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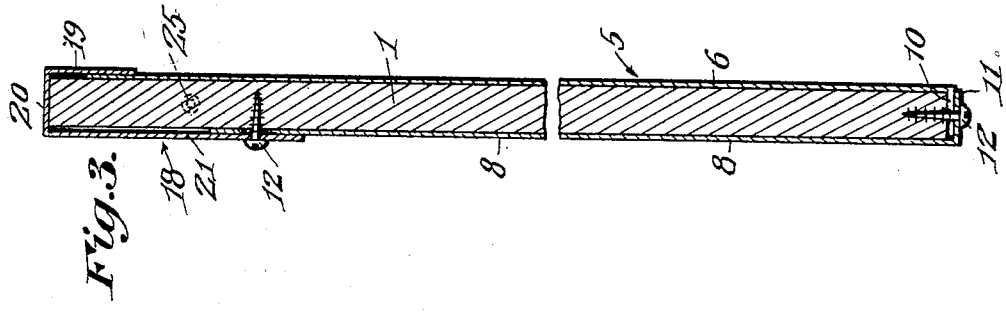


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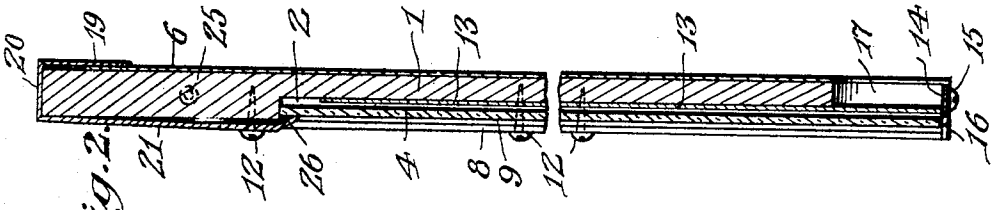


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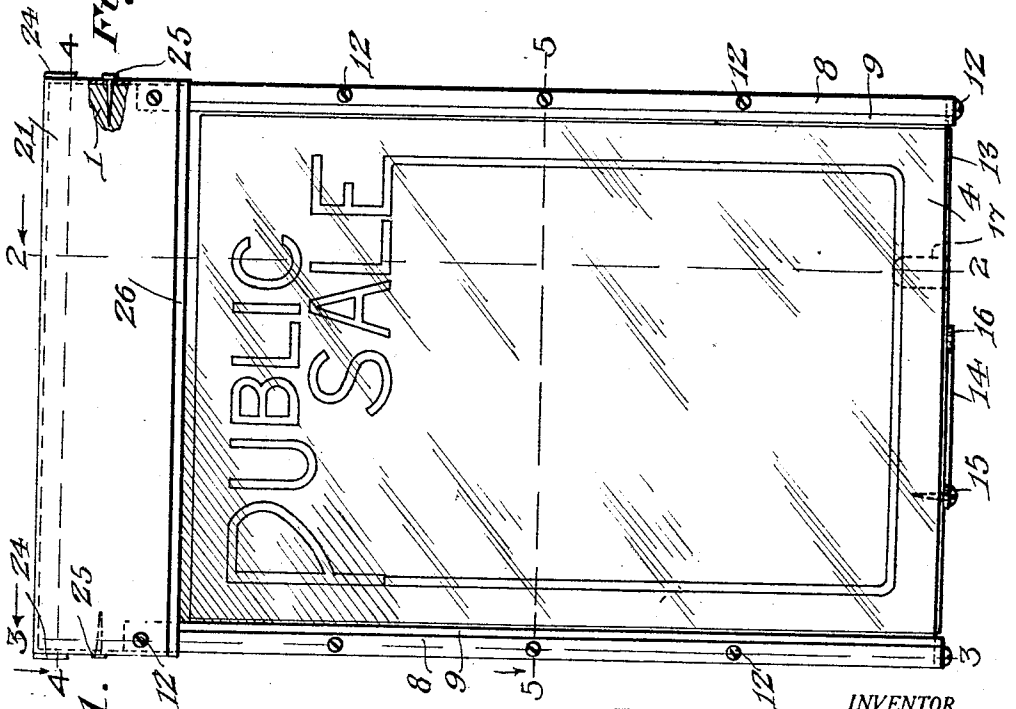


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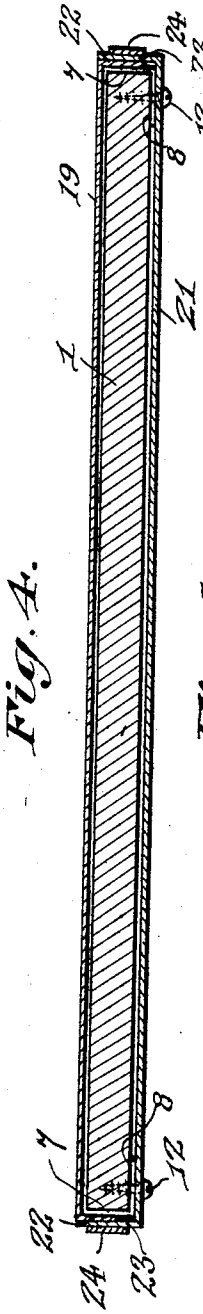


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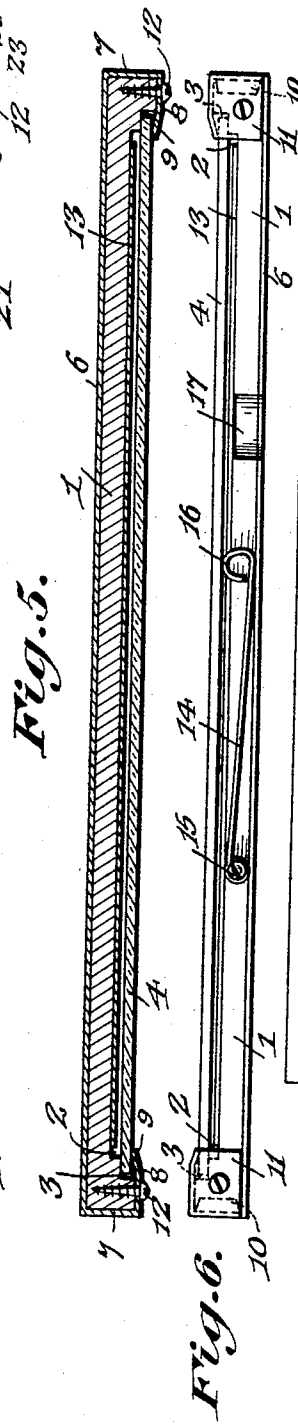


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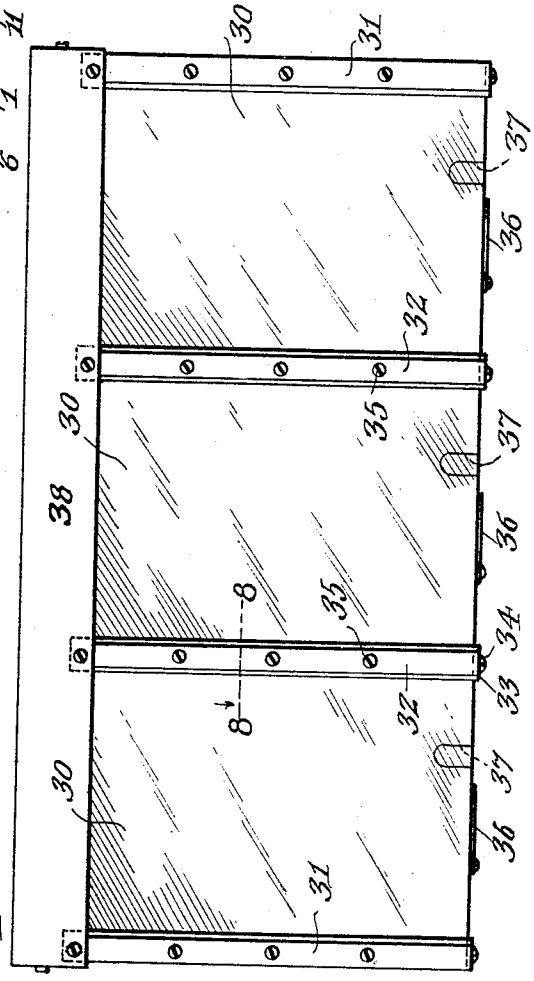


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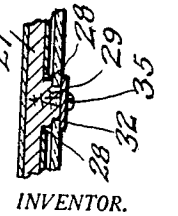


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This invention relates to a bill holder and protector and has for its primary object to provide, in a manner as hereinafter set forth, a device for temporarily holding public sale bills, announcements, and the like, and for protecting the same against the weather.

A further object of the invention is to provide a device for the purpose aforesaid which is constructed in a manner to permit the ready insertion therein and removal therefrom of sale bills and the like, without disassembling the parts making up the device.

A further object of the invention is to provide a device for the purpose aforesaid which is attractive in appearance, suitable for both inside and outside use, adaptable for the display of a single bill or a plurality of bills, durable in construction, and inexpensive to manufacture.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, the invention consists of the novel construction, combination and arrangement of parts as hereinafter more particularly described, and as illustrated in the accompanying drawings wherein are shown embodiments of single and duplex holders in accordance with this invention, but it is to be understood that the description and drawings are to be taken as illustrative and that the invention is intended to be limited only by the scope of the claims hereunto appended.

In the accompanying drawings in which like numerals are employed to designate like parts throughout the several views:—

Figure 1 is a front elevation of a single bill holder in accordance with this invention.

Figure 2 is a section taken on the line 2—2 of Figure 1.

Figure 3 is a section taken on the line 3—3 of Figure 1.

Figure 4 is a section taken on the line 4—4 of Figure 1.

Figure 5 is a section taken on the line 5—5 of Figure 1.

Figure 6 is a bottom plan of the embodiment shown in Figure 1.

Figure 7 is a reduced front elevation of a duplex holder in accordance with this invention.

Figure 8 is a section taken on the line 8—8 of Figure 7.

Referring to the drawings in detail, the numeral 1 indicates a base board, preferably formed of wood, which is provided in its forward face with a recess 2 of rectangular contour. The recess 2 opens through the lower edge of the base board 1 and the top and side walls of the recess 2 are arranged in spaced relation to the upper and side edges of the baseboard 1. The baseboard 1 is further provided in its forward face with a rabbet 3 which extends along the top and side walls of the recess 2 to provide a seat for a pane of glass 4, or the like, whereby the glass may be supported adjacent its top and side edges with a major portion of the glass disposed in spaced relation to the rear wall of the recess 2.

Secured to the board 1 is a cover indicated generally at 5, which is preferably formed of metal, and which includes a rear portion 6 extending across the entire width of the baseboard, and further extending from the lower edge of the latter to a line removed from the upper edge thereof. The rear portion 6 merges into a pair of side portions 7 which extend across the side edges of the baseboard, and the upper edges of which extend in continuation of the upper edge of the rear portion 6. The side portions 7 merge into a pair of front portions 8 which extend along side marginal portions of the forward face of the baseboard and which terminate in angularly disposed marginal portions 9 bearing against the forward face of the glass 4 adjacent the side edges of the latter. The front portions 8 are of less height than the side portions 7 and extend from the lower end of the baseboard to a line between the upper extremity of the rabbet 2 and the upper edge of the baseboard. The side portions 7 of the cover are formed at their lower edges with inturned portions 10 which are seated against the lower edge of the baseboard 1, and the front portions 8 are formed at their lower ends with rearwardly extending projections 11 which extend across the lower edge of the baseboard 1 from front to rear in overlapping relation

to the portions 10 and to marginal edge portions of the glass 4. The projections 11 and front portions 8 are maintained in position by suitable holdfast devices 12 which extend therethrough and into the baseboard.

The glass 4 is maintained in seated position within the rabbet 3 by means of the front portions 8 and projections 11 of the cover 5 with the greater portion of the lower edge of the recess 2 free from obstruction in order that a bill, such as 13, may be inserted between the projections 11 into the recess 2 rearwardly of the glass 4. The bill 13 is maintained in position within the recess 2 by means of an elongated, resilient securing element 14, one end of which is fixedly secured to the lower edge of the baseboard 1 by means of a suitable screw 15, and the other end of which is formed with a laterally projecting end portion 16 normally projecting across the lower edge of the recess 2 to provide an obstruction for the lower edge of the bill. In spaced relation to the laterally offset end portion 16 of the securing element, the baseboard 1 and rear portion 6 of the cover are notched to provide a recess 17 extending from the rear face of the portion 6 to the rear face of the bill 13. When it is desired to remove the bill 13, a pressure may be exerted on the securing element 14 by the thumb so as to remove the laterally projecting end portion 16 from its position across the lower edge of the recess 2, after which the bill 13 may be readily removed by the insertion of the index finger through the recess 17 into contacting relation with the rear face of the bill 13.

Overlapping an upper edge portion of the cover 5 is a cover 18 which includes a rear portion 19 extending across the rear face of the baseboard in overlapping relation to the rear portion 6 of the cover 5. The rear portion 19 merges at its upper edge into a top portion 20 which extends across the upper edge of the baseboard and which terminates in a front portion 21 extending across the front of the baseboard in overlapping relation to the front portion 8 of the cover 5. The uppermost of the holdfast devices 12 extend through the front portion 21 of the cover 18 to maintain the latter in position. Formed integrally with the rear portion 19 are side portions 22 which extend across the sides of the baseboard, and formed integrally with the front portions 21 are side portions 23 which extend across the side edges of the baseboard in overlapping relation to the side portions 22. Formed integrally with the top portions 20 are downturned projections 24 which bear against the outer faces of the side portions 23 adjacent the tops of the latter. Extending through the side portions 23 and into the baseboard 1 are holdfast devices 25 similar to the holdfast devices 12. The front portion 21 terminates at its lower edge in an angularly disposed marginal portion 26 which bears against the forward face of the glass 4 adjacent the upper edge of the latter.

In the duplex holder shown in Figures 7 and 8, the baseboard 27 is provided in its forward face with a plurality of spaced recesses 28 and is further provided with a plurality of spaced rabbets 29 extending along the top and side edges of the recesses 28. A pane of glass 30 is seated within each of the rabbets 29, and each of the recesses 28 is adapted to receive therein a display bill rearwardly of the glass 30 extending across the recess. The outermost of the glasses 30 are secured in position at their outer side edges by front portions 31 of a cover which are formed in the same manner as the front portions 8 of the cover 6. The intermediate pane or panes of glass 30, as well as the inner side edge portions of the outermost panes are supported in position by means of elongated strips 32 formed of the same material as the cover having the front portions 31. The strips 32 extend from the lower edge of the baseboard 27 to a line removed from the upper edge thereof, and each strip 32 overlaps side marginal portions of a pair of adjacent panes 30. The strips 32 are formed at their lower ends with rearward projections 33 extending across the lower edge of the baseboard 27 and are maintained in position by suitable holdfast devices 35 which extend through the strips and projections 34 into the baseboard. For each pane of glass 30 employed, a resilient securing element 36 is provided which is similar in every respect to the securing element 14 heretofore described, and adjacent each securing element 36 is a recess 37 similar to the recess 17 heretofore described. The baseboard 27 is provided with a cover similar to the cover 18 which includes a front portion 38 overlapping the front cover portions 31 and elongated strips 32. While the holder illustrated in Figure 7 shows the use of three of the panes of glass 30, it is to be understood that this number may be increased as desired.

It is thought that the many advantages of a bill holder and protector in accordance with this invention will be readily apparent, and although the preferred embodiments of the invention are as illustrated and described, it is to be understood that changes in the details of construction may be resorted to, so long as such changes fall within the scope of the invention as defined in the appended claims.

What I claim is:

1. A bill holder and protector comprising, a baseboard formed in its forward face with a recess opening through the lower edge of the baseboard, a transparent element positioned over the recess in spaced relation to the rear wall thereof, a cover for the baseboard, said cover including a rear portion, side portions

and front portions, said front portions bearing against the forward face of the transparent element and being formed at their lower edges with projections extending across marginal lower edge portions of the transparent element, and a resilient securing element having one end secured to the baseboard and having its other end formed with a lateral projection normally extending across the lower edge of the recess.

2. A bill holder and protector comprising, a baseboard formed in its forward face with a recess opening through the lower edge of the baseboard, a transparent element positioned over the recess in spaced relation to the rear wall thereof, a cover for the baseboard, said cover including a rear portion, side portions and front portions, said front portions bearing against the forward face of the transparent element and being formed at their lower edges with projections extending across marginal lower edge portions of the transparent element, and a resilient securing element having one end secured to the baseboard and having its other end formed with a lateral projection normally extending across the lower edge of the recess, said baseboard and rear portion of the cover having a recess extending therethrough adjacent said securing element.

3. A bill holder and protector comprising, a baseboard formed in its forward face with a recess opening through the lower edge of the baseboard, a transparent element positioned over the recess in spaced relation to the rear wall thereof, a cover for the baseboard, said cover including a rear portion, side portions and front portions, said front portions bearing against the forward face of the transparent element and being formed at their lower edges with projections extending across marginal lower edge portions of the transparent element, a securing element having a portion thereof normally projecting across the lower edge of the recess, and a cover overlapping an upper edge portion of the first named cover and including a rear portion having projections extending across the side edges of the baseboard, a front portion having projections extending across the side edges of the baseboard in overlapping relation to the projections on said rear portions, and a top portion having projections extending in overlapping relation to the projections on the rear and front portions.

4. A bill holder and protector comprising, a baseboard formed in its forward face with a recess opening through the lower edge of the baseboard, a transparent element positioned over the recess in spaced relation to the rear wall thereof, a cover for the baseboard, said cover including a rear portion, side portions and front portions, said front portions bearing against the forward face of the transparent element and being formed at their lower edges with projections extending across marginal lower edge portions of the transparent element, a resilient securing element having one end secured to the baseboard and having its other end formed with a lateral projection normally extending across the lower edge of the recess, said baseboard and rear portion of the cover having a recess extending therethrough adjacent said securing element, and a cover overlapping an upper edge portion of the first named cover and including a rear portion having projections extending across the side edges of the baseboard, a front portion having projections extending across the side edges of the baseboard in overlapping relation to the projections on said rear portions, and a top portion having projections extending in overlapping relation to the projections on the rear and front portions.

In testimony whereof, I affix my signature hereto.

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