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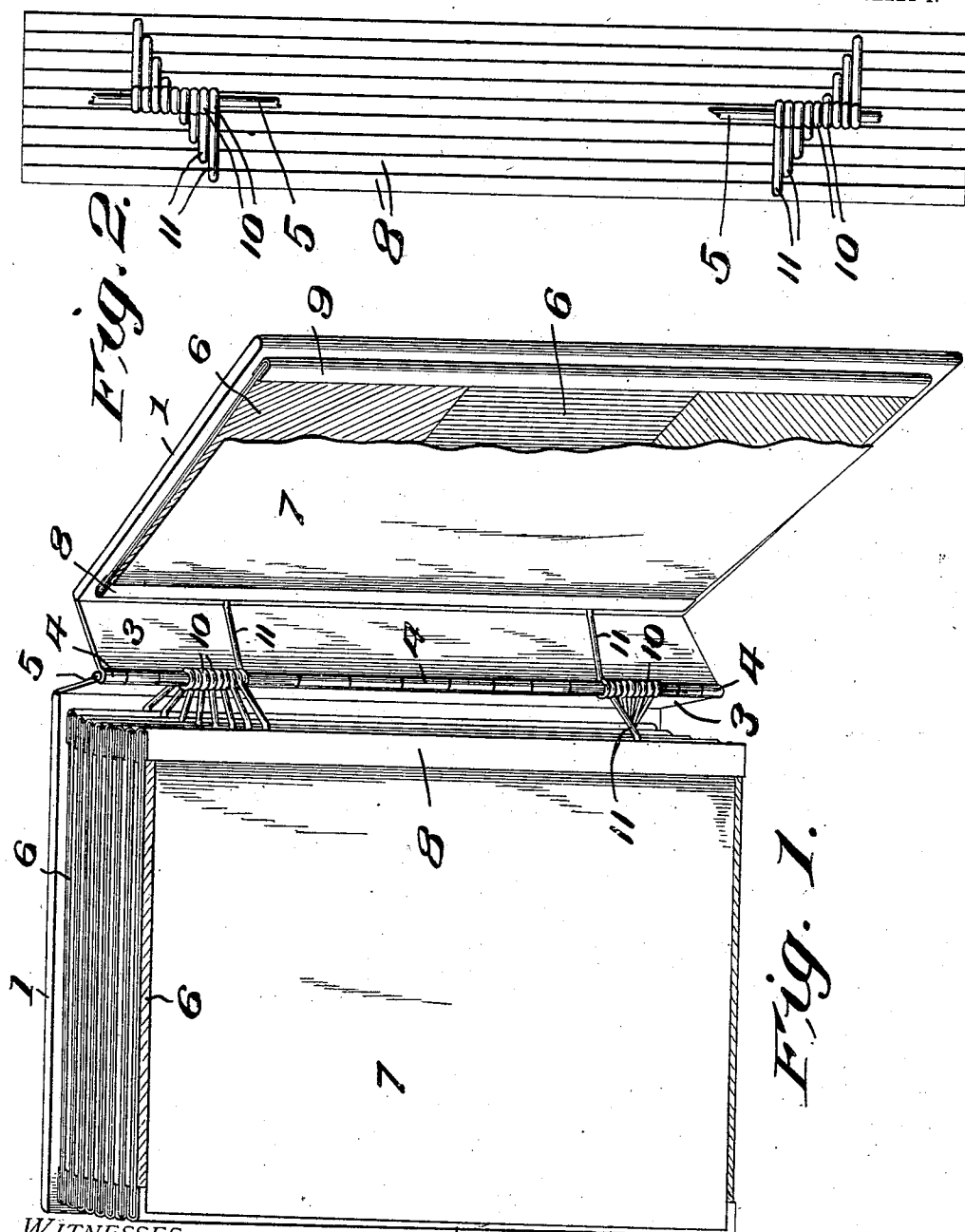
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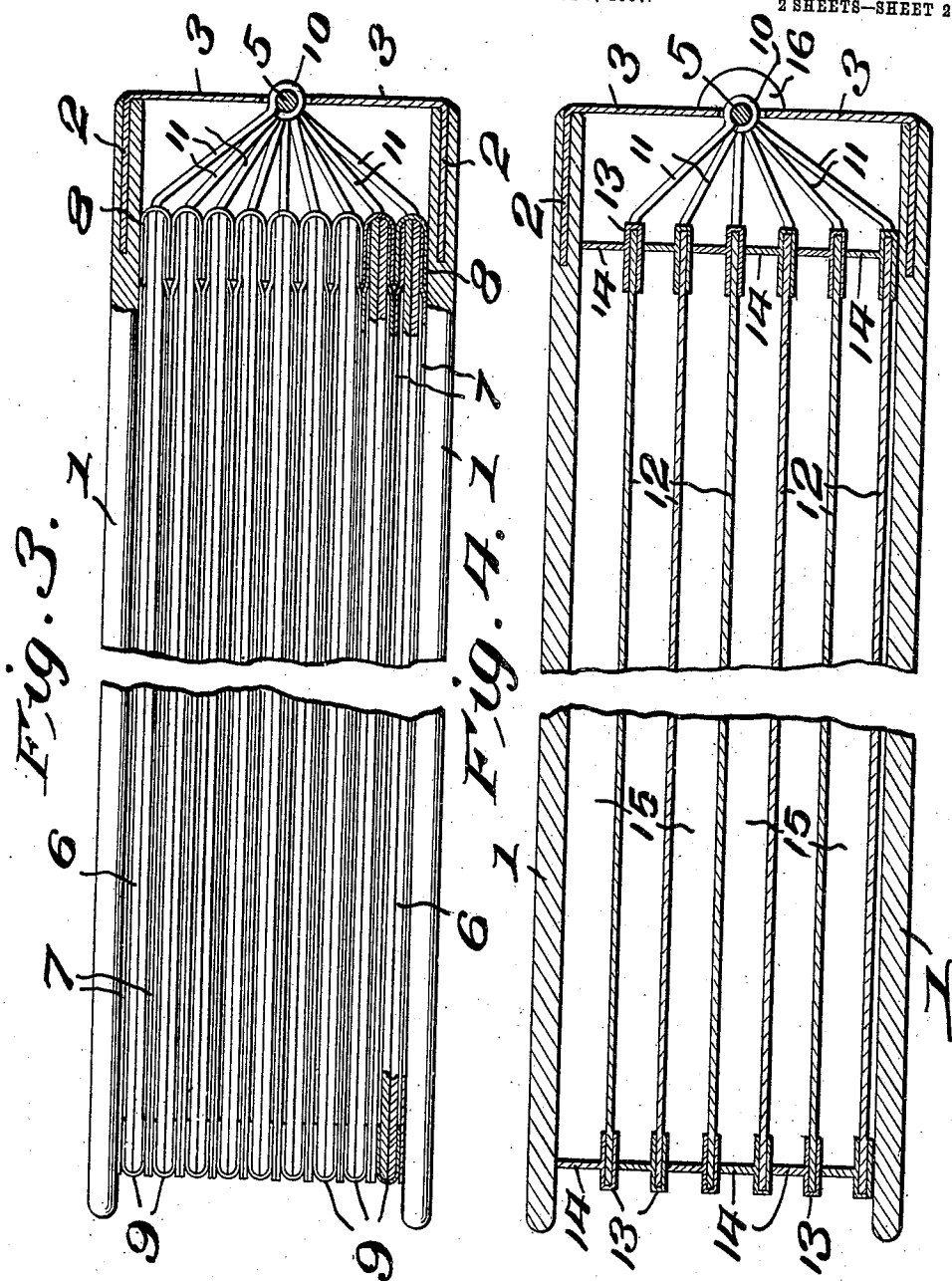
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ANTHONY W. WERMERSKIRCHEN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Display-Books; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to a sample holding appliance or display rack in book form.

It consists of certain novel features of combination and construction of parts, the preferred form whereof will be hereinafter clearly set forth and pointed out in the claims.

The object of my invention is to provide an easily portable convenient means for the use of traveling salesmen and others, designed for the purpose of displaying various kinds of merchandise, as samples of different varieties of wood in different degrees and kinds of finish, whereby the virtue of varnish, paints and the like may be exemplified and my invention also will be found very desirable and useful for the display of small articles of jewelry of every variety, as well as the smaller articles of other kinds of merchandise, fabrics of different kinds and finish, etc.

Other objects and advantages will be hereinafter referred to and more particularly pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, which are made a part of this application, Figure 1 shows a perspective view of my display book for merchandise, etc., complete ready for use. Fig. 2 shows a detail of the means employed to assemble a plurality of leaves or compartments of my display book. Fig. 3 is an end view partly in section of my display book or receptacle. Fig. 4 is a sectional view showing a modified form of construction.

Referring to the drawings in which similar reference numerals designate corresponding parts through the several views, 1 indicates the "cover" or body section of my book, which may be made of any suitable material, as wood, metal, or a composition as may be deemed most desirable. In the edges of said cover sections I form a seat for the reception of the ends 2 of the angle plates 3, which serve as binders to hold the covers together

in the form of a book, whereby the "leaves" or that portion corresponding to the leaves of a book may be interposed between them in a manner hereinafter set forth.

The angle plates 3 are united together preferably as in the construction of a hinge, the hinge joint being designated by the numeral 4, a suitable connecting rod 5 being also provided. After thus uniting the cover sections or backs of the book, I provide a plurality of leaf sections, thereby causing my appliance to assume the form and appearance of a book and in order to best mount the plurality of leaf sections, said sections may be formed of any preferred material, as of heavy card-board, or sheets of wood 6 of suitable thickness, which, if desired, may afterwards be loosely covered with paper 7, if deemed desirable for the protection of the varnish or paint finish placed upon the wood, it being understood that two sheets of wood showing different kinds of finish may be placed back to back, thereby presenting a different appearance on each side of the leaf.

In Fig. 1 I have shown three varieties of wood upon the same page, each covered loosely with a sheet of paper, caught at its inner edge by a binder clamp 8, which also engages the inner ends of the wood sections.

The card board, or the like, may be firmly held in position by the clamping members 8 and 9, formed of suitable sheet metal and tightly secured to the edges of the card board or sheet metal, as clearly shown in Fig. 1.

In order that the plurality of leaf sections may be operatively assembled in book form, a portion of the hinge sections is cut away near each end of the book, thus exposing a portion of the rod 5, around which I loosely extend the eye-section 10 of the arm 11, the extreme end of the arm being soldered or otherwise secured to a contiguous part of the edge of the clamping member 8 and since the eye sections 10 are disposed side by side around the rod 5 and the angle plates 3 are also hinged to said rod, it follows that my display book may be readily opened at any point and the leaves turned in either direction, the same as in an ordinarily bound paper book.

It will be obvious that the leaf sections may be in some instances differently formed, so as to provide suitable receptacles upon each leaf to carry various articles of merchandise and for an understanding of this form of construction I call attention to Fig.

4, wherein it will be observed that the leaf sections in this instance may be made of sheet metal 12, provided at each end with a clamping member 13, each of said clamping members having the right angle extensions 14, serving to separate the leaf sections from each other and from the cover.

By means of the extensions 14, the leaves are properly separated to form a plurality of compartments 15, within which may be disposed various kinds of merchandise, as jewelry and the like, such articles being preferably temporarily secured in position by any suitable means.

It is clear that my display book may be used for a great variety of purposes, as for instance when the leaf sections are made of wood, such wood may be treated with varnish, paint, or other form of finish, thus providing a very desirable, efficient and attractive display book for paint and varnish establishments, placing a great variety of work in a very convenient and compact form for the use of the traveling salesman or merchant. In like manner, a plurality of compartments of varying size or of the same size may be readily formed in the manner set forth in Fig. 4, thereby fitting my display book, or receptacle, for carrying, protecting and displaying an almost endless variety of merchandise, the different styles thereof being readily accessible by turning leaf by leaf, throughout the entire book.

As a matter of convenience and finish, I, in some instances, provide a suitable cushion attachment or bumper, preferably formed of rubber and indicated by the numeral 16 in Fig. 4 said bumpers being circular in general outline and mounted on the rod 5, so that when the rear edge of the book is placed on a table or like object, the metal hinges on the book will not mar the table.

Obviously, the cover sections 1 and the angle plates 3 may be variously formed, as set forth and when the various elements of my invention are assembled and placed in proper coöperation with each other, a perfect display rack in book form will be produced, thereby insuring that a maximum quantity

of goods may be displayed within a minimum amount of space and, moreover, that such goods displayed therein will be safely housed against dust, or other deteriorating influences.

Believing that the advantages, construction and use of my invention have been thus made clearly apparent, further description is deemed unnecessary.

What I claim is:

1. The herein described display book, consisting of covers having seats in one edge thereof, angle plates having one of their sections in said seats and hinge joints on the edges of the opposite sections, a rod extending through said joints, whereby the covers will be hinged together, a plurality of binding clamps between said covers and arranged in pairs, display sections secured in said binding clamps, arms secured to one of each pair of clamps and eyes at the free ends of said arms adapted to receive the hinge rod, whereby the clamping members and display sections carried thereby will be hingedly mounted between the covers.

2. The herein described display book, comprising a pair of covers having seats in one edge thereof, angle plates having one of their sections secured in said seats, hinge joints formed at the edges of the opposite sections of said angle plates, a rod extending through said joints to hingedly secure the covers together, a plurality of clamping members arranged in pairs between said covers, a plurality of display sections interposed between and carried by the clamping members, arms fixed to the clamping members, adjacent the angle plates, eyes at the free ends of said arms adapted to receive said rod and hingedly mount the clamping members and display sections carried thereby between the covers and a protecting leaf carried by one of said clamping members.

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

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