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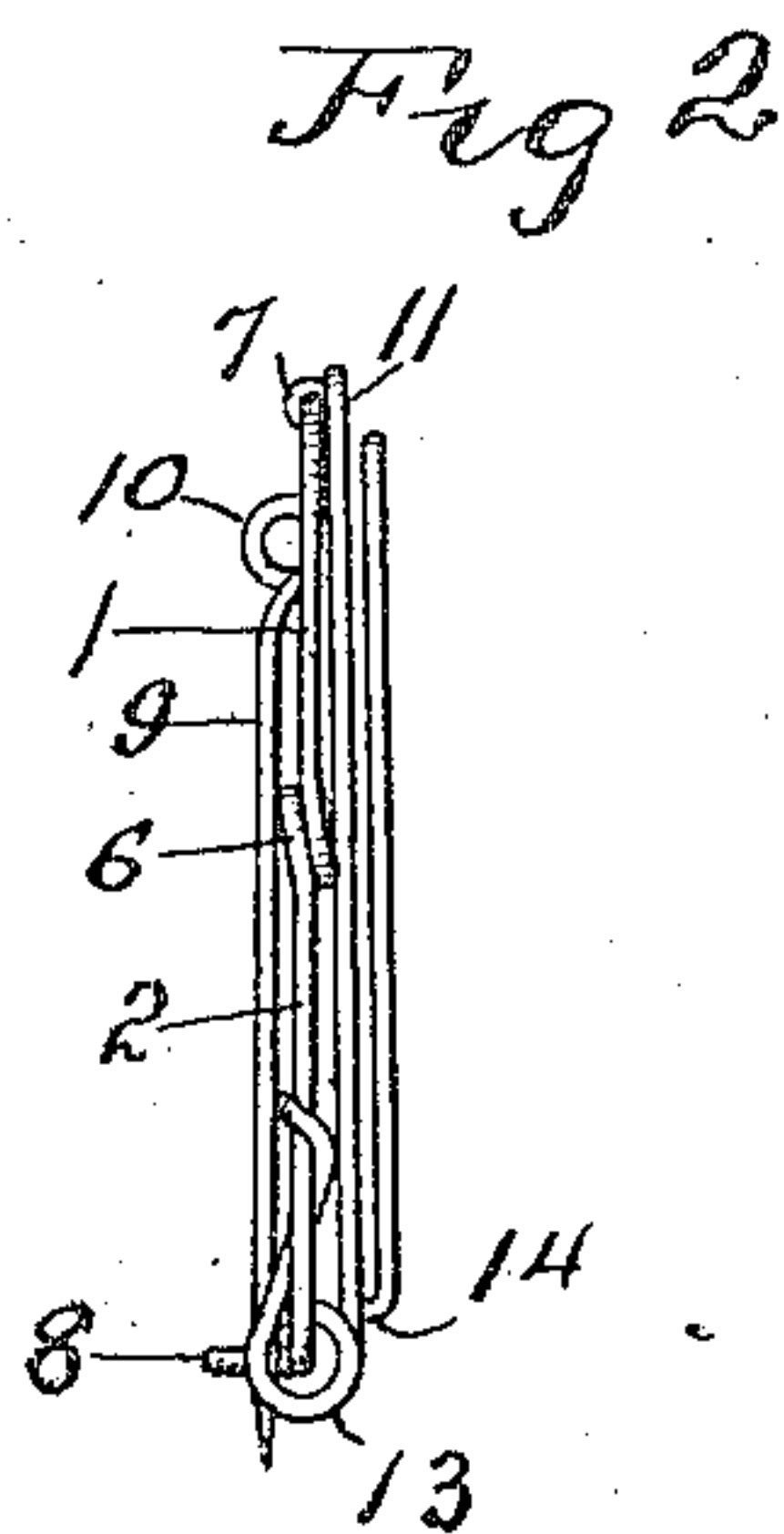
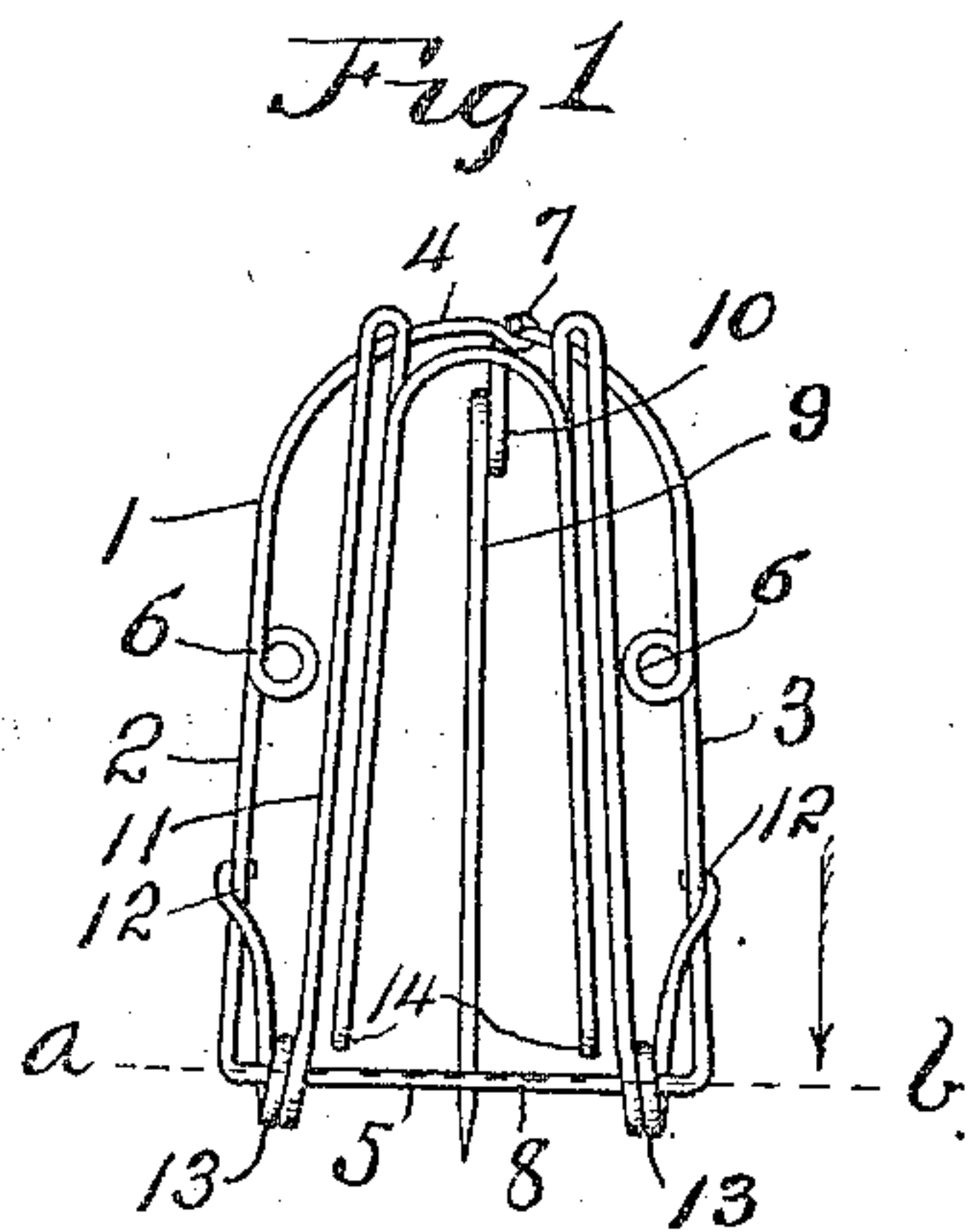


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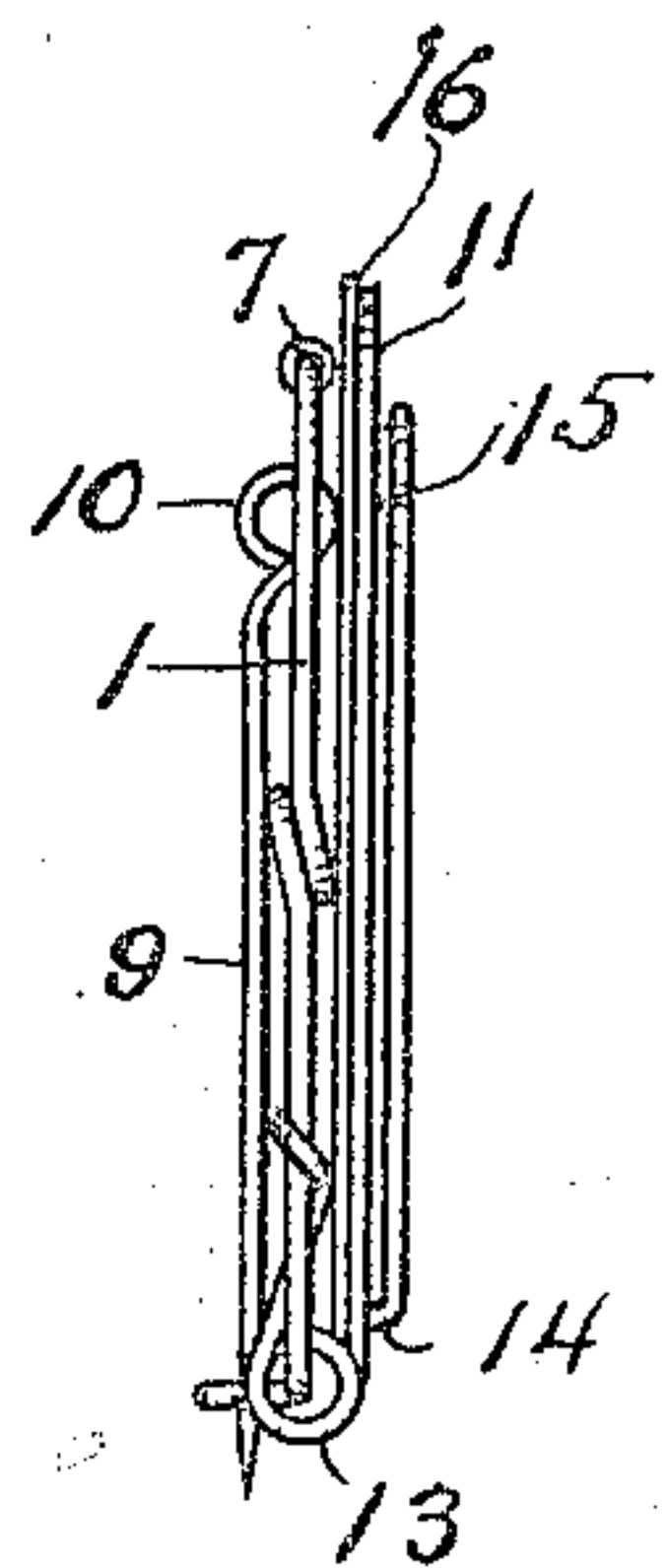
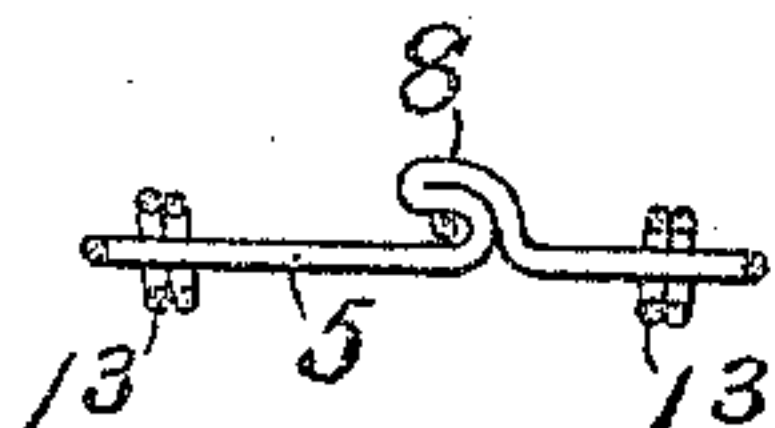


Fig 4

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANK F. SCHMIDT, a citizen of the United States, residing at La Cygne, in the county of Linn and State of Kansas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Card or Ticket Holders, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in card or ticket holders.

The object of my invention is to provide a card or ticket holder which may be cheaply manufactured, which is not liable to get out of order, and which may be quickly and firmly secured to either a rigid or a flexible support.

Other novel features of my invention are hereinafter fully described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings which illustrate the preferred form of my invention—Figure 1 is a front elevation. Fig. 2 is a side elevation. Fig. 3 is a horizontal section, taken on the dotted line *a—b* of Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a view similar to Fig. 2, showing two cards mounted in the respective receptacles provided therefor.

Similar characters of reference denote similar parts.

The preferable form of my invention comprises two parts, each of which is preferably made of spring wire. One part constitutes a base member which is provided with means for being secured to a rigid support or to a flexible support, such as a garment. The other part comprises a clamping member secured to the base member by a spring hinge connection so that the clamping member may be swung to and from the base member against which it is normally held by spring pressure, thus forming between the members a receptacle to receive a card, ticket, or similar device. The clamping member is also provided with a U-shaped portion which forms another receptacle for a card, ticket, or similar device. Two card or ticket receptacles are thereby provided, into either of which a card or ticket may be slipped, or from which a card or ticket may be removed without danger of disturbing a card or ticket that may be held in the other receptacle.

Referring to the drawings, 1 denotes the base member, preferably, but not necessarily, of substantially rectangular form. The wire base member 1, is provided with side portions 2 and 3, and end portions 4 and 5.

The side portions 2 and 3 are each provided with an eye 6 adapted to receive a securing screw or nail, by which the base member may be rigidly secured to any suitable support, such as the wall of a car. One end of the wire forming the base is provided with an eye 7, located near the middle of the transverse end portion 4. The other end of the wire is passed through the eye 7, and from there extends centrally to a point beyond the end portion 5, which is provided with a lip 8, shown in Figs. 2 and 3, adapted to engage the tongue or free end 9, of the base wire. Intermediate the transverse portions 4 and 5, the tongue 9 is formed into a coil for the purpose of increasing the resiliency of the tongue. The tongue 9 normally is disposed apart from the lip 8 with which it is made to engage by pressing it under the lip in a manner similar to the manner of securing the tongue of an ordinary safety pin. The end of the tongue 9 is preferably sharpened so that it may be readily inserted in the fabric of a garment to which it may be desired to fasten the device.

The spring wire clamping member 11 has its ends respectively bent around the side portions 2 and 3 of the base at points intermediate the end portions 4 and 5. From the points 12 the wire of the clamping member extends to the end portion 5 of the base, around which it is formed into coils by which the clamping member 11 is provided with a spring hinge connection with the base member 1. From the coils the wire of the clamping member 11 extends toward and beyond the transverse portion 4 of the base member, against which it normally bears by spring pressure.

From the transverse portion 4 the wire of the clamping member 11 extends toward the transverse portion 5, near which it is provided with a return bend 14, thereby forming a U-shaped portion, constituting a receptacle which is adapted to receive therein a card or ticket 15, as shown in Fig. 4. By swinging the clamping member 11 away from the base member 1 a receptacle is thus provided between the two members for the reception of another card or ticket 16, as shown in Fig. 4. Either of the cards or tickets 15 or 16 may be inserted into or removed from the receptacle containing it, without disturbing the card or ticket contained in the other receptacle.

When used as a portable card or ticket holder the device may be secured to a garment, such as a coat, by piercing the garment with the tongue 9 and then engaging the tongue 9 with the lip, 8, in the manner already described. When employed as a stationary holder, it may be secured to the wall of a car, as described. It is then adapted to receive tickets or trip checks, such as are given by train conductors to passengers.

I do not limit my invention to the precise structure illustrated and described, as various modifications within the scope of the appended claims, may be made without departing from the spirit of my invention.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:—

1. In a card or ticket holder, a rectangularly formed wire base member having securing means, and a spring wire clamping member having two arms coiled around one transverse end of the base member and respectively engaging opposite sides of the base and extending from said transverse end

to and pressing against the other transverse end.

2. In a card or ticket holder, a rectangularly formed wire base member having a retaining lip formed in one transverse end and having an eye formed in the other transverse end and provided with a spring tongue extending through said eye and adapted to lockingly engage said lip, the tongue having a coil formed therein, and a spring clamping member having two arms coiled around one transverse end of the base member and respectively engaging opposite sides of the base member and extending from the transverse end around which they are coiled to and pressing against the other transverse end of the base member.

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

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