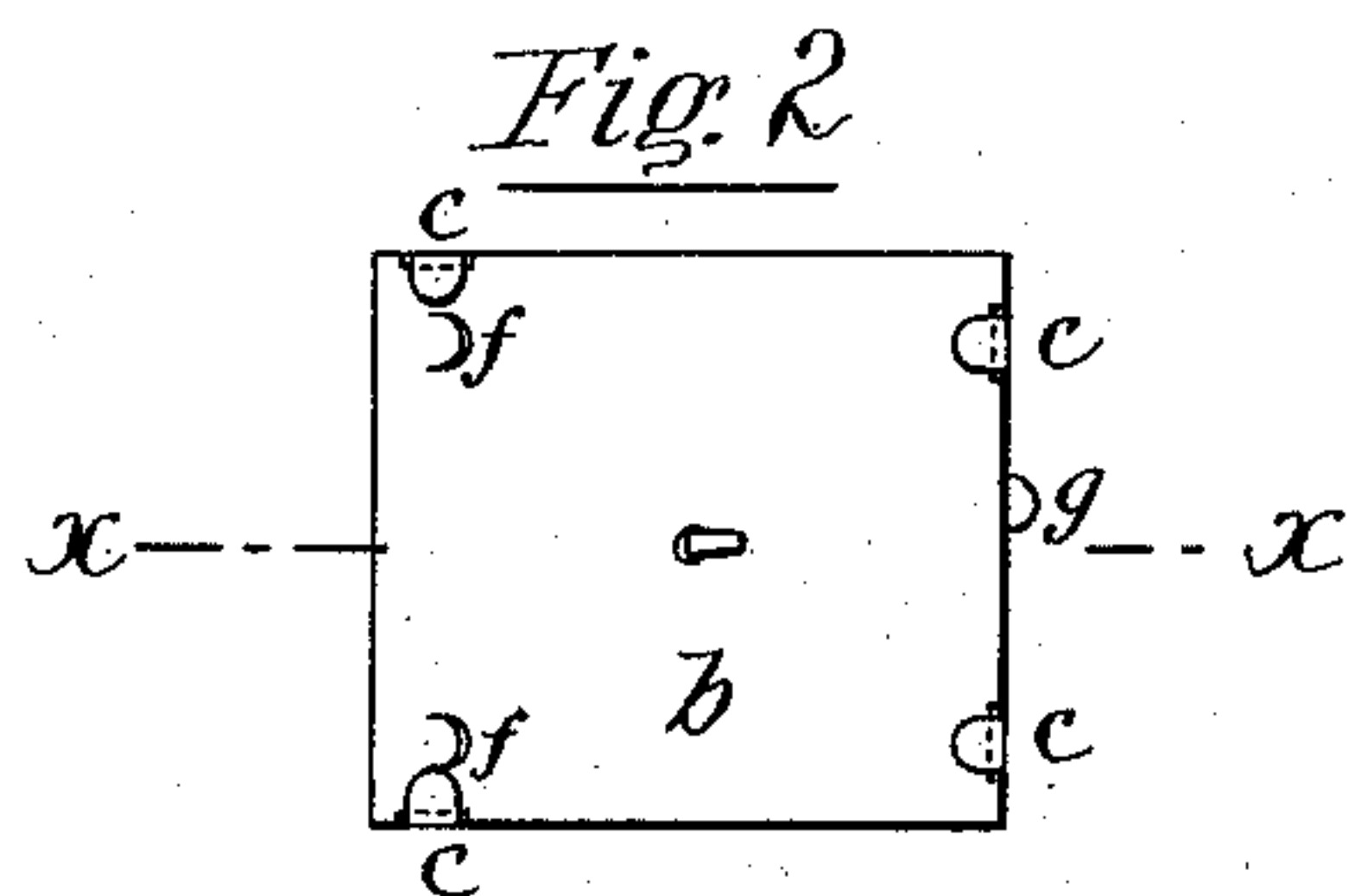
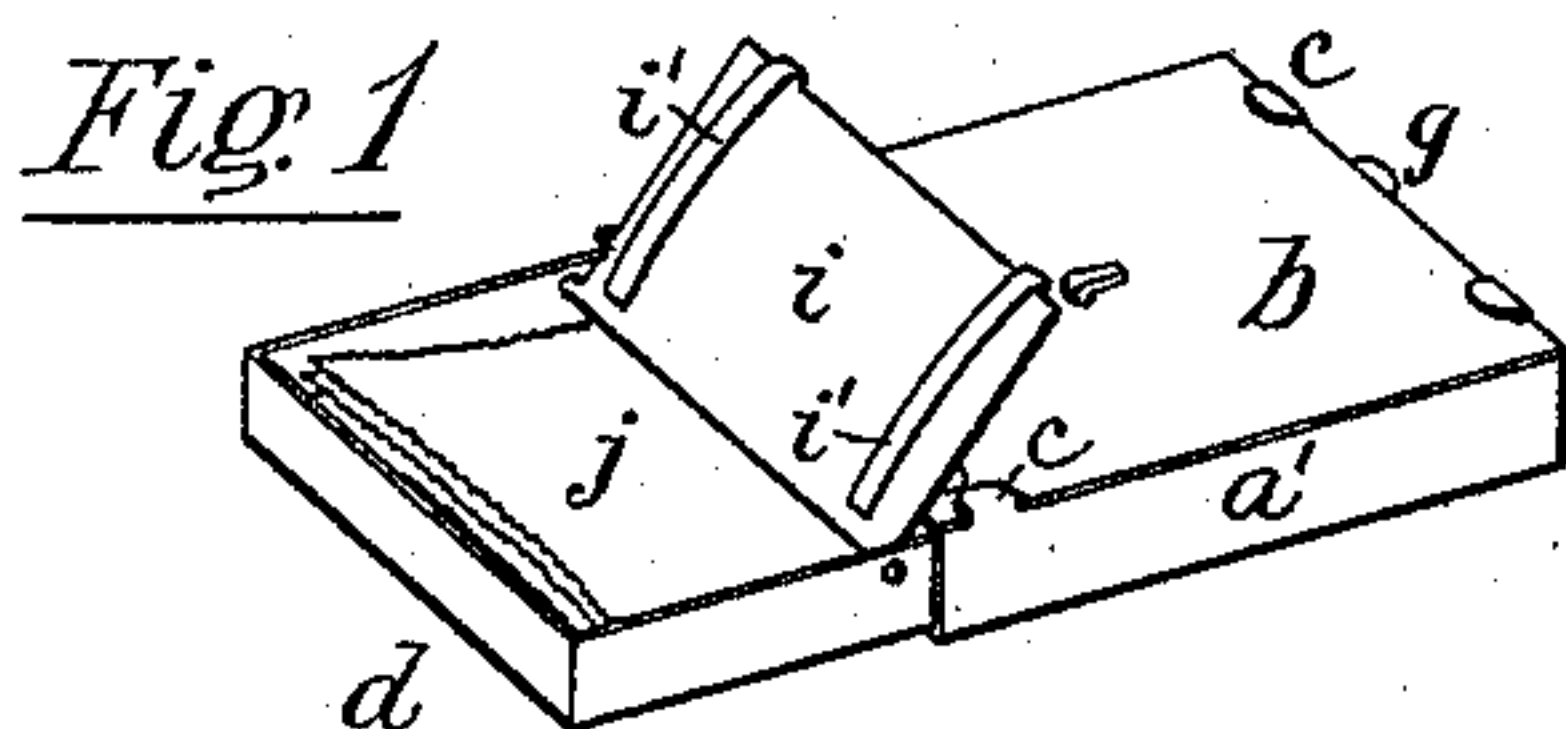
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FERDINAND STRAUSS, a subject of the Emperor of Germany, residing at New York, county and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pocket Postal - Stamp and Ticket Holders, of which the following is a specification.

The postal-stamp and ticket holder forming the subject-matter of this application is adapted to be carried in the pocket; and it consists of an inclosing-case, a spring-acting drawer fitted to slide therein, a lid pivoted to the drawer, and a retention-catch attached to the case for holding the drawer within the case against the action of its spring, all of which will be hereinafter fully described, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved postal-stamp and ticket holder, showing the drawer open. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the same, showing the drawer closed. Fig. 3 is an enlarged longitudinal section on the line $x x$, Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is an enlarged plan showing the drawer open and the top plate of the case removed.

The inclosing-case is composed of the bottom plate, a , the three sides a' , a^2 , and a^3 , formed integral with and bent up from the plate a , and the top plate, b , which is secured to the sides a' , a^2 , and a^3 by means of the lugs $c c$, projecting from the sides and bent over the plate, as clearly shown in the drawings. The rectangular box or drawer d is placed in the open end of the case and is fitted to slide freely therein. Between the drawer and the rear side, a^2 , of the case is placed the bent flat spring e , which, acting on the drawer d , forces it out of the case, as shown in Figs. 1 and 4. Said parts are prevented from being entirely separated by the rear wall, d' , of the drawer coming in contact with the projections $f f$, which are formed by parts of the top plate, b , being forced inwardly.

To hold the drawer d closed against the action of the spring e , a latch, g , pivoted to the top plate, b , catches into the notch d^2 , formed in the top of the rear wall, d' , of the drawer. The pivoted end of the latch passes through the notch d^2 when the drawer is pressed into the

case, and the tooth g' thereof catches against the side of the wall d' . This latch g is actuated by the spiral spring h , placed in the case between one of its sides and the lug g^2 on the latch, and it is manipulated from its end which projects through the rear side, a^2 , of the case.

The drawer d is provided with a cover, i , hinged to its side walls, and said cover carries springs $i' i'$, which throw it into open position as soon as it clears the top plate of the case, as clearly shown at Fig. 1.

The postal-stamps or tickets j placed in the drawer d are fully protected when the device is closed up, and are held stationary therein by the springs $i' i'$ of the cover bearing on them, as shown in Fig. 2.

To obtain access to the postal-stamps or tickets, the projecting end of the latch g is pushed over, so as to release the drawer d of the tooth g' and allow the spring e to act and push the drawer out against the projections $f f$. They are then removed by first raising them up by the insertion of one of the fingers through the opening k in the bottom of the drawer d .

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

1. In a postal-stamp or ticket holder, in combination, an inclosing-case open at one end, a drawer fitted to slide therein, a spring in the case for forcing the drawer out, and a spring-latch located in the case for holding the drawer in closed position.

2. In a postal-stamp or ticket holder, in combination, an inclosing-case open at one end, a drawer fitted to slide therein, a cover hinged to the drawer, a spring in the case for forcing the drawer out, and a spring-latch located in the case for holding the drawer in closed position.

3. In a postal-stamp or ticket holder, in combination, an inclosing-case open at one end, a spring-acting drawer fitted to slide therein and provided with an opening through its bottom, for the purpose set forth, and a spring-latch located in the case for holding the drawer in closed position.

4. In a postal-stamp or ticket holder, in combination, an inclosing-case open at one end, a drawer fitted to slide therein and having an

opening through its bottom, for the purpose set forth, a spring in the case for forcing the drawer out, a spring-acting cover hinged to the drawer, and a spring-latch located in the
5 case for holding the drawer in closed position.

5. The combination, with an inclosing-case composed of a bottom plate, three sides integral therewith and provided with retaining-lugs, and a top plate secured to the sides by
10 means of the lugs, of a spring-acting drawer

fitted to slide in the case and a spring-acting latch pivoted to the top plate and arranged to hold the drawer in closed position.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand, at New York, county and State of New York, this 6th day of January, A. D. 1888. 15

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