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Fig. 1.

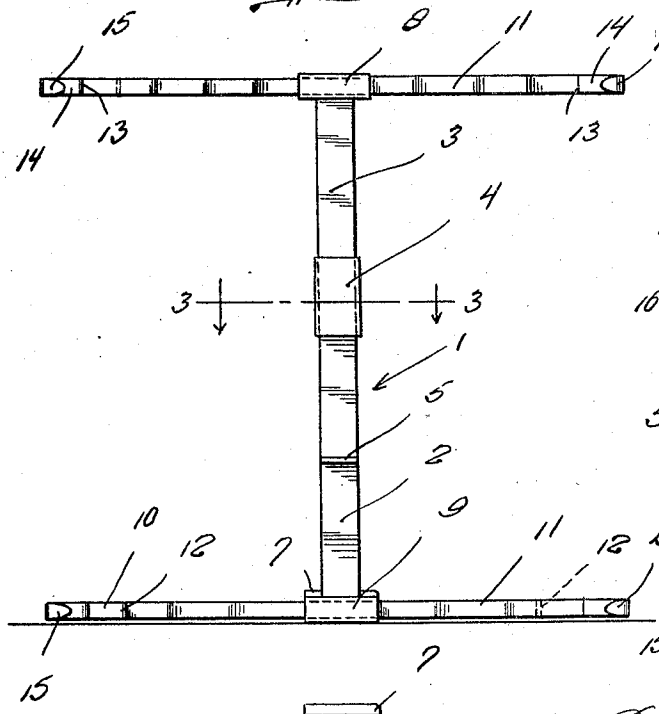


Fig. 2.

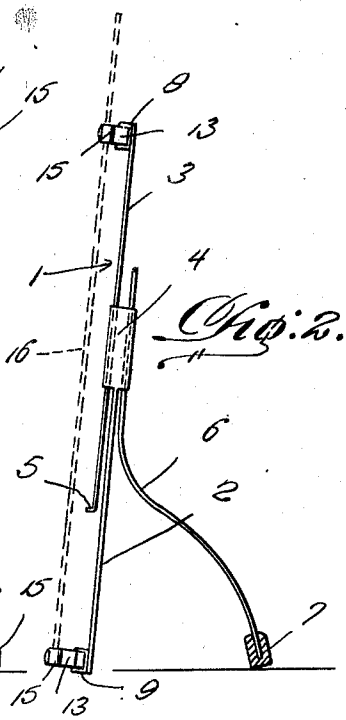


Fig. 3.

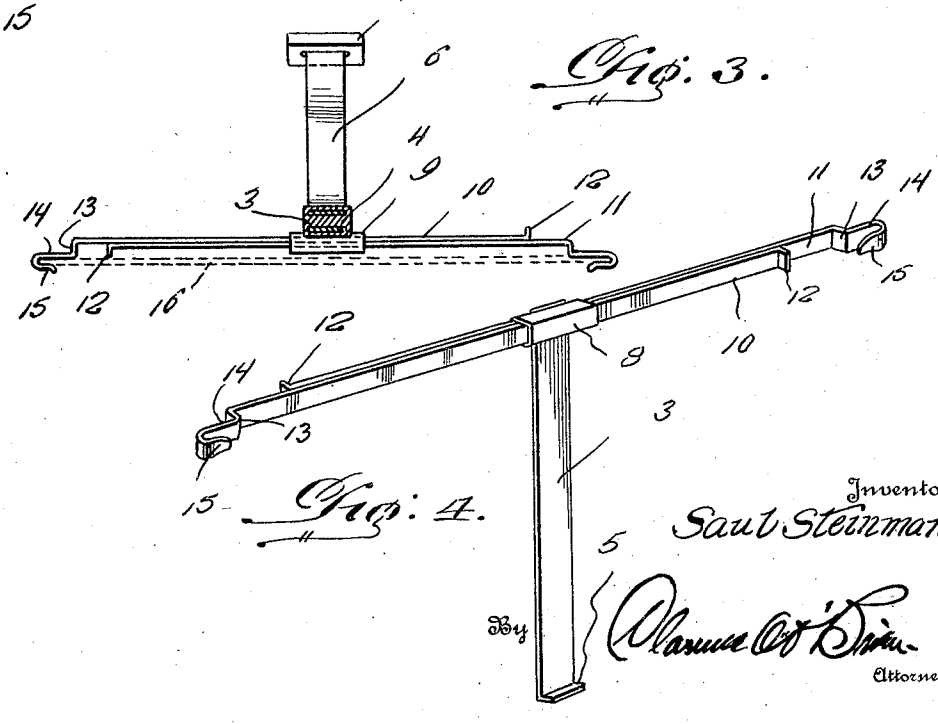


Fig. 4.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SAUL STEINMAN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Shelton, in the county of Fairfield and State of Connecticut, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in a Sign Holder, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to an improved sign holder, the same having particular reference to a holder of this class which is adaptable for supporting show cards, advertising signs and equivalent display means in a position for display.

It is my primary aim to generally improve upon devices of this class by providing one of comparative simplicity and durability which is exceeding practical in construction, highly desirable in use, and comparatively inexpensive to both the manufacturer and the user.

A no less important aim it to provide a sign holder which can be adjusted in both vertical and horizontal directions for permitting it to effectively engage and maintain in place cards and signs of various sizes and shapes.

Features and advantages derived from the particular construction utilized in carrying the invention into effect will become apparent from the following description and drawing.

In the accompanying drawing forming a part of this application and in which like numerals are employed to designate like parts throughout the same:

Figure 1 is a front elevation of a sign holder constructed in accordance with the present invention.

Figure 2 is a side elevation with one of the details appearing in section.

Figure 3 is a section taken approximately on the plane of the line 3—3 of Figure 1 looking in the direction of the arrows.

Figure 4 is a perspective view of certain of the details disconnected from their complemental parts.

Referring to the drawing in detail, it will be seen that the device comprises what may be generally designated as a central vertical standard 1. This standard is composed of a lower section 2 and a cooperating upper section 3. It will be observed from Figures 2 and 3 that the lower section is provided at its top with a head 4 provided with spaced-parallel vertical slots. The upper section 3 is slidably mounted in the foremost slot and has its lower end directed angularly as at 5 to provide a stop for limiting the upward sliding movement. Slidably mounted in the remaining slot is the upper vertically disposed end of an especially shaped prop 6, this prop being provided upon its lower end with a rubber block 7 forming a rest. The upper section 3 of the standard is provided at its top with a right angularly disposed elongated sleeve 8, and the complemental lower section is provided at its bottom with a corresponding sleeve 9. The overlapped ends of the upper and lower pairs of strips 10 and 11 are slidably received in these sleeves as clearly shown in Figures 3 and 4. The sleeves are of polygonal cross section to accommodate the flat metal strips cooperating therewith. Inasmuch as each strip is identical in construction with the other, the specific structure thereof will be described in the singular. To this end, it will be seen that each strip has its inner end bent angularly as indicated at 12 to provide a stop for cooperating with the adjacent end of the sleeve to limit the outward sliding movement and to maintain the parts in proper assembled relation. The outer end is bent angularly in the same direction as indicated at 13 and is then bent at right angles at 14 to extend in parallelism with the body portion and the extremity is bent to provide a hook 15. By so bending this end of the strip it will be seen that it is adapted to engage the adjacent edge of the card 16 and to space the card from the intermediate portions of the strips to provide the desirable clearance space seen in Figures 2 and 3.

In summing up the structure, it will be seen that I have evolved and produced a novel holder of the class described wherein the same is capable of being adjusted for height and width or length of the article to be held. It is made up of a vertically extensible standard embodying a relatively stationary lower section and a vertically slidable upper section, these two sections carrying horizontally disposed overlapped extensible sign engaging strips or members. The degree of tilt may be governed by the

position of the prop. While a device of this kind is highly adaptable for supporting signs, show cards, and the like, it may well serve as an easel in supporting pictures, paintings and the like.

It is thought that the foregoing description considered in connection with the accompanying drawing will enable persons skilled in the art to which the invention relates to obtain a clear understanding of the same. For this reason a more lengthy description of the invention is deemed unessential.

Although the preferred embodiment of the invention has been shown and described, it is to be understood that minor changes coming within the field of invention claimed may be resorted to if desired.

Having thus described the invention, what I claim is:—

1. A sign holder comprising a vertically extensible standard made up of complemental sections provided at their outer ends with sleeves of polygonal cross section, the lower section being provided at its top with a head having slots, one of which slidably receives the upper section, a supporting prop having its upper end slidably positioned in the other slot in said head, and horizontally extensible sign engaging means carried by said sleeves.

2. A sign holder comprising a vertically extensible standard made up of complemental sections provided at their outer ends with sleeves of polygonal cross section, the lower section being provided at its top with a head having slots, one of which slidably receives the upper section, a supporting prop having its upper end slidably positioned in the other slot in said head, and horizontally extensible sign engaging means carried by said sleeves, said members being provided at their outer ends with forwardly offset hooks adapted to engage the vertical edges of the sign to be held and to position the sign in spaced relation from said sleeves.

3. A sign holder of the class described comprising a vertically extensible standard made up of complemental sections provided at their outer ends with sleeves of polygonal cross sections, the lower section being provided at its top with a head, a supporting member detachably connected with said head, and horizontally extensible sign engaging means carried by said sleeves.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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