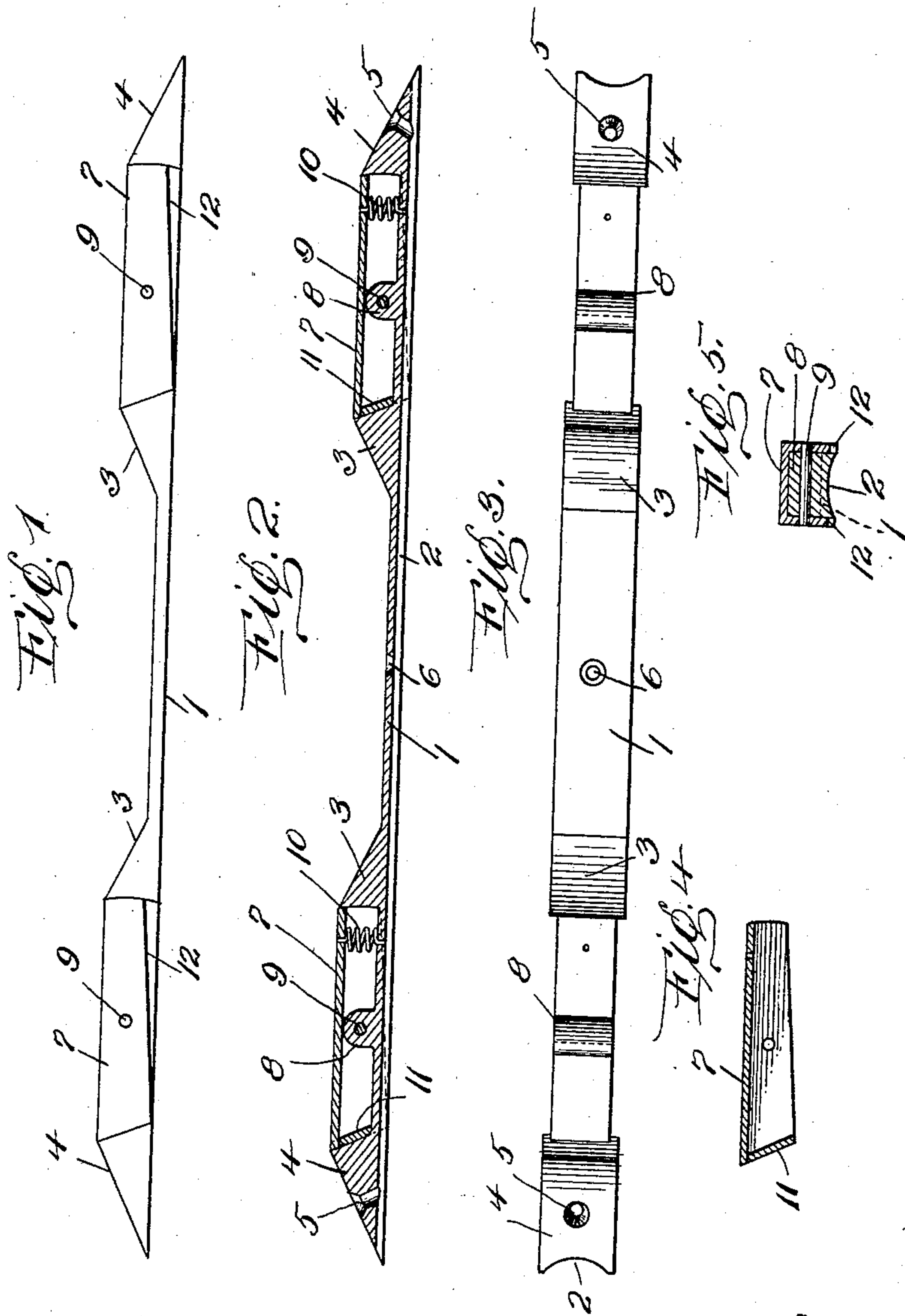


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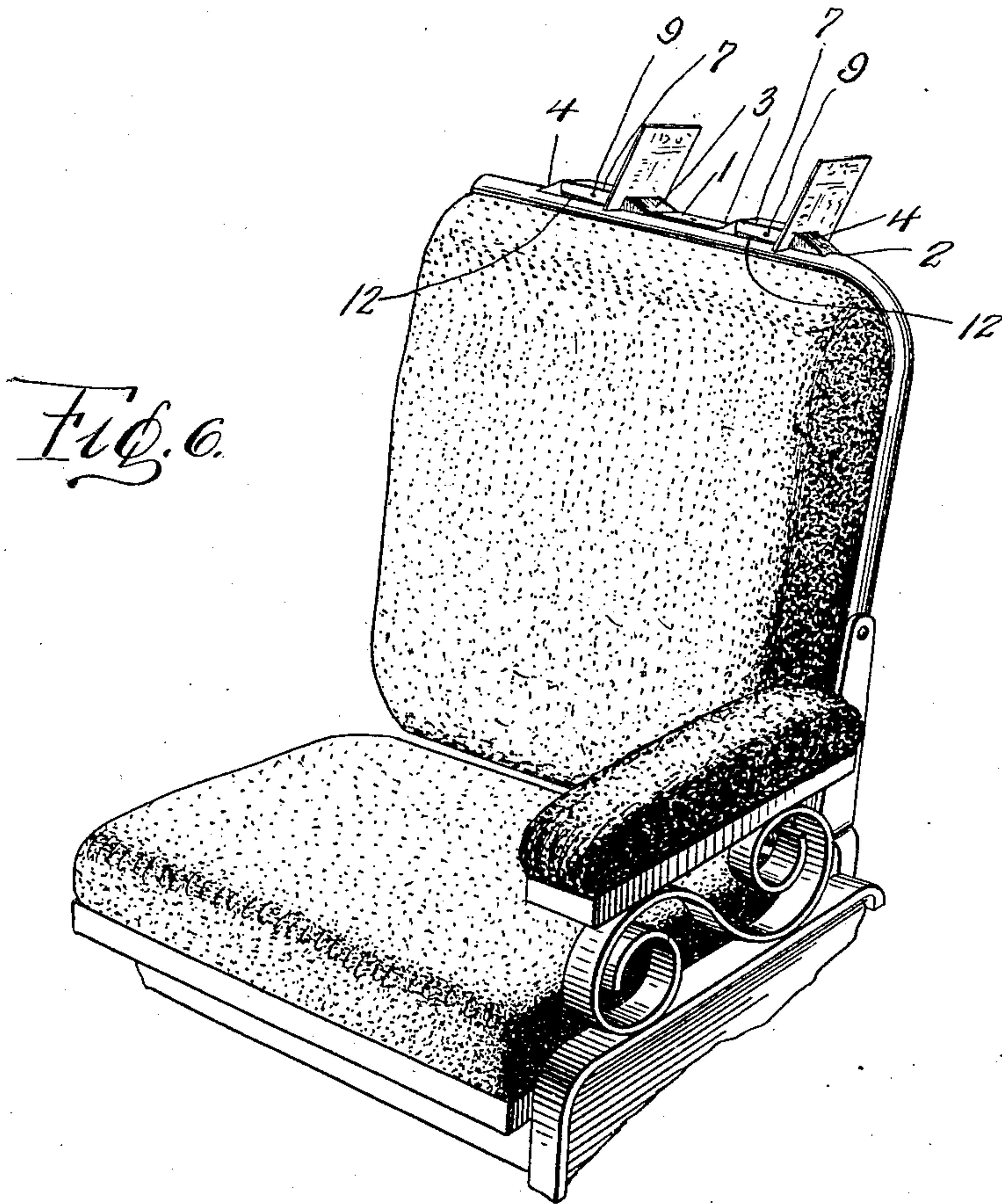
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, THOMAS HARRIS, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at India, in the county of Indiana and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Paper-Holders, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawing.

This invention relates to a paper holder particularly designed for holding tickets, checks and passes used by travelers on a railroad.

The primary object of my invention is to provide a simple and inexpensive ticket holder that can be fastened to the back of a seat, for holding one or more tickets, checks or the like without injuring the same.

A further object of my invention is to provide a novel paper holder that can be made of a small size for holding railway tickets, or of a larger size so as to adapt it for holding newspapers.

To this end, I have devised a paper holder, but will consider the same hereinafter as being particularly designed for tickets, and as such will consider some of the advantages gained thereby.

The ticket holder is located on the top of the back of a car seat, intermediate its ends, whereby the passengers of the car seat can place their tickets in the holder upon entering the car and occupying a seat. The printed side of the ticket is turned towards the aisle of the car, whereby the conductor will not be delayed in scrutinizing the ticket and punching the same, it being possible to punch the ticket without removing the same from the holder. The railway ticket can be left in the holder until collected by the conductor and in this manner indicate just what fares have been collected, and the destination of the passenger.

Many other advantages of my ticket holder will hereinafter appear, and reference will now be had to the drawings, wherein,

Figure 1 is a side elevation of the ticket holder, Fig. 2 is a longitudinal sectional view of the same, Fig. 3 is a plan of the ticket holder with parts thereof removed, Fig. 4 is a longitudinal sectional view of one of the members of the holder as detached, Fig. 5 is a cross sectional view of the holder, and Fig. 6 is a perspective view of a car seat, showing the holder in position thereon.

My holder comprises a strip of metal 1 concaved or grooved upon its lower side, as at 2, from one end thereof to the other, whereby said strip will fit upon the rounded upper edge of the seat back of the passenger coach.

The ends of the strip 1 are provided with beveled enlargements 3 and 4, the enlargements 4 having openings 5 formed therein, whereby screws or similar fastening means (not shown) can be employed for securing the holder to the back of the seat. One of the enlargements 3 and one of the enlargements 4 has its inner face inclined. The strip 1 intermediate the enlargements 3 is also provided with an opening 6 for a screw or similar fastening means.

Between the enlargements 3 and 4 are pivoted hood-shaped members 7, these members being connected to lugs 8 by pivot pins 9.

Interposed between the strip 1 and the open ends of the members 7 are coil springs 10, said springs being suitably attached to said strip and to said members. The opposite ends of the members are provided with inwardly inclined depending portions 11, which close the said ends and which associate with the inclined inner faces of the enlargements 3, 4. The other enlargement of each pair has a curvilinear inner face to provide a clearance for one end of a member 7 when shifted. The sides of said members are cut away, as at 12, whereby the open ends of the members can be depressed to elevate the opposite ends thereof and permit of a ticket or piece of paper being inserted between the enlargements and the closed ends 11 of said members.

In providing the members with closed gripping ends, a ticket or piece of paper will not be injured when frictionally held by said members.

The ticket holder in its entirety is constructed of light and durable metal, preferably brass to harmonize with the fittings of the railway coach.

In devising my ticket holder I have aimed to relieve the duties of a conductor in collecting, punching and examining tickets and passes. It is a well known fact that delays are occasioned by it being impossible for passengers to locate their tickets, and extremely difficult for foreigners to determine when their destination is reached. By first



placing a ticket in the holder after occupying a seat the duties of the conductor are considerably relieved and greater comfort experienced by the passenger. By the conductor allowing the tickets to remain in the holder until just before a passenger reaches his or her destination, the conductor can then notify a passenger that the next stop is the proper station for departure.

The many other advantages of my ticket holder will be apparent to such persons as travelers and persons in charge of trains.

As heretofore stated, I reserve the right to make my holder upon an enlarged scale and use it for other purposes than holding a car ticket.

Having now described my invention what I claim as new:—

1. A paper holder comprising an elongated supporting strip having a pair of enlargements at each end thereof, and a spring retained clamping member arranged between each pair of enlargements and having an inclined end, the inclined end of said member associating with an enlargement of a pair to hold the object.

2. A paper holder comprising a supporting strip provided with a pair of enlargements suitably spaced apart, one of said enlargements having an inclined inner face, and a spring retained clamping member pivoted between said enlargements and having an inclined end associating with the said inclined inner face.

3. A paper holder comprising a supporting strip having a convex lower face and having a pair of enlargements, one of said enlargements having an inclined inner face, and a clamping member pivoted between said enlargements and having one end provided with a depending and inwardly inclined portion associating with said inclined inner face.

4. A paper holder comprising an elongated supporting strip having a convex lower face and having each end provided with a pair of enlargements, and a spring retained clamping member pivotally mounted between each pair of enlargements and having one end associating with one of the enlargements of the pair to hold the paper.

5. A paper holder comprising an elongated supporting strip having a pair of enlargements and an apertured lug interposed between the enlargements, one of said enlargements having its inner face inclined,

and a clamping member interposed between said enlargements and pivoted to said lug, said member embodying a depending inwardly inclined portion associating with said inclined face to hold the object.

6. A holder for the purpose set forth comprising an elongated supporting strip having each end thereof provided with a pair of spaced enlargements, the inner enlargement of one pair and the outer enlargement of the other pair each having its inner face inclined, and a clamping member interposed and pivoted between each pair of enlargements and embodying at one end a downwardly and inwardly inclined portion associating with an inclined inner face of an enlargement to hold the object.

7. A holder for the purpose set forth comprising an elongated supporting strip having each end thereof provided with a pair of spaced enlargements; the inner enlargement of one pair and the outer enlargement of the other pair each having its inner face inclined, and a clamping member interposed and pivoted between each pair of enlargements and embodying at one end a downwardly and inwardly inclined portion associating with an inclined inner face of an enlargement to hold the object, the other enlargement of each pair having a curved inner face to provide a clearance for the other end of said member when shifted.

8. A holder for the purpose set forth comprising an elongated supporting strip having each end thereof provided with a pair of spaced enlargements; the inner enlargement of one pair and the outer enlargement of the other pair each having its inner face inclined, and a clamping member interposed and pivoted between each pair of enlargements and embodying at one end a downwardly and inwardly inclined portion associating with an inclined inner face of an enlargement to hold the object, the other enlargement of each pair having a curved inner face to provide a clearance for the other end of said member when shifted, and said strip having a convex lower face, whereby the strip can be mounted upon the rounded top edge of a car seat.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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