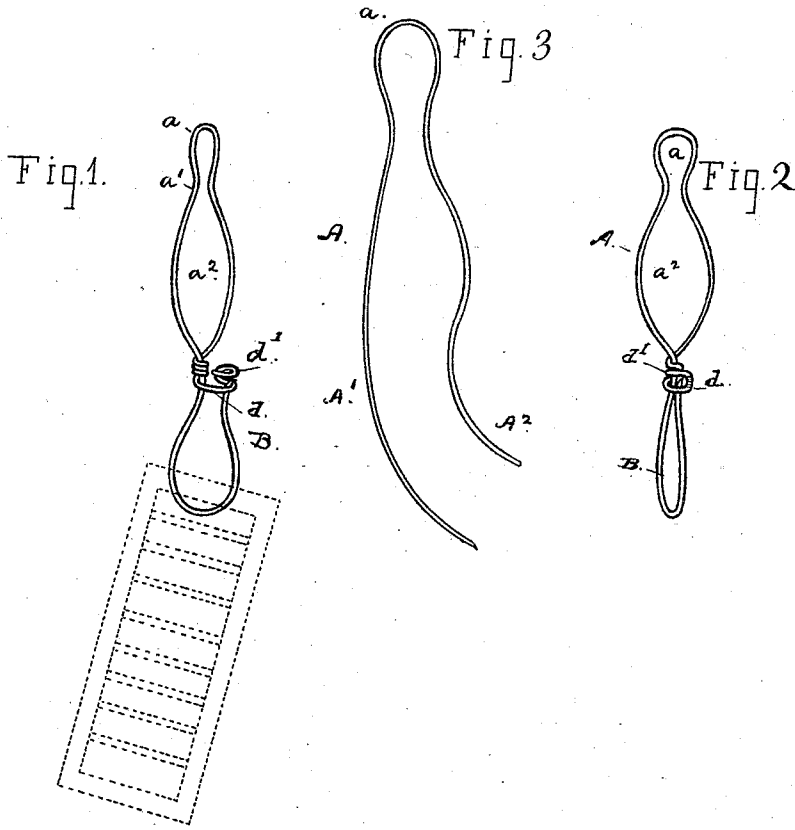


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM PATTERSON, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city and county of San Francisco, in the State of California, have invented an Improved Ticket-Holder; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of my said invention, reference being had to the drawings that accompany and form a part of this specification.

My invention relates to the production of a ticket-holding device for railway conductors and travelers more particularly, but for use as well in any situation where it is desired to attach tickets, slips, or labels to the clothing of a person, and in other situations for ready reference and inspection.

It consists in producing a ticket-holder from wire in such form or manner that there is provided a hook to impale the ticket on, a catch and guard to confine the ticket when impaled and to cover the point of the hook, and a button-loop wherewith to attach the device to the coat; and it consists, further, in forming and producing such holder from a single piece of wire.

I proceed to construct or form my improved device substantially after the following manner:

Referring to the said drawings, Figure 1 is a side view of the device complete; Fig. 2, a front view, and Fig. 3 the blank or length of wire from which it is produced.

A length of wire, A, is bent upon itself to form the small loop or eye a , and then from its contracted part a' it is bent outward again to produce the second loop, a^2 , large enough to slip over the head of an ordinary coat-button. From the bottom of this loop one of the ends of wire is bent to form the hook B, while the other end portion, A^2 , is twisted around the wire that forms the shank of the hook part A'

in such manner as to join the two wires just below the swell or loop a^2 . Finally, the end of the wire left after the twist is brought around to the front at the point of the hook to form an eye or catch, d , and is then bent upward and back again on itself to produce the guard d' . In this manner the device can be produced complete from a single piece of wire; but it will be readily seen and understood by the mechanic that it could also be formed of separate pieces united by twisting or solder, if desired, such construction, however, having only its economy in utilizing short pieces of wire to recommend it.

In using this device, the large loop is passed over the head of the button on the coat, and then drawn down to bring the small loop around the neck of the button. The point of the hook being disengaged, the ticket is impaled upon it, and is then confined by springing the point of the hook back again behind the catch. This catch is in such position that when the end of the hook is within it the bent-over portion forming the guard is immediately over and covering the point. The ticket is then held securely on the holder and the point of the hook is effectually protected.

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

The ticket-holder formed of wire bent upon itself to form a loop and eye at one end, and having the end of one limb bent back to form a hook, and having the other limb twisted around the hook-limb and extended out and bent to form a catch and guard for the point of the hook, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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