

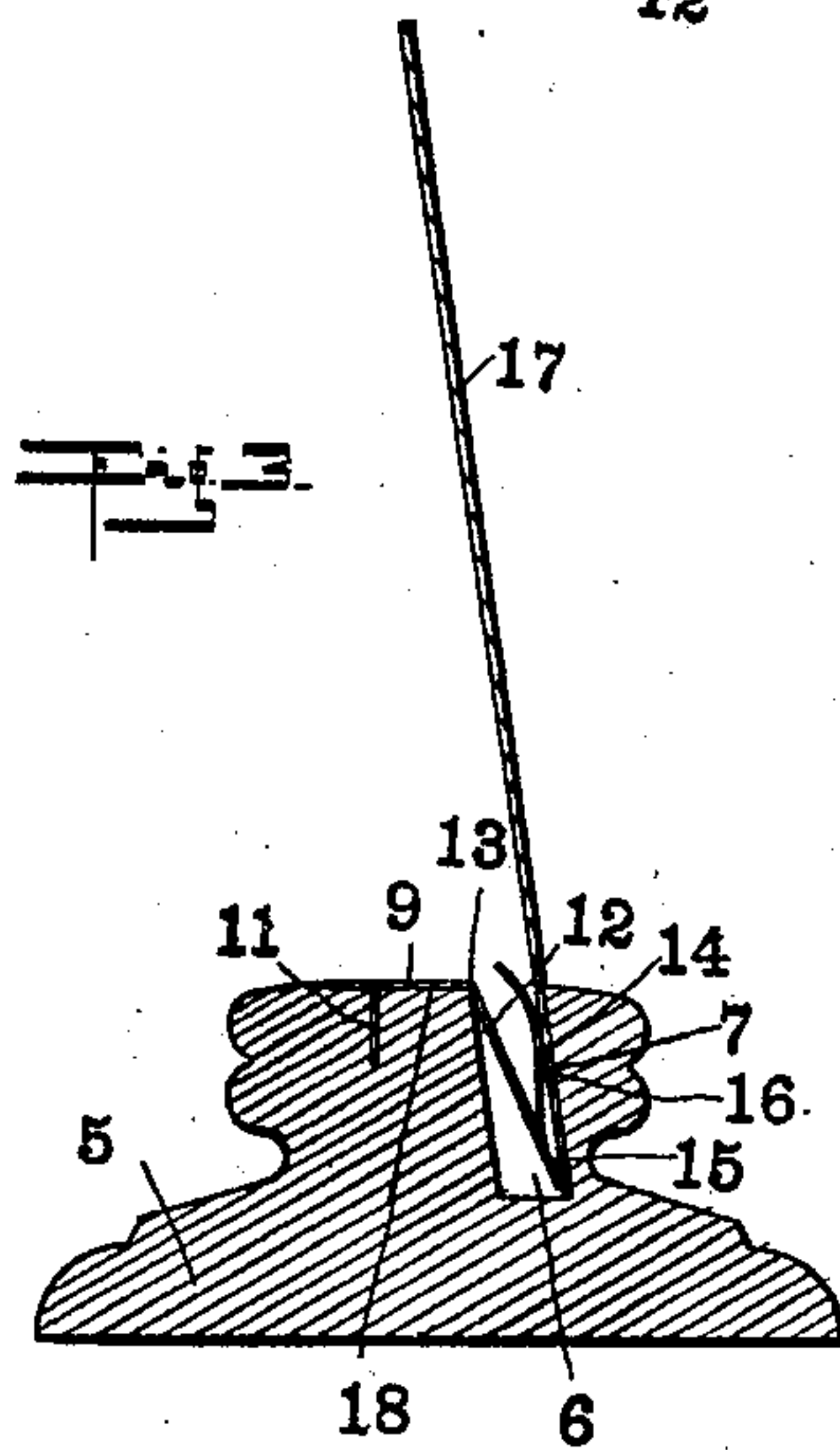
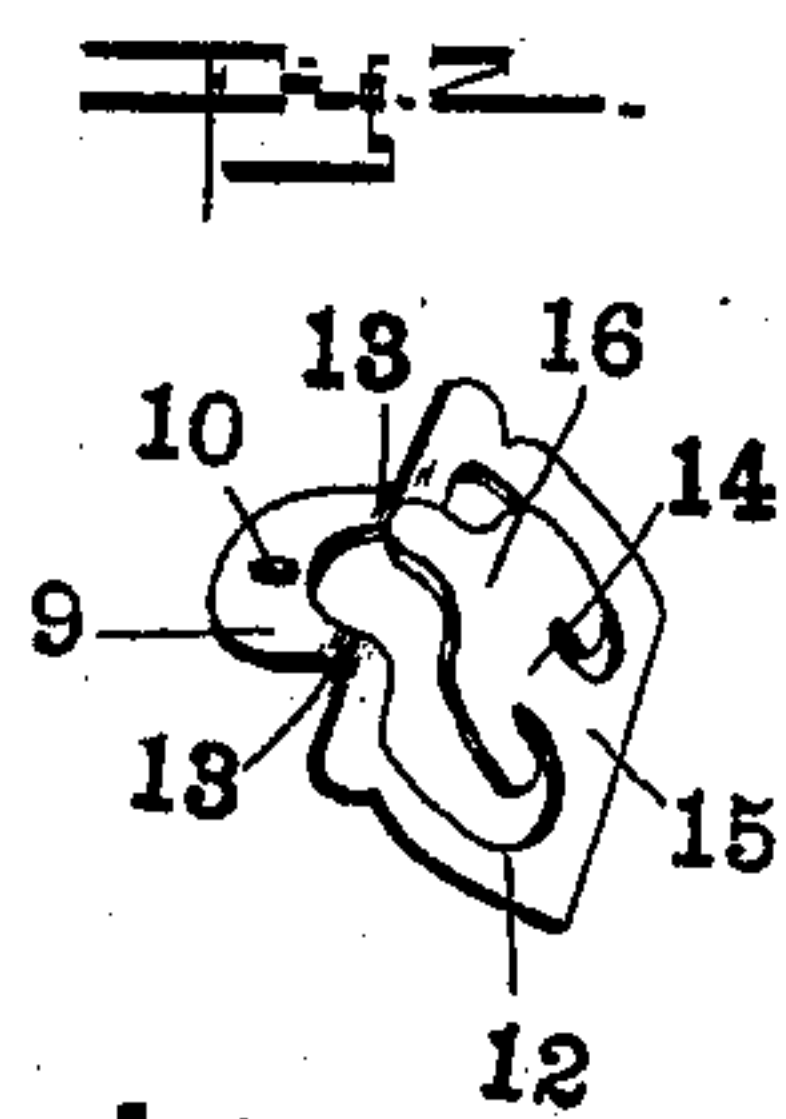
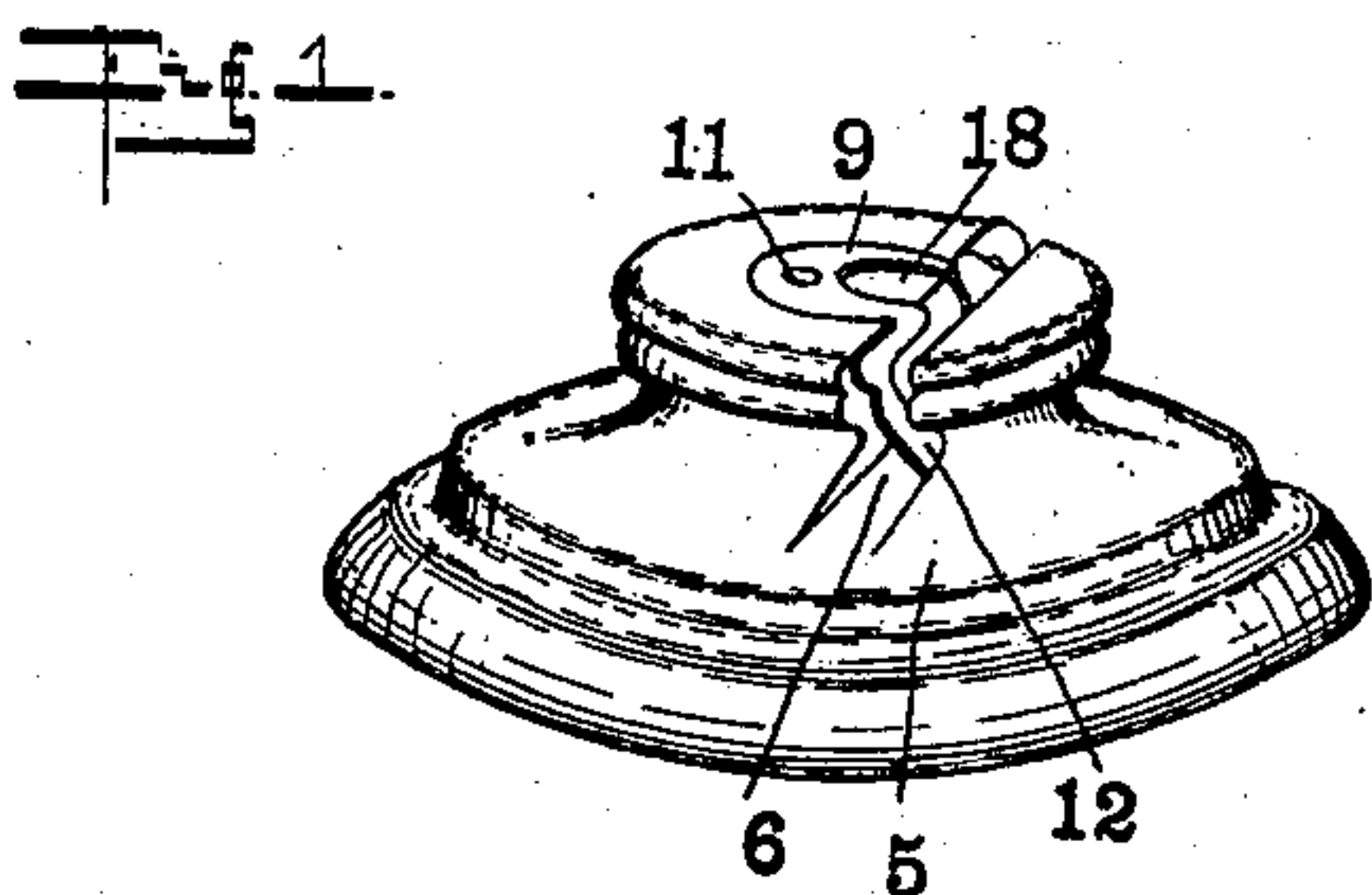
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALBERT S. ANDERSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Piqua, in the county of Miami and State of Ohio, have
5 invented certain new and useful Improvements in Card-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to produce a new and efficient holder adapted to receive
10 cards—such as menu-cards, photographs, and the like—and to hold said cards securely in such position that they may be easily inspected, the arrangement being such that the holder may receive cards of varying thick-
15 nesses and hold the same securely in position by such means as will not mar the card and allow its ready removal.

The accompanying drawings illustrate my invention.

20 Figure 1 is a perspective view of a desirable form of my invention. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of a convenient form of holding-spring, and Fig. 3 is a transverse section showing a card in position in the holder.

25 In the drawings, 5 indicates a body of any desired form, but preferably one which will be ornamental and which in the drawings is shown as a knob or rosette. Extending through the upper portion of body 5 is a
30 transverse slot 6, which may be vertical or at any desired angle, the said slot thus forming a face 7, against which the card may be held. Secured to the upper end of the body 5 and extending down into slot 6 is a spring,
35 which consists of a base 9, by which it is secured to the body 5, said base being perforated at 10 to allow the passage of a tack or pin 11, which passes into the body. Extending from the base 9 is a plate or finger 12 of
40 a length somewhat less than the depth of slot 6 and having a line of flexure 13. Struck up from the central portion of the plate 12 is a spring-finger 14, which is connected to the plate 12, near the lower end thereof, as at 15,
45 and preferably bent into an ogee curve, so that an intermediate point 16 will be urged toward the face 7 of notch 6. This spring is placed in position, as shown in Fig. 3, the plate 12 tending to swing about the line 13,
50 so that the lower edge of the plate is nor-

mally and continually urged toward face 7 of notch 6, at the lower end of the notch, while the intermediate portion 16 of the spring-finger 14 is normally urged toward the face 7, near the upper edge of slot 6. The spring
55 thus has two points of contact with the face 7 of the notch 6, one near the base and one near the top, each contacting portion being urged toward the face independently of the other. When a card 17 is placed between
60 finger 14 and face 7, it may be moved downward into the notch 6 and will be engaged by the portion 16 of the finger 14, near the top of the notch 6, while the free end of the plate 12 will engage the card and hold it against the
65 face 7, near the bottom of the notch, this action taking place against cards of any thickness and independent of any differences in thickness between that portion of the card engaged by the lower end of the plate 12 and
70 that portion engaged by the intermediate portion of the finger 14. It will be readily understood that the extreme end of the finger 14 may be caused to contact with the card; but this is not desirable, as difficulty would
75 be had in introducing the card. It will also be understood that finger 14 may be formed to one side of plate 12 instead of being struck up from the middle, as shown, without departing from my invention.
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The body 5 should be as small as possible, and when the slot 6 is inclined to the vertical it should be formed in front of the medial line in order that the backward inclination of the card will not result in overbalancing
85 the holder. Body 5 is preferably a form which may be turned in a lathe, so that it may be cheaply produced, yet ornamental.

For convenience and cheapness of manufacture I form a slight semicircular depression
90 18 in the top of body 5 and connecting with slot 6. Plate 12 is then made of a size and shape to fit within this depression. As a consequence a single brad is sufficient to hold the spring firmly in position and prevent all
95 sidewise movement.

I claim as my invention—

1. In a card-holder, the combination, with a body having a slot formed therein, of a spring-plate secured to the body and carry-
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ing a spring-finger extended into the slot, and a second spring-finger carried by the first spring-finger and connected thereto near its free end, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

2. A card-holder consisting of a body having a card-receiving face, a spring-finger arranged to yieldingly engage said face with its free end, and a second spring-finger emanating from the free end of the first finger and arranged to yieldingly engage the card-receiving face with its free end.

3. A card-holder consisting of a circular boss-shaped body having a card-receiving slot formed therein at a slight angle to the vertical and in advance of the center of gravity of the block, a spring secured to the body and carrying a spring-finger extending downward into the slot, and a second finger

carried by the first spring-finger near its free end, for the purpose set forth.

4. A card-holder consisting of a body having a card-receiving slot extending down thereinto and a depression connecting with the upper end of the slot, and a spring-plate, said plate having a portion fitting said depression, a spring-finger extending downward into the notch, and a second spring-finger carried by the lower end of the first finger and extending upward, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal at Piqua, Ohio, this 30th day of June, A. D. 1902.

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