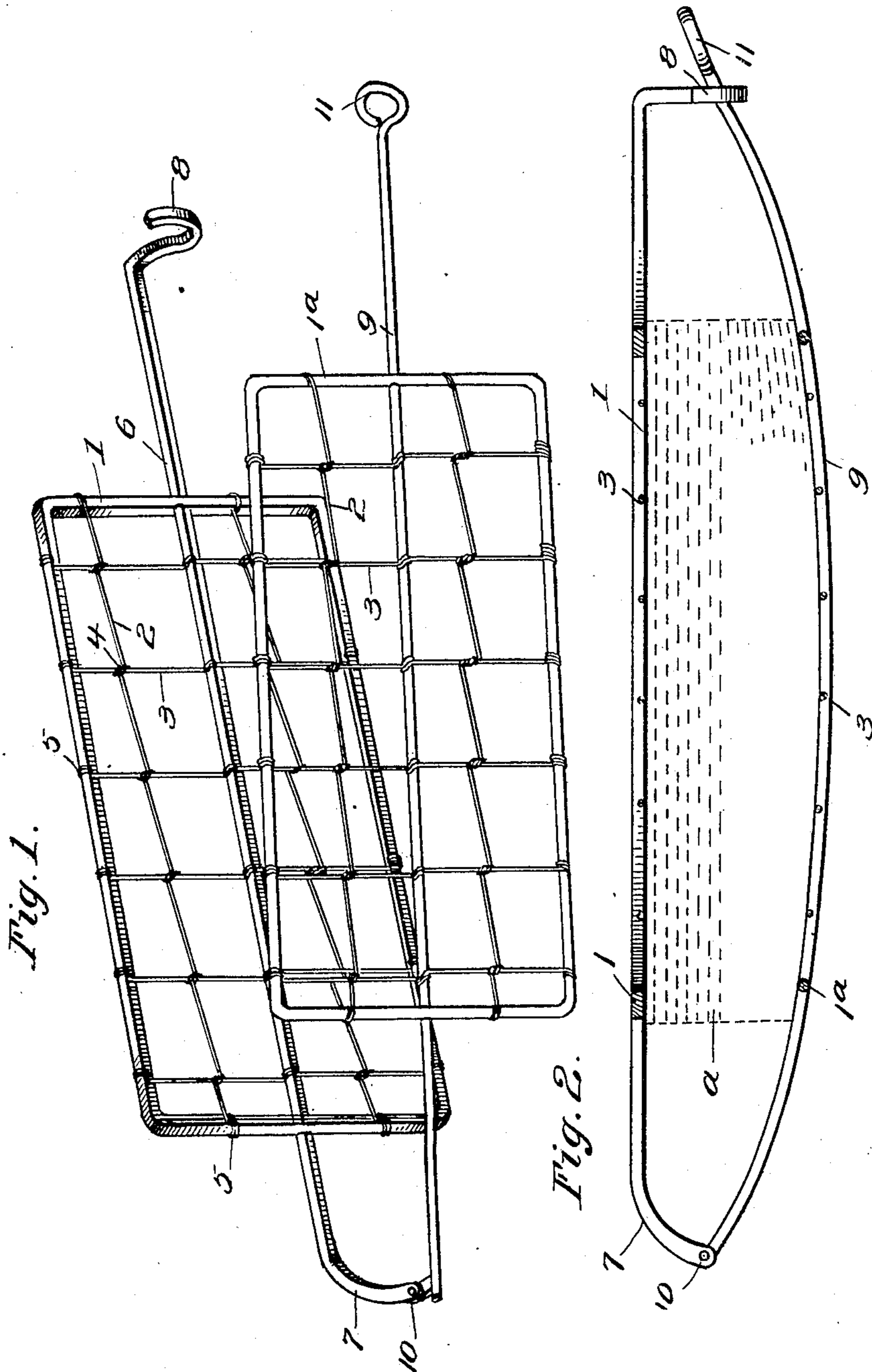


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARTIN COOPER, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Steeds, in the county of Montgomery and State of North Carolina, have invented new and useful Improvements in Mail-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to mail holders designed for the purpose of holding letters or other mail matter during transmission, and one of the principal objects of the same is to provide a simple and efficient device to take the place of cord or other means for securing a package of letters or papers together.

Another object of the invention is to provide a holder in which the letters or papers will be held without obscuring the directions or addresses thereon.

These and other objects may be attained by means of the construction illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which,—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a mail holder made in accordance with my invention, said holder being shown open. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal section of the same, showing the mail holder closed and containing a package of mail.

Referring to the drawing, the numeral 1 designates a rectangular frame preferably formed of wire of suitable gage, and connected to said frame is a series of small wire strands 2 intersected by similar strands 3 and connected at the intersecting points by twisting one of the strands about the other, as at 4. These strands are connected to the frame 1 by wrapping the terminal ends around the bars of the frame, as at 5. The

frame 1 is connected to a bar or rod 6, one end of which is curved, as at 7, and the opposite end being provided with an angularly bent hook 8. A rectangular frame 1^a similar to the frame 1 and provided with similar wire strands 2 and 3 is connected to a spring wire member 9, said member being pivotally connected at one end, as at 10, to the member 6, said member having a loop 11 at its opposite end.

The operation of my invention may be briefly described as follows: The two members being opened, as shown in Fig. 1, the mail matter *a* consisting of letters or papers is placed between the two rectangular frames, and the spring member 9 is swung toward the bar 6 and engaged by the hook 8, as shown in Fig. 2.

From the foregoing, it will be obvious that my invention is of simple construction, will firmly hold all kinds of mail matter, can be quickly operated to inclose the mail or to give access thereto and can be manufactured at slight cost.

I claim:—

A mail holder comprising a rectangular frame, a bar to which said frame is connected, said bar having one of its ends curved, an angularly bent hook at the opposite end, and a member comprising a rectangular frame, a resilient rod connected thereto, said rod and bar being pivotally connected together.

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

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