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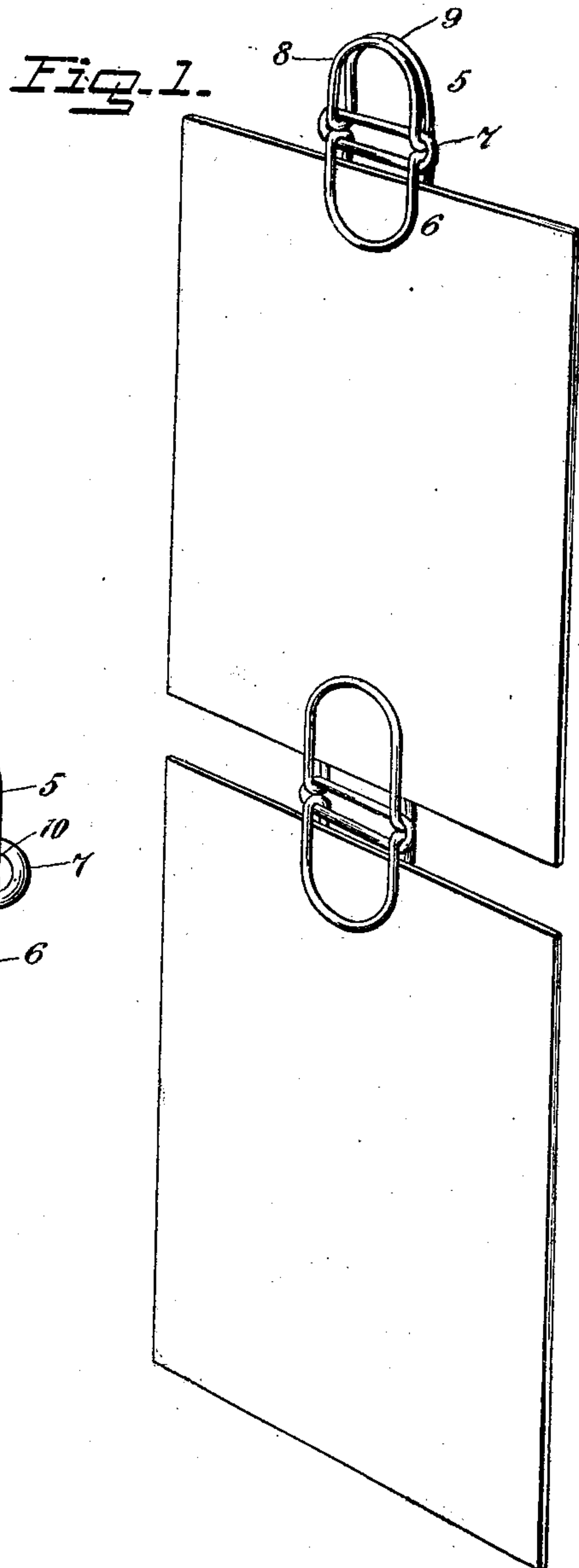


Fig. 2.

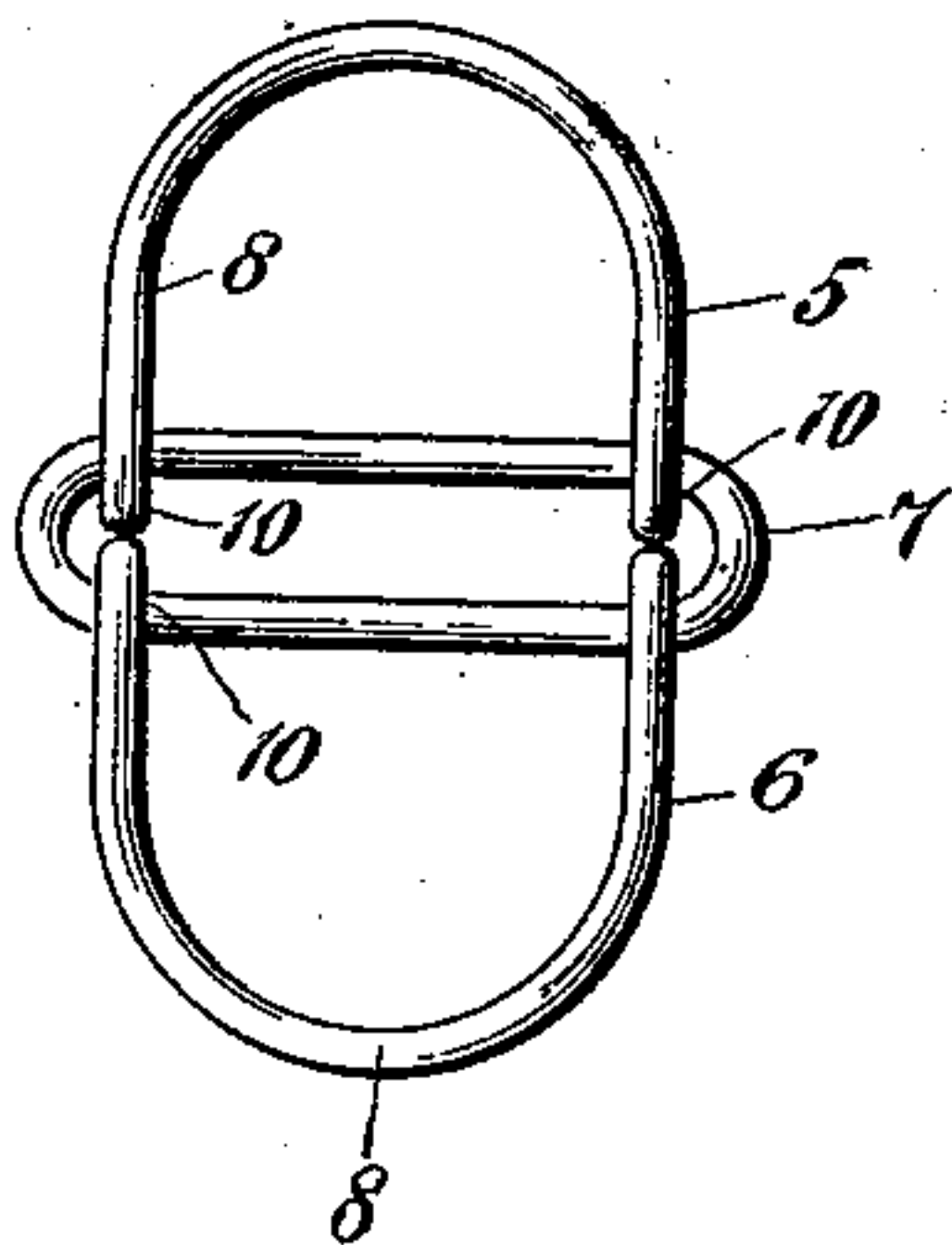


Fig. 3.

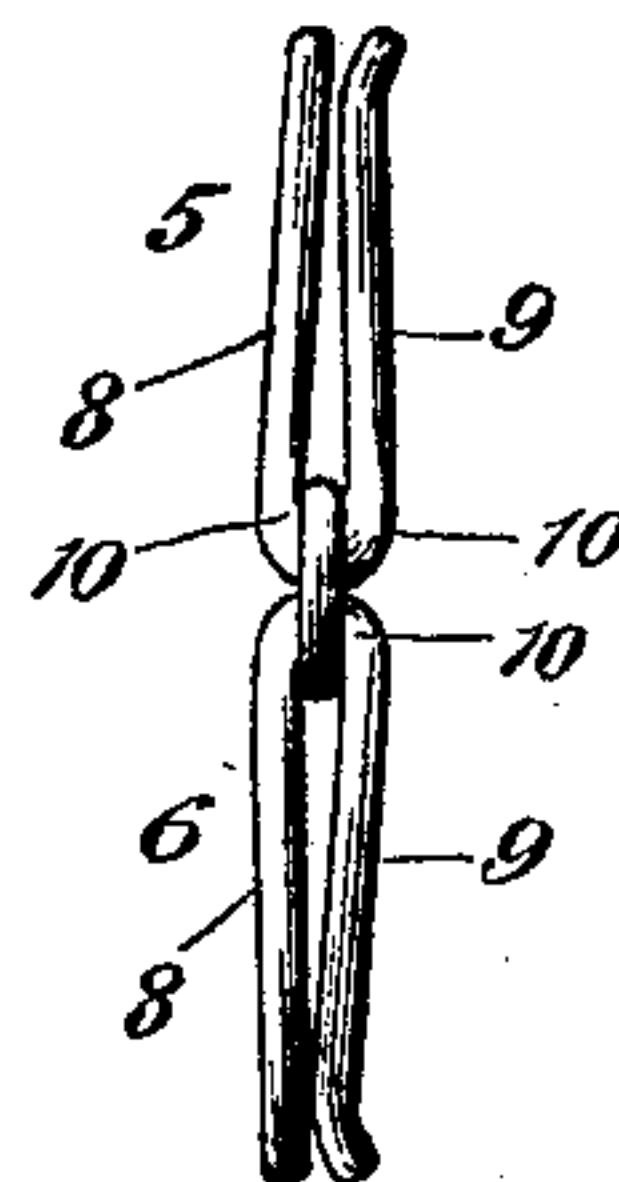
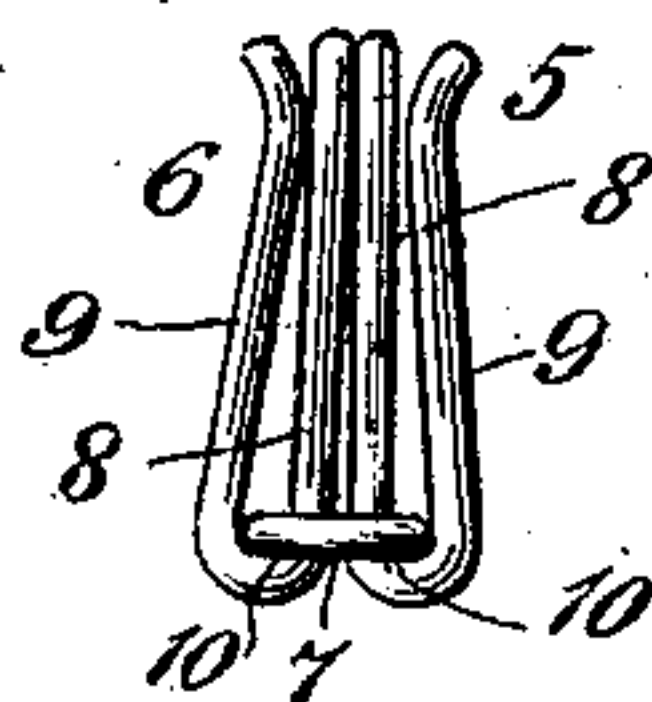


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, LUCIEN ELIPHAZ PARKER and JOHN SHEPARDSON GOTT, citizens of the United States, and residents of
5 Lenox, in the county of Berkshire and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and Improved Card or Photograph Holder, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

10 Our invention relates to improvements in card or photograph holders; and the object that we have in view is the provision of a simple, inexpensive, and efficient clamping device capable of engaging a card, photo-
15 graph, or other object without perforating, creasing, or bending the article, which allows a number of objects to be strung in series or to be arranged in groups or any other desired order, which permits the use of cards of dif-
20 ferent shapes, thicknesses, and sizes, which enables the user to place a stack of photographs or to group them together in one place without having vacant holders left over, and which provides for the easy removal of any
25 card or photograph without disturbing other cards, and in case a number of photographs are to be stored away the improved holder can be folded upon itself, so as to allow the photographs or cards to be arranged face to
30 face, thus disposing the photographs in a manner to afford protection to their faces and at the same time take up very little room.

With these ends in view our invention consists in the novel construction and arrange-
35 ment of parts hereinafter fully described and claimed.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indi-
40 cate corresponding parts in all the views.

Figure 1 is a perspective view illustrating a series of our improved holders adapted to suspend a series of photographs or cards. Fig. 2 is an elevation of the improved holder.
45 Fig. 3 is an edge view of said holder; and Fig. 4 is another edge view of the holder, showing the clasps thereof folded together.

The improved holder consists of the clasps
5 6 and the bail or elongated loop 7. Each
50 clasp of the holder is made from wire which

is first bent substantially into the form of a ring, and this ring is doubled or bent upon itself in the manner shown by Fig. 3, so as to produce the two clamping members or por-
tions, which are indicated at 8 9. At one 55 clamping portion the member 8 of each clasp is a continuous piece of wire, as shown by Fig. 2, while the other clamping portion or member 9 of each clasp is divided, owing to the fact that it is formed by bringing the two 60 ends of the wire together in the manner indicated at the upper holder in Fig. 1. The described method of bending the wire to form each clasp provides bights or loops 10 at the ends of each clasp, and the bight-formed ends 65 of the two clasps are brought close together in the manner shown by Figs. 2 and 3 in order to receive the elongated loop 7. This loop 7 serves to loosely couple or connect the two clasps, because it engages with the 70 bights in the ends of said clasps. As shown by Fig. 2, the axis of the loop or bail 7 is transverse to the combined axes of the two clasps, and the use of said elongated bail permits a single device to couple the two clasps 75 together. It is to be observed that the bail loosely connects the clasps, and the latter are free to turn on the side portions of the bail, so that they may assume different angular positions with relation to each other and to 80 the bail. In fact, the clasps may be folded one upon the other in the manner shown by Fig. 4, thus allowing the cards or photographs to be folded face to face when the clamps occupy the positions described. 85

By reference to Fig. 3 it will be observed that the clamping portions 8 9 of each clasp are disposed in slightly-convergent relation from the coupling-bail 7 toward the free edge of the clasp. This construction allows the 90 clamping portions to frictionally engage with the cards or photographs, which may vary in thickness, and the frictional engagement of the members of the clasp with the card secures a firm connection between the holder and said 95 card, thus overcoming the necessity of perforating the card for the passage of ribbons, cords, or the like to unite the parts together. At the same time the clamping of the card within the clasp does not injure or abrade the 100

surface of the card, and it is evident that the card can be easily withdrawn from the clasp by simply pulling the parts from engagement.

As shown by Fig. 1, the holders may be employed to suspend a series of photographs one from the other in the form of a string; but this use of the holder is optional, because a series of holders may be employed to support a number of photographs or cards according to different groupings.

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

1. A card-holder, comprising individual clasps, each bent from a piece of wire and having bights at the ends thereof, and an elongated loop or bail loosely connected to the bight-formed ends of said clasps.

2. A card-holder, comprising clasps, each formed by doubling a wire ring upon itself to

produce inclined clamping portions and bights at the ends of each clasp, and a single elongated loop loosely engaged with said bight-formed ends of the clasps.

3. As an article of the class described, comprising individual clasps of corresponding form, and each having gripping members and eyes or bights, and a loop fitting said eyes or bights, and loosely coupling the clasps together, whereby the clasps may be folded upon one another or they may be disposed in aligned or angular relation.

In witness whereof we have signed our names to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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