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Fig. 1.

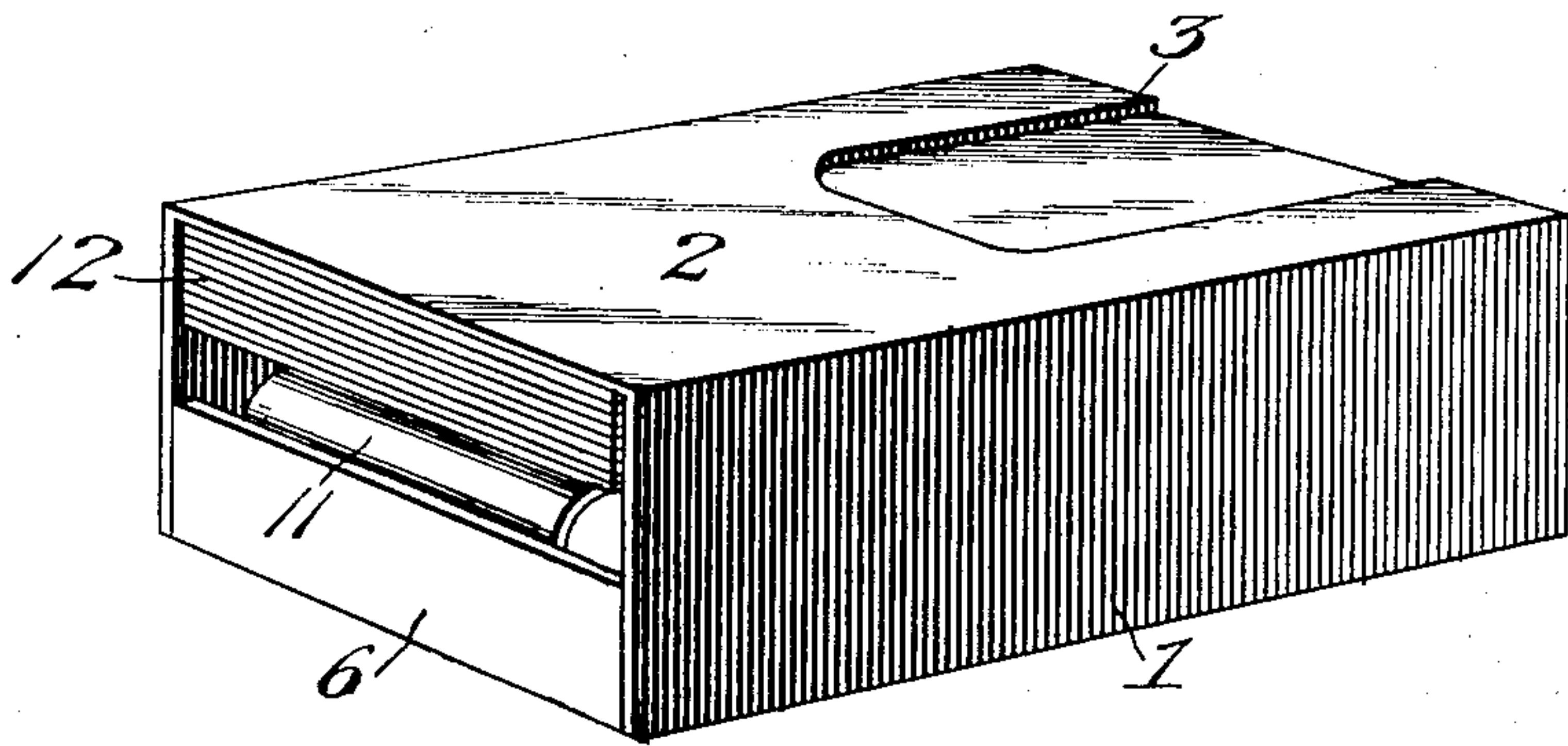


Fig. 2.

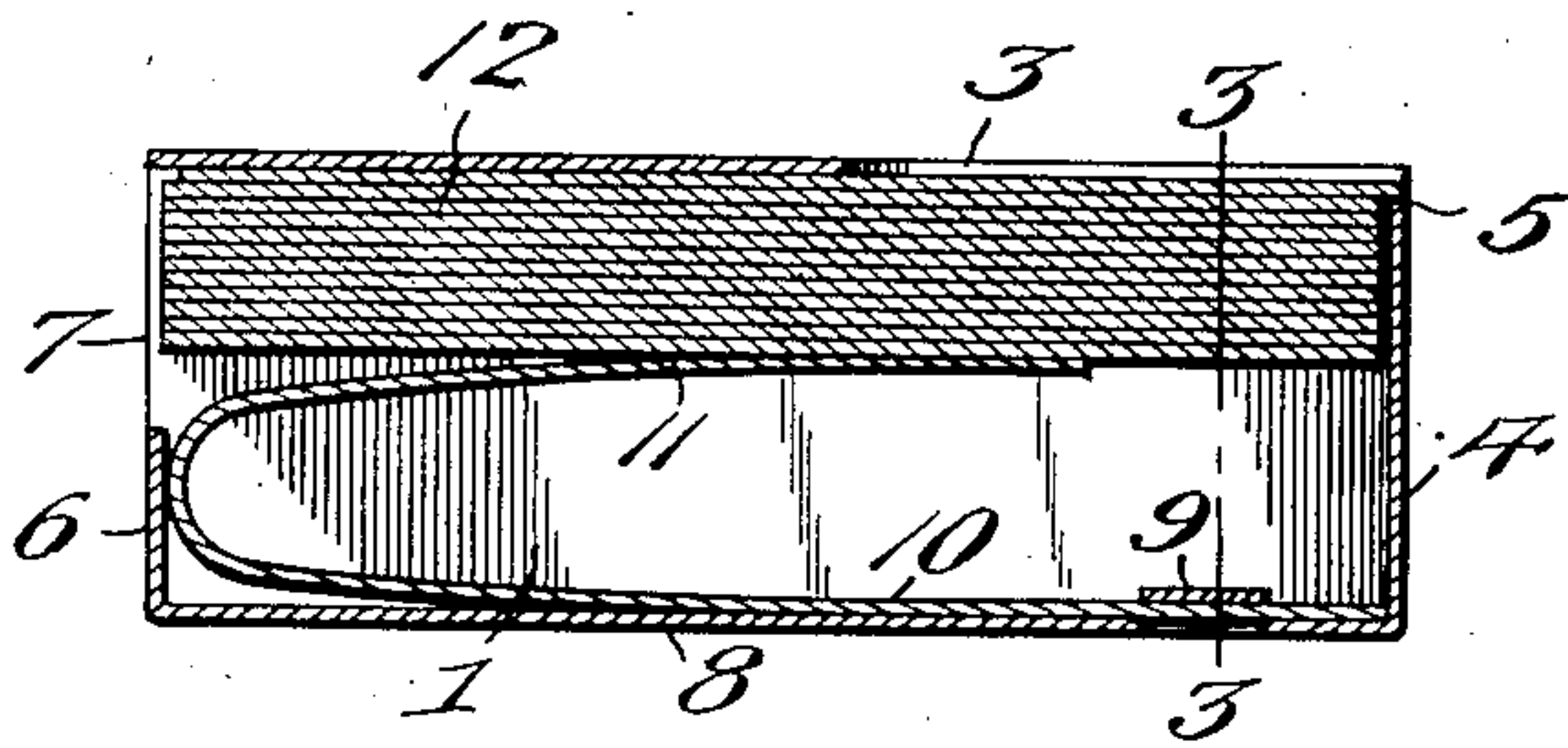
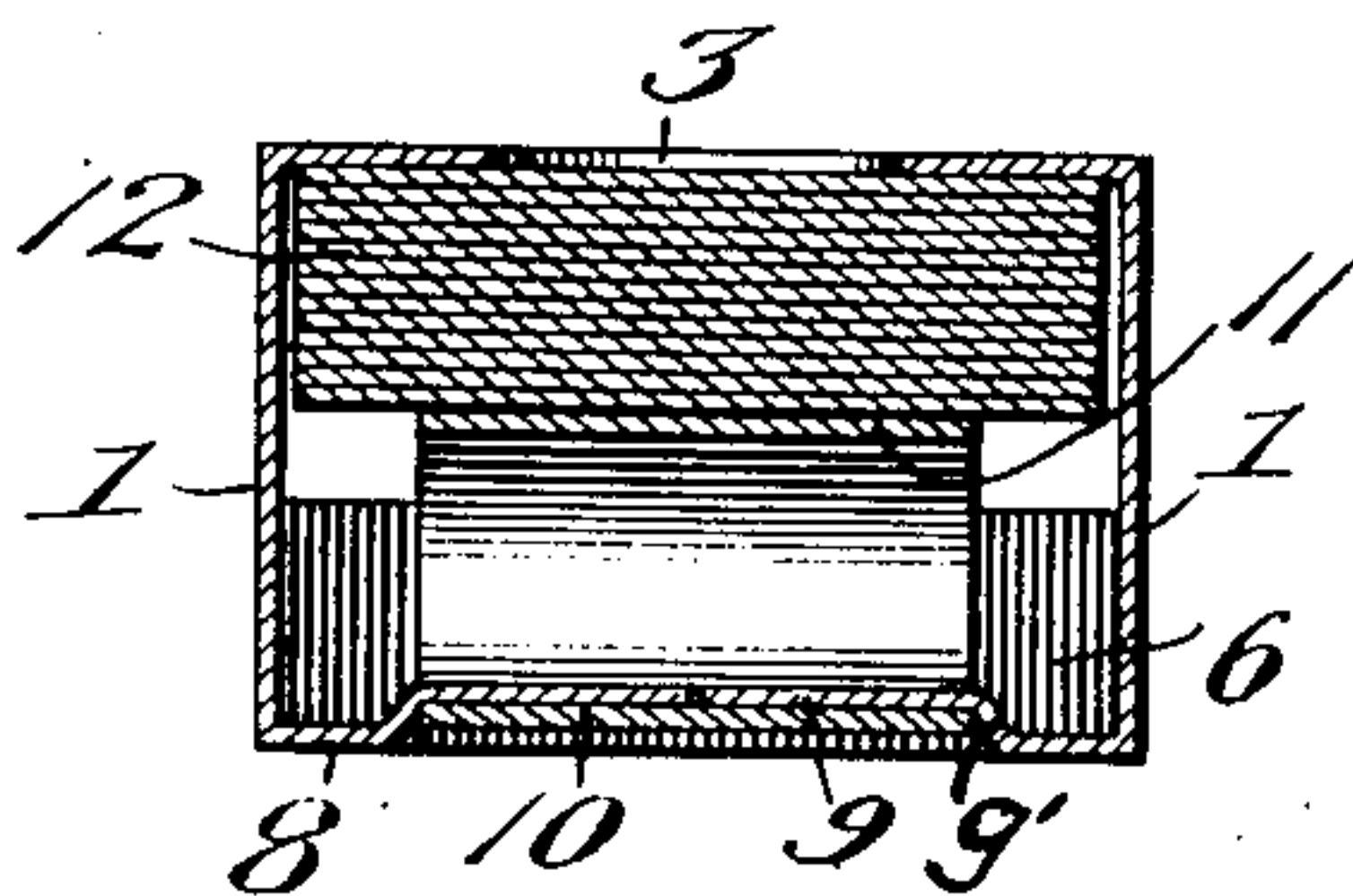


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES C. GILL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Indianapolis, in the county of Marion and State of Indiana, have invented new and useful Improvements in Ticket-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates to an improvement in ticket holders designed primarily to provide for the reception of street car tickets and constructed to permit the delivery of but one ticket at a time.

The main object of the invention is the production of a ticket holder of simple formation in which practically any number of tickets may be readily inserted, the construction being such that any possible operation by the user will serve to eject but one ticket at a time.

The invention will be described in the following specification, reference being had particularly to the accompanying drawings, in which:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the ticket holder constructed in accordance with my invention, Fig. 2 is a vertical section of the same, Fig. 3 is a transverse section of the same.

Referring particularly to the drawings my improved ticket holder comprises a casing 1 preferably of box-like form and of such size as may be conveniently carried in the pocket. The top or upper wall 2 of the casing near the forward or delivery end is cut out to provide a thumb recess 3, which recess is approximately half the length of the casing and opens through the forward edge of said upper wall. The forward wall 4 of the casing terminates a slight distance below the lower surface of the upper wall, providing a narrow space 5 between the upper edge of said wall 4 and the upper wall of the casing which is approximately of a size to equal the thickness of one ticket. The rear wall 6 of the casing is of less height than the forward or side walls to provide an entrance opening 7 for the insertion of the tickets, as hereinafter described. Near the forward edge the lower wall 8 is transversely slitted to provide a tongue 9 which in practice is bent upwardly from the plane of the lower wall to provide for retaining in place a leaf spring 10 said tongue being provided with diagonally depending flanges 9' for holding the spring 10 against lateral movement. This leaf spring bears against the

forward wall 4, being held against the lower wall by the tongue 9 the latter mentioned being disposed intermediate the side walls and in central alinement with the casing, thereby forcing the spring in central contact with the tickets. The spring is in U-form, the lower leaf resting against the bottom wall of the casing while the upper leaf 11 extends longitudinally of the casing and is designed to bear against the lower ticket therein. The bend or turn of the spring bears against the rear wall 6 of the casing, so that the spring is securely held in position. The spring is preferably of slightly less width than the width of the casing, and is of such normal tension that its upper leaf 11 will in the absence of tickets within the holder bear against the upper wall 2 of the casing.

In use any desired number of tickets 12 are inserted within the holder by passing said tickets either singly or together through the entrance opening 7 and onto the upper leaf 11 of the spring, the movement of the tickets being continued until they contact at their forward ends with the front wall of the casing. This movement serves to depress the spring 11, and thereby secure the body of tickets snugly within the holder. In this position the upper ticket is in alinement with the outlet 5, so that the user by exerting a forward pressure upon said ticket by the thumb operating in the recess 3 will cause said ticket to be moved through the outlet 5 for use. The spring leaf 11 will, upon the withdrawal of one ticket, move the body of tickets upward to dispose the uppermost ticket in alinement with the outlet.

The holder as an entirety is approximately the size of the tickets to be used, and any desired material is contemplated for use in the manufacture.

The entrance opening 7 provides for the ready insertion of any desired number of tickets, while the simple and practically integral construction of the holder renders it practically indestructible in use.

Having thus described the invention what is claimed as new, is:—

1. A ticket holder comprising a receptacle including side, end, top and bottom walls, the front end wall having a portion at its upper edge spaced from the top wall, the rear end wall being shorter than the side walls to provide an inlet passage for tickets, the top wall adjacent to its forward edge hav-

ing a portion thereof cut away to provide a discharge passage for tickets, and a U shaped spring located within the receptacle and having a portion thereof secured to the bottom wall of the receptacle, the spring being arranged for operation to hold one ticket at all times against the under side of the top wall and with a portion disposed under the discharge passage, a portion of the spring being arranged to lie outwardly of the discharge passage for manual manipulation to depress said spring upon inserting tickets through the inlet passage, said spring also serving to form a V-shaped throat inwardly of the inlet passage for facilitating the introduction of tickets within the receptacle.

2. As an article of manufacture, a ticket holder comprising a receptacle including side, end, top and bottom walls, the front end wall having a portion at its upper edge spaced from the top wall, the rear end wall being shorter than the side walls to provide an in-

let passage for tickets, the top wall adjacent to its forward edge having a portion thereof cut away to provide a discharge passage, a portion of the bottom wall being stamped to form an inwardly directed tongue arranged in spaced relation to the bottom, and a leaf spring located within the receptacle and disposed with a portion beneath the tongue, said spring being arranged for operation to hold one ticket at all times against the under side of the top wall and disposed with a portion beneath the discharge passage, said spring serving to form a V-shaped throat within the receptacle for facilitating the introduction of tickets.

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

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