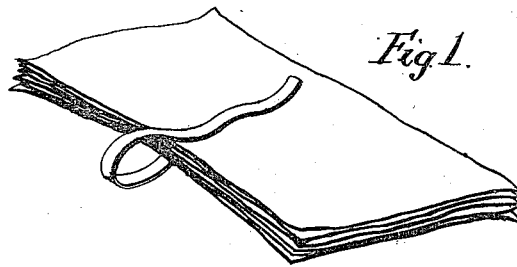


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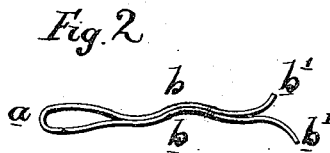
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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*

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## IMPROVEMENT IN SPRING-CLASPS FOR HOLDING CURRENCY, &c.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, BUSHROD W. JAMES, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, have invented an Improved Spring-Clasp for Holding Currency, Cards, &c., of which the following is a specification:

The object of my invention is to make a cheap clasp for effectually retaining small currency, tickets, cards, and similar articles, and this object I attain in the manner which I will now proceed to describe, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved retaining-clasp; Fig. 2, a side view.

The spring-clasp is formed of a strip of steel or other elastic metal, bent so abruptly at *a* as to bring the surfaces of the opposite arms *b b* into close contact with each other, a small opening being formed near the bend for receiving a suspending string or cord. The extreme ends *b b* of the arms are bent outward from each other, so as to facilitate the introduction

of notes and tickets. In order to obtain a more effectual hold upon the paper introduced into the clasp I corrugate or wave the elastic arms *b b* where the surfaces of the same come in contact, (see Fig. 2;) or, if preferred, a slight twist may be imparted to the arms first in one direction and then in the other, the corrugations of one arm coinciding with those of the other.

I claim—

A spring-catch for tickets, currency, &c., consisting of a strip of steel or other elastic material, bent and corrugated as described, and presenting elastic arms, corrugations on one arm coinciding with those of the adjoining-arm, all substantially as set forth.

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

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