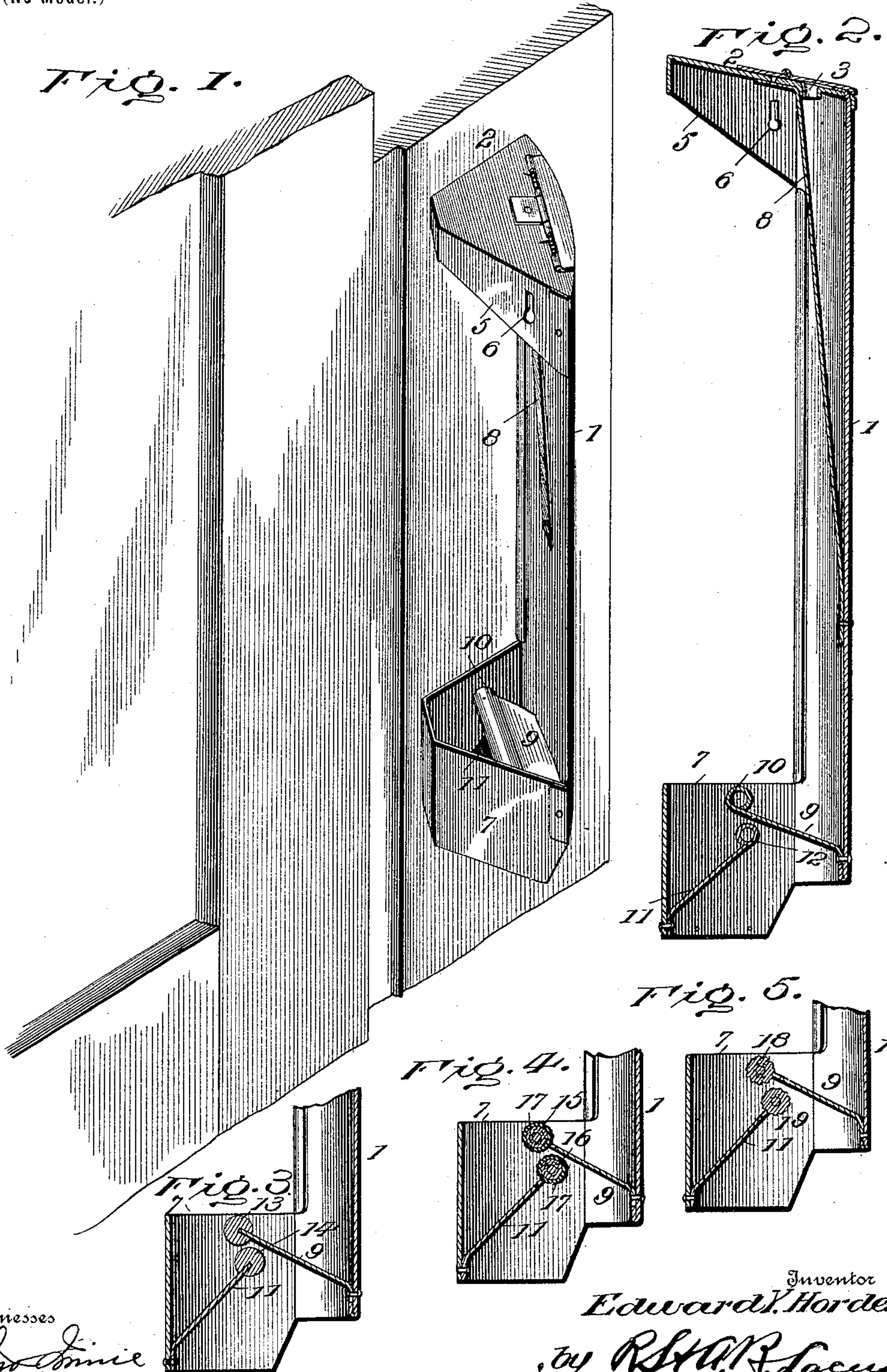


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWARD Y. HORDER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, county of Cook, and State of Illinois, have invented and produced a new and useful Improvement in Newspaper-Holders, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part thereof.

This invention relates to a holder for newspapers, letters, &c.; and it consists of the construction and arrangement of the several parts, which will be more fully hereinafter described and claimed.

The object of the invention is to provide a secure receptacle for newspapers, letters, and the like and prevent them from being removed or stolen through the entrance-openings after deposition in the receptacle or withdrawal in any other manner except by the proper persons and from the inner side, which is adapted to be closed and opened by the movements of a house-door or other analogous device.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a part of a door-frame and door, the latter being open, showing the improved device applied in position. Fig. 2 is an enlarged transverse vertical section of the improved device. Fig. 3 is a detail section of the lower closing devices, showing the use of complete rolls. Fig. 4 is a view similar to Fig. 3, showing the rolls covered with rubber and as movable. Fig. 5 is a view similar to Figs. 3 and 4, showing the rolls as corrugated.

Referring to the drawings, wherein similar numerals are utilized to indicate corresponding parts in the several views, the numeral 1 designates a body of sheet metal or other material and substantially triangular in form, having an outer closed side, which is convex. The rear part of the device is open and has also a closed top 2 with a letter slit or opening 3, closed by a cover having a spring closing device of preferred form. Depending from opposite portions of the top 2 are flanges 5, having keyhole or analogous slots 6 therein for engagement with suspending devices, and at the inner portion of the bottom is a hood 7, which partially covers this part of the body, said hood being open at its upper and lower ends and serving as a means for receiving

fastenings to secure the entire device in position and also as a support for one of the lower closing devices.

From the inner surface of the top 2, directly in rear of the slit 3, where its upper end is attached, a strap or bar 8 extends downwardly at an incline and has its lower end secured to the inner surface of the outer closed side at a suitable distance below said top and forms means for retaining letters or similar mail-matter separate from the remaining portion of the interior of the device. It will be observed that the said strap or bar is preferably in the center to more effectively hold letters or the like, and as the latter fall downwardly they are more firmly held in the reduced space between said strap or bar and the adjacent surface of the outer side of the device. The mail held by the strap can be easily drawn out from either side at the rear when the house-door or other closure is opened to expose the inner part of the receptacle.

Secured at its lower end to the inner part of the outer side of the receptacle is a spring-plate 9, which extends inwardly at an oblique angle and, as shown by Figs. 1 and 2, has its upper free end formed into a roll 10. From the lower part of the hood and extending at an outward oblique angle is a shorter spring-plate 11, having its upper free end also formed into a roll 12 and normally positioned under the under portions of the upper part of the plate 9. By having the plate 9 longer and overlapping or extending over the upper end of the plate 11 the bottom of the hood or of the receptacle is always normally closed, and the rolls 10 and 12 prevent tearing of the paper when placed therein or injury to the hand of the depositor. It will be noticed that opening the spring-plates gives access to the compartment formed back of the strap 8, and the said compartment is intended to receive newspapers by first properly folding them and inserting them between the plates, the latter being so placed that withdrawal from the receptacle in a manner similar to insertion will be prevented. This part of the receptacle can also be used for deposition of papers in wrappers by mail or elongated or other packages.

In Fig. 3 the plates 9 and 11 are shown supplied, respectively, with solid rolls 13 and 14,

which under some conditions may be found more desirable.

Fig. 4 illustrates movable rolls 15 and 16, having a corrugated rubber or analogous covering 17 to prevent injury to the hand of the depositor and still further increase the resistance to removal of the papers after insertion in the receptacle.

Fig. 5 shows rolls 18 and 19 without covering and as corrugated for the same purposes as the rolls 15 and 16.

The receptacle is applied to the house-door frame and secured to the stile adjacent the door at the side of the hinges of the latter and secured firmly in position, so that by opening or closing the door one side at the rear will be opened or closed to make the interior of the receptacle accessible and also to conceal the contents from exterior view and shut off ingress to the device except by authorized persons. The triangular form of the receptacle renders it applicable to either a right or left position, and while it has been described as acting conjointly with a house-door any other analogous closure will produce the desired result.

Changes in the proportions, dimensions, and minor details of construction can be resorted to without departing from the nature or spirit of the invention.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new is—

1. In a device of the character set forth, the combination of a receptacle having an open rear side and bottom, and a pair of spring-plates in said bottom projecting at reverse

angles and having rolls at their upper terminations, one of said plates being longer than the other and extending across the upper end of the same.

2. In a device of the character set forth, the combination of a receptacle having an open rear side and bottom, and a pair of spring-plates in said bottom extending upwardly in reverse oblique angles and adapted to be pressed apart to make an insertion, one plate being longer than and extending across the upper end of the other.

3. In a device of the character set forth, the combination of a receptacle having an open rear side and closed top with an opening therein, a strap below said top within the receptacle arranged at an angle of inclination, and an open bottom having upwardly-extending oppositely-projecting spring-plates adapted to be spread apart, one of said plates being longer and projecting across the upper part of the other and both being provided with rolls at their upper terminations.

4. A house-box for papers or letters, of substantially triangular form having an outer closed side and open at the rear, and provided at the top with flanges and at bottom with a hood, said flanges and hood being formed to provide opposite bearings to adapt the receptacle for reverse application or to either side of a door or other closure.

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