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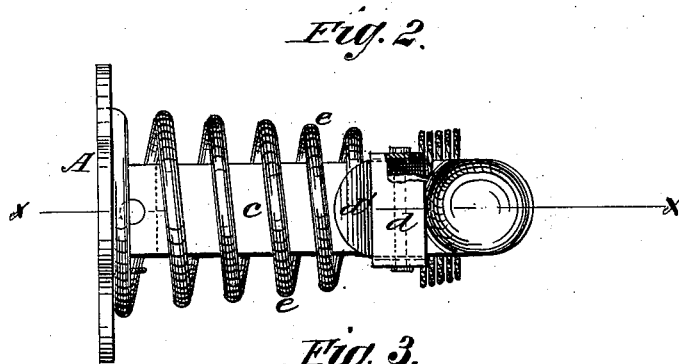
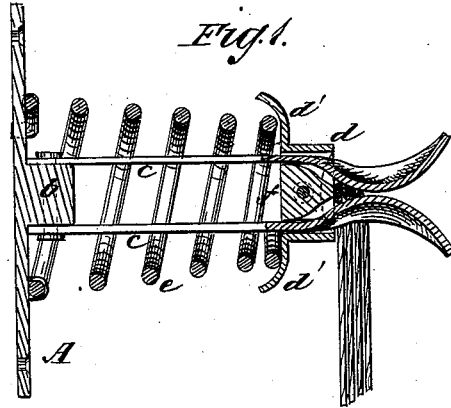
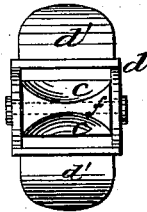


Fig. 3.



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IMPROVEMENT IN STRING-HOLDERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BENTON ELLIOTT, of Ellsworth, in the county of Pierce and State of Wisconsin, have invented a new and Improved String-Holder, of which the following is a specification:

In the accompanying drawings, forming part hereof, Figure 1 is a longitudinal section of my improved string-holder, taken on line *xx* in Fig. 2. Fig. 2 is a plan view, and Fig. 3 is an end elevation.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The object of my invention is to provide a holder for strings used in tying packages or bags, and for holding shoe-strings, so that one at a time may be removed from a bunch without snarling those that remain.

In the drawings, A is a base-plate, having a square boss, *b*, to opposite sides of which two springs, *c*, are secured by a rivet. The free ends of the springs, which are made convex, are in contact with each other. A square sleeve, *d*, is loosely fitted to the springs, and is provided with thumb-pieces *d'* *d'*, which en-

gage the spiral spring *e*, that surrounds the springs *c*, and rests against the base-plate A.

A wedge-shaped block, *f*, is fitted between the spring *c* and secured to the sleeve *d*, and slides with it along the springs *c*. The base-plate A is secured to some solid object, and the strings are placed between the springs *c* by drawing back the sleeve *d* and introducing the strings between the free ends of the springs *c*. The sleeve is then allowed to press against the strings, and the strings may be drawn one by one from between the springs *c* without snarling those that remain.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

A string-holder consisting of a base-plate, A, the springs *c*, having convex ends, and a spring-acted sleeve, *d*, combined substantially as herein shown and described.

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