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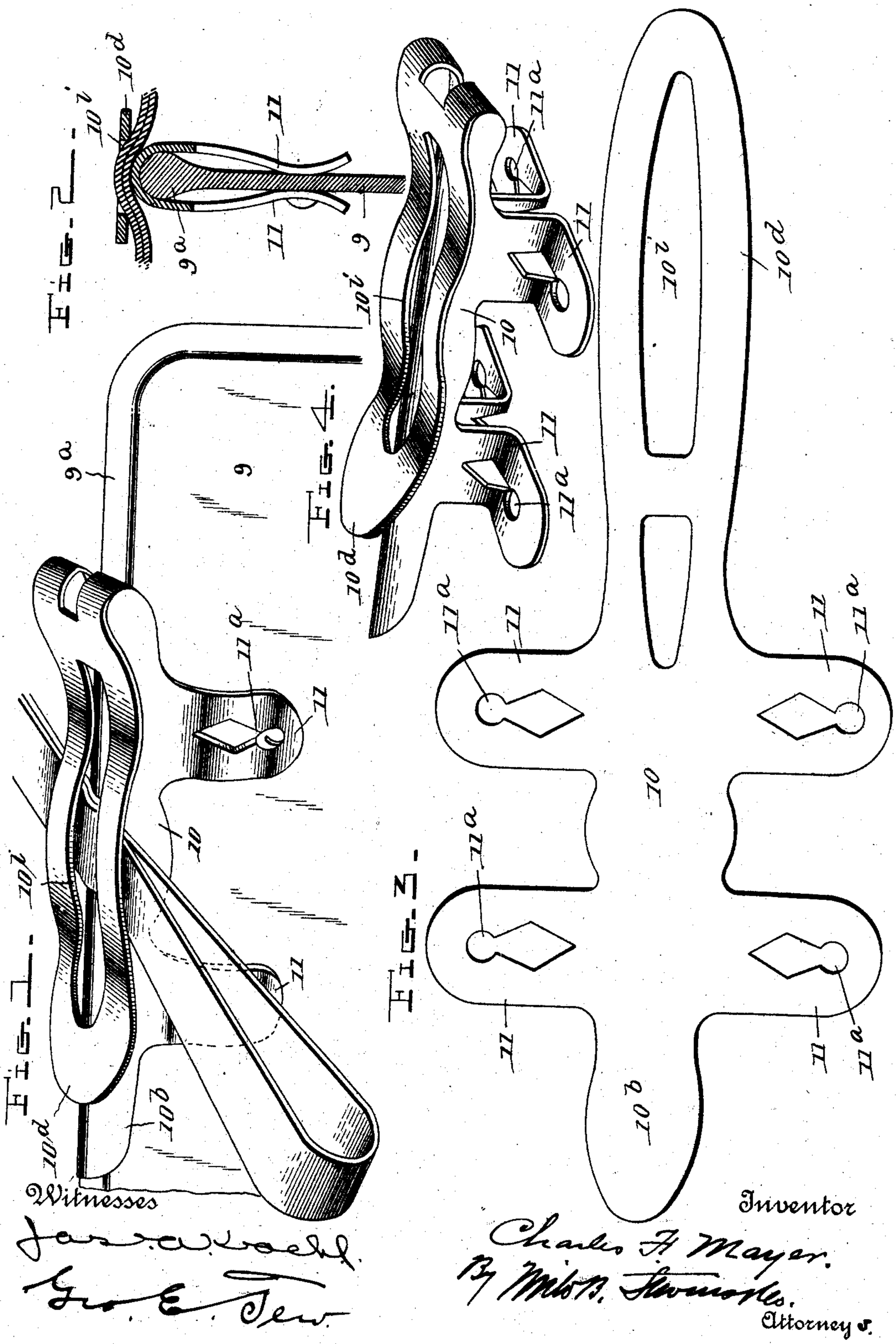

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES F. MAYER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented new and useful Improvements in Rein-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention is a rein holder, and comprises a spring clip which can be attached to the dashboard, seat, or other part of the vehicle, for the purpose of holding the reins when desired.

The object of the invention is to provide a device which can be cheaply made of sheet metal or the like, which by reason of its peculiar construction will securely hold the reins when placed thereon, and from which they can be quickly removed when desired.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the device applied to a dashboard and holding reins therein. Fig. 2 is a cross section thereof. Fig. 3 is a plan of the blank from which the device is made. Fig. 4 is a perspective view of a modification.

In the drawings, 9 indicates the dashboard and 9^a the top rod or edging thereof. The clip consists of a base portion 10 having at one end a head 10^b and at each side a pair of arms 11 provided with holes 11^a through which screws may be inserted to hold the device in place. At the end opposite the head 10^b the plate has a tail or extension 10^d which is slotted lengthwise as at 10^i.

When the blank is formed into the article the body 10 is bent on a lengthwise line to fit over the edge of a dashboard or the like and to bring the arms 11 opposite each other to embrace the edge of the dashboard therebetween and allow the insertion of screws or bolts for fastening the article in place. The extension 10^d is formed into a spring clamp by being bent over to rest or press upon the body 10, the longitudinal slot 10^i being located directly over the edge of the dashboard, and the holder depends for its effect upon the resilience of the spring under which the reins are clasped against the body on the upper edge of the dashboard. An effective hold is produced in consequence of the slot 10^i, because when the reins are slipped under the clamp they are bent over the body or upper edge of the dashboard and caught at the edges of the slot, producing a more effective binding action than if the clamp were not slotted and simply pressed the reins against the body of the holder.

In Fig. 4, the blank is bent into a different shape, the ends of the arms 11 being off-set outwardly in parallelism on each side so that the article may be applied and fastened to a flat surface. They can also be bent to fit a corner if desired.

I claim:

A spring clamp formed of a sheet metal blank and comprising a body bent lengthwise to form a rib and provided with attaching arms at each side, and a spring extending from one end of the body and bent over the same and having a lengthwise slot opposite the rib.

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

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