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Fig. 1.

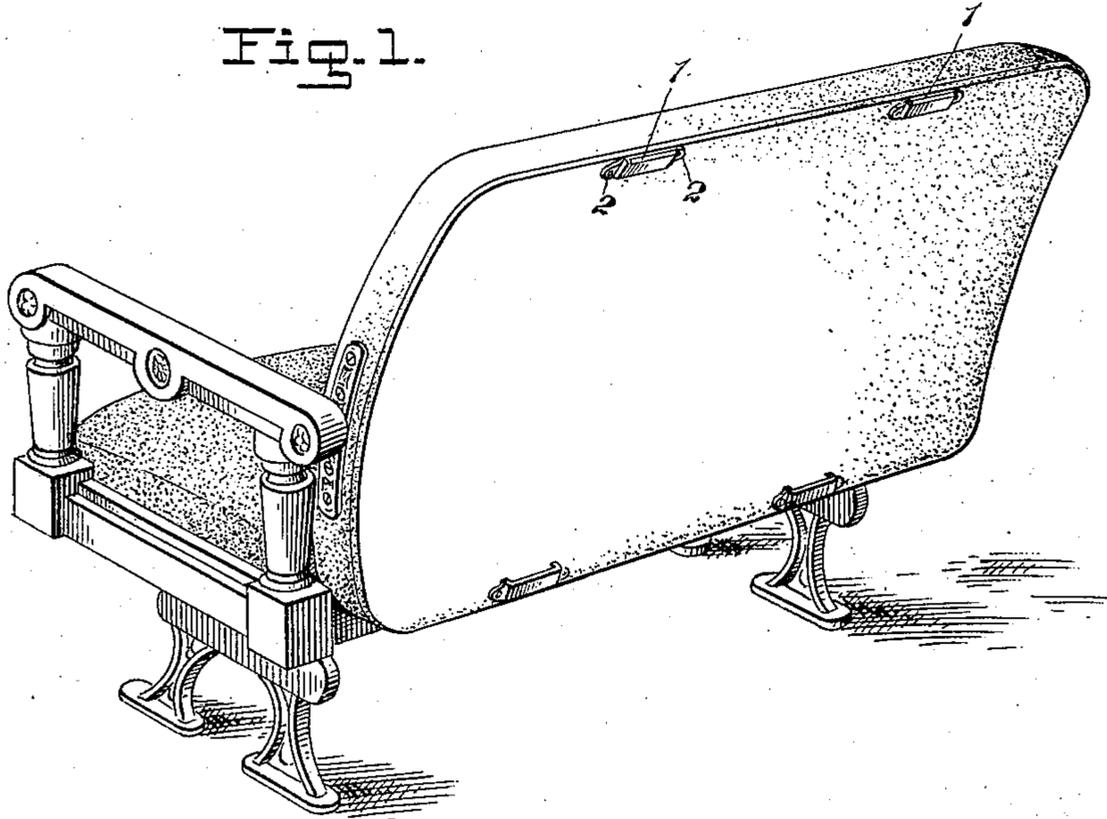


Fig. 2.

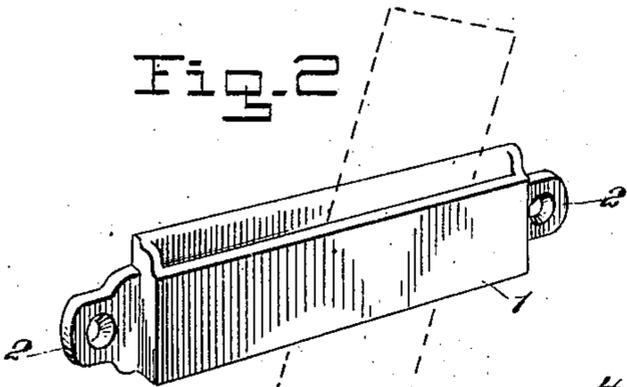


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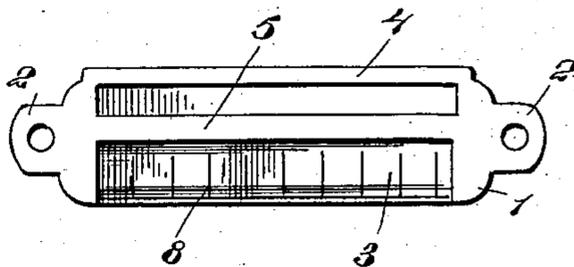


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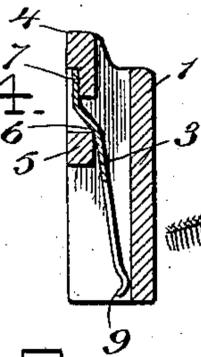


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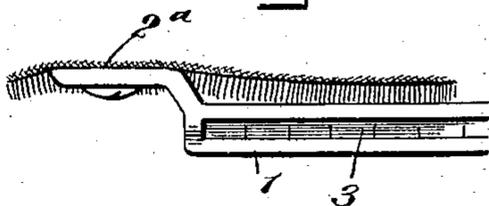


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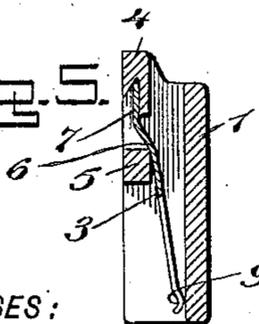
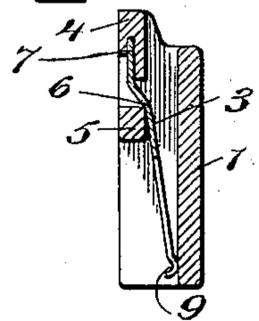


Fig. 6.



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TICKET-HOLDER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DAVID BERTRAND METCALF, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Tarrytown, in the county of Westchester and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Ticket-Holder, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to improvements in holders designed to be secured to the back of a railroad-car seat for holding tickets or cards in front of a passenger and in sight of the conductor; and the object is to provide a holder of simple construction, not liable to get out of order, and by the use of which annoyance to the conductor and passenger is obviated, as it saves the conductor the trouble of asking for the ticket and the passenger the trouble of producing it.

I will describe a ticket-holder embodying my invention and then point out the novel features in the appended claims.

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

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a car-seat, showing ticket-holders embodying my invention as secured thereto. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the holder. Fig. 3 is a back view of the same. Fig. 4 is a vertical sectional view of the same. Figs. 5 and 6 are cross-sections showing modifications, and Fig. 7 is a top view showing a further modification.

The holder comprises a casing 1, of suitable material—such, for instance, as metal—and having perforated lugs 2 at its ends, through which screws may pass to secure it to the back of a car-seat or other support, as indicated in Fig. 1. This casing is open at the top and bottom, and arranged within the same is a plate-spring 3. This plate-spring 3 extends the entire inner length of the casing, and its upper edge is attached to the back portion of the casing, while its lower free edge engages with the inner side of the front wall of the casing, near the lower edge. As a means for securing the spring in the casing without employing rivets, solder, or the like I provide at the back of the casing, at its upper portion, a downwardly-extended

flange 4, and below this flange and spaced slightly therefrom is a bar 5. The upper portion of the spring-plate is turned rearward to form a shoulder, as at 6, which passes between the flange 4 and the bar 5 and rests upon said bar 5, and then the upper portion is turned upward, as at 7, to engage against the rear side of the flange 4. As here shown, this portion 7 of the spring-plate engages in a recess formed in said flange, so that the rear side of the bar and the rear side of the upward projection 7 will be substantially flush or in line. The lower portion of the spring is kerfed or split in several places, as at 8, to form a series of spring-tongues. The object of this is to allow of a yielding motion of the spring for a distance equal to the width of a ticket placed in the holder, thus securing narrow as well as wider tickets, cards, or sheets. To provide for the easy entrance of a ticket or the like and prevent the tearing of a ticket while inserting or withdrawing it, the lower edge of the spring-plate is curved, as at 9. In Fig. 5 I have shown the edge of the spring portion 7 as engaging in an undercut in the flange 4, and in Fig. 6 the flange is provided with a channel to receive said edge. In Fig. 7 the lugs 2^a are shown as extended rearward of the back plane of the casing, so that when the lugs are secured to the seat-frame the casing will be entirely clear of the upholstery. As each seat of a car is designed to hold two passengers, it will be necessary or preferable to attach two holders to each edge of the back of the seat.

It is obvious that a holder embodying my invention may be easily and cheaply manufactured and readily applied to any car-seat.

It will be noted that the back portion of the casing extends above the top plane of the front wall, and this will materially aid in inserting a ticket, as the extended portion will serve as a guide for a ticket forced against it lengthwise, causing said ticket to move downward into the casing.

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

1. A holder for tickets or the like, comprising a casing open at its top and bottom, and a spring-plate arranged therein, the said spring-plate being extended the full length of

the casing interior and provided with a series of parallel kerfs at its free edge, substantially as specified.

2. A ticket-holder, comprising a casing, open
5 at the top and bottom, a spring-plate extended from the rear wall of said casing and engaging its free end with the inner side of the front wall of the casing near the bottom, the lower portion of said spring-plate being ex-
10 tended the full length of the casing interior

and provided with a series of parallel kerfs and the lower edge being curved, substantially as specified.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of 15 two subscribing witnesses.

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