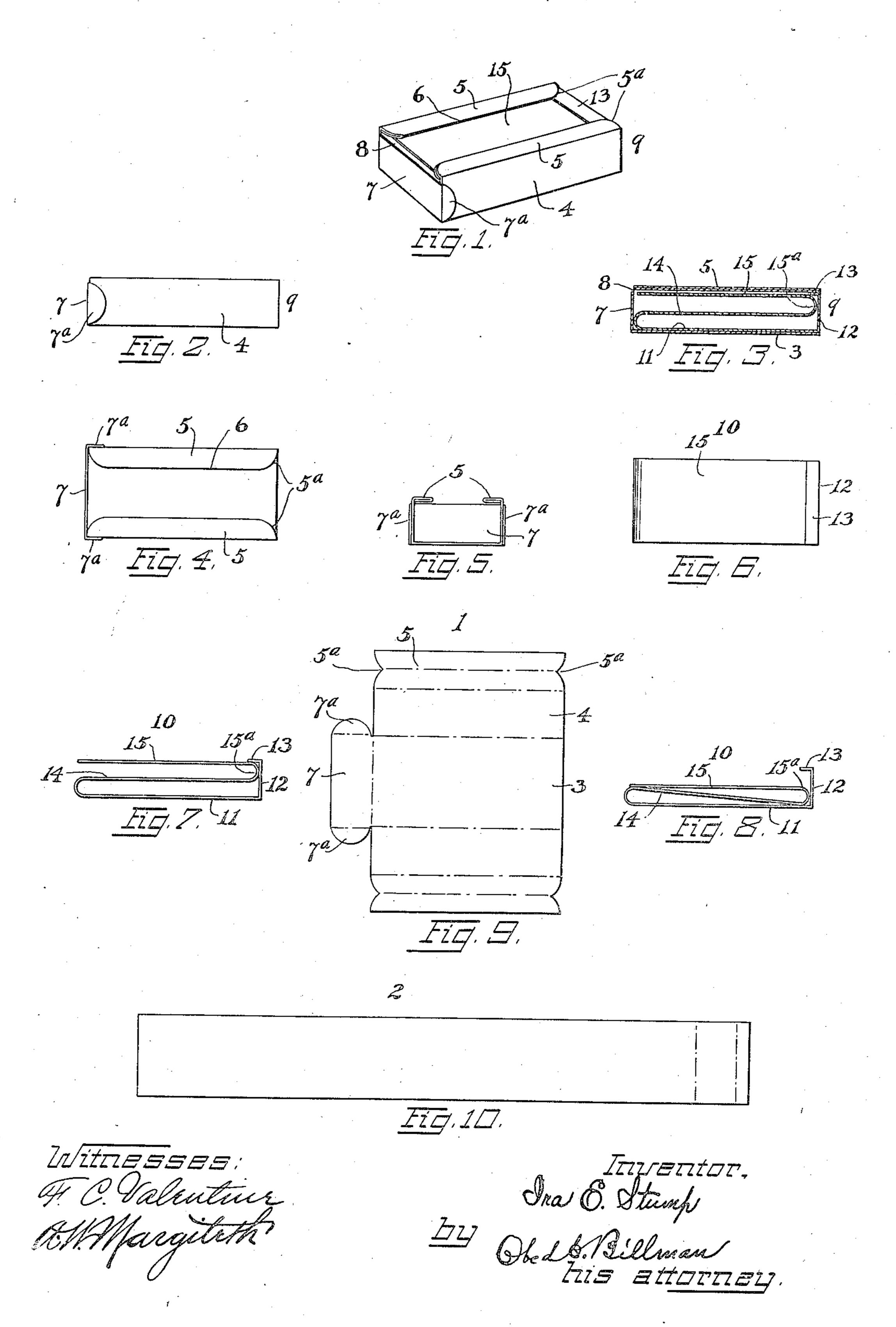
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## TICKET-HOLDER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, IRA E. STUMP, a citizen of the United States, residing at Cleveland, in the county of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Ticket-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in ticket-holders designed with special refer10 ence for use as a holder for street-car tickets, being adapted to receive and contain an ordinary supply or packet of tickets and automatically feed the same in proper position for the delivery of a single ticket by the thumb of the hand carrying the improved ticket-holder.

The primary object of the invention is to produce a generally-improved device of this class which will be exceedingly simple in construction, cheap of manufacture, efficient in use.

With these ends in view, the invention consists in the novel construction, arrangement and combination of parts, hereinafter described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings, and particularly pointed out in the

appended claims.

Referring to the drawings, forming a part of this specification, Figure 1, is a perspective 30 view of the improved holder. Fig. 2, a side view of the same. Fig. 3, a longitudinal sectional view. Fig. 4, a top plan view of the same. Fig. 5, a rear end view. Fig. 6, a top plan view of the removable ticket-35 supply-holding and feeding-spring removed from the holder-casing or box. Fig. 7, a side view of the same. Fig. 8, a similar view of the same as it appears depressed for the reception of a full supply of tickets. Fig. 40 9, a plan view of the blank as it appears before being formed up into the holder-casing or box. Fig. 10, a plan view of the blank for the removable ticket-supply-holding and feeding-spring.

Similar characters of reference designate like parts throughout all the figures of the

drawings.

The improved ticket-holder comprises but two parts, viz.: a holder-casing or box and a removable ticket-supply-holding and feeding-spring each made up of a single blank of sheet metal 1, and 2, as shown in Figs. 9, and 10, respectively, the blank 1, being, in the main, of substantially rectangular shape, the central portion 3, as indicated by the dotted lines, being adapted to form the bottom 3,

of the holder-casing of approximately the length and breadth of an ordinary street-car ticket, the wings 4, being adapted to be bent upwardly at right angles to the bottom 3, 60 to form the side walls 4, the marginal ends 5, provided with the oppositely-disposed notched-recesses 5a, being adapted to be bent or folded upon themselves to form the reinforced longitudinally-extending ticket- 65 retaining-strips 5, with the intermediate thumb-slot 6, as shown most clearly in Figs. 1, and 4, said notched recesses 5<sup>a</sup>, forming the beveled ends 5<sup>a</sup>, of the retaining-strips 5, after the latter are formed. One end of the 70 central portion 3, of the blank 1, is provided with an extension 7, provided with rounded side-wings 7a, said extension being adapted to be bent upwardly to form the end wall 7, at the delivery end of the holder-casing, the 75 side-wings 7a, being bent over the ends of the side-walls 4, and, preferably, soldered to the outside of said walls. It will be observed that the end wall 7, is sufficiently less in depth than the side walls 4, as to provide a 80 ticket-delivery slot-opening 8, between the upper edge of the end wall 7, and the ends of the retaining-strips 5, the depth of said slot-opening 8, corresponding approximately with the thickness of the ticket to be de- 85 livered. It will also be observed that the opposite or ticket-supply-receiving-end 9, of the holder casing is left entirely open to receive the supply of tickets and the removable ticket-supply-holding and feeding-spring to 90 be now described.

The packet or supply of tickets is adapted to be held in proper position for insertion into the holder-casing through the receiving end 9, and, when so inserted, the tickets are 95 properly positioned and fed for delivery one at a time, through the slot-opening 8, by the frictional engagement of the thumb with the upper ticket through the thumb-slot 6, by means of a removable ticket-supply-holding 100 and feeding-spring 10, made up of a single blank or strip of sheet metal as shown in Fig. 10, one end of the strip being bent upwardly at right angles to the bottom portion 11, thereof, forming an end-wall 12, adapted to 105 fit within the receiving-end 9, of the holdercasing, and terminating in an inwardly-extending ticket-holding-flange 13, the other or major portion of the strip being bent upon itself forming the reversely-folded spring- 110 members 14, and 15, the rear bend 15<sup>a</sup>, at the rear portion of the upper member 15,

being directly beneath the flange 13, so that when the spring-members are depressed to receive a full supply of tickets, as shown in Fig. 8, the rear end of the packet may be in-5 serted and securely pinched and retained between the rear portion or bend of the upper spring-member and the ticket-holdingflange 13. When the spring-members are so depressed and the packet of tickets so re-10 tained, it will be observed that a very slight forward movement of the upper ticket by the thumb in the act of ejectment will slip the rear end thereof out from under the holdingflange 13, causing the latter to securely en-15 gage the rear end of the next or succeeding ticket and preventing any movement of the same by the friction of the upper moving ticket.

From the foregoing description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, the operation and advantages of my invention will be readily understood.

Having thus described my invention, without having attempted to set forth all the forms in which it may be made, or all the modes of its use, I declare that what I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is,—

1. A ticket-holder, comprising a holdercasing made up of a single blank of sheet 30 metal forming a bottom provided with sidewalls having their upper edges bent upon themselves forming reinforced ticket-retaining-strips leaving an intermediate thumbslot and an end wall having side-wings bent 35 over the ends of said side-walls, said end-wall being of less depth than said side-walls and affording a ticket-delivery slot-opening intermediate its upper edge and the ends of said ticket-retaining-strips, and a ticket-sup-40 ply-holding and feeding-spring removablymounted in said holder-casing and comprising a single strip of sheet metal forming a bottom portion provided with an end-wall terminating in a ticket-holding-flange and 45 reversely - folded spring - members one of

which has its rear or folded portion taking under said ticket-holding-flange.

2. A ticket-holder, comprising a casing having a bottom provided with side-walls terminating in inwardly - extending rein- 50 forced ticket-retaining-strips leaving an intermediate thumb-slot extending throughout the entire length of said casing and an end - wall affording a ticket - delivery slotopening at the ends of said ticket-retaining- 55 strips, and a ticket-supply-holding and feeding-spring removably-mounted in said casing and comprising a bottom portion provided with an end wall forming the rear wall of said casing and terminating in a ticket- 60 holding-flange, and reversely-folded springmembers one of which has its marginal sides and rear or folded portion taking under said ticket-retaining strips and said ticket-holding-flange.

3. A ticket-holder, comprising a holdercasing provided with an end-wall affording a ticket-delivery-opening and a thumb-slot extending from said ticket-delivery-opening and terminating at its rear in a ticket-supply 70 receiving-end opposite said end wall, and a ticket-supply-holding and feeding-spring adapted to be mounted in said holder-casing supply receiving-end and provided with a rear wall normally closing said supply-re- 75 ceiving-end and terminating in a ticketholding-flange, and reversely-folded springmembers extending forwardly and integral with said rear wall, one of said members having its rear portion adapted to take under 80 said ticket-holding-flange with its free end terminating near said ticket-delivery-opening.

In testimony whereof I have affixed my signature, in presence of two witnesses.

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