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Fig 1

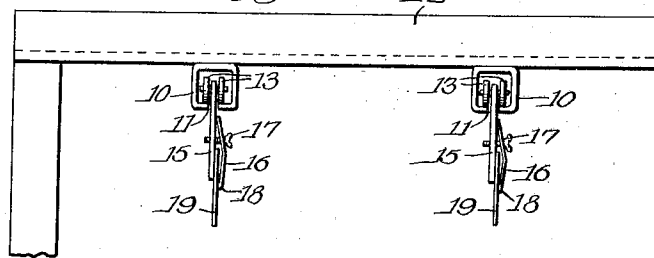


Fig 2

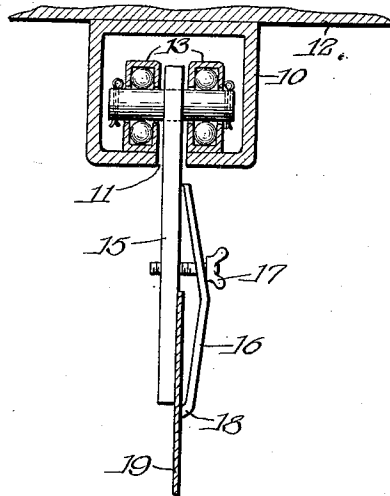
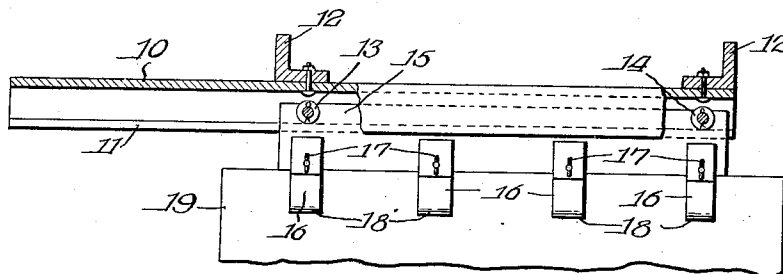


Fig 3



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My invention relates to display equipment and more particularly to a novel hanger for the display of rugs, linoleum and the like in a vertical manner.

I am aware that rugs have been supported vertically for display in some instances, and for linoleum also; however, the devices heretofore presented have had a number of objectionable features.

In the display devices heretofore presented, the rug or linoleum to be displayed is disposed in the device much in the manner of the pages of a book. Obviously, the rapid or careless rotation of the various rugs upon the pivot causes great strain on the top outside corner, and frequently linoleum rugs are rendered unsalable after use in such display devices.

The use of such devices also requires an unwarranted amount of space on the display floor, with the result that if any number of rugs are to be displayed they are laid on the floor, thus gathering dirt and becoming otherwise soiled.

An object of my invention is to provide means for displaying rugs and linoleum in a vertical manner, with a minimum of space, by hanging the rugs on a sliding carriage which may extend outward from a wall. The device being of a minimum width, a relatively large number thereof may be installed in side by side relation in a comparatively small wall space.

A further object of my invention is to provide a display hanger which will permit the rug to be readily removed from view when not on display when desired. When the salesman desires to show a rug to a patron, he merely pulls out the rug by grasping the front exposed edge. This being the point of greatest density, there would be no particular point of stress which would cause the rug to tear from direct lateral movement.

A further object of my invention is to provide suitable clamping means on the sliding carriage to permit the firm clamping of the rug or linoleum thereto, without danger of tearing the edge thereof.

The invention will be more readily under-

stood by reference to the accompanying drawing in which:

Fig. 1 is a fragmentary end elevation showing my invention as installed.

Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view thereof showing the carriage.

Fig. 3 is a side elevation, partly in section.

From an inspection of the drawing it will be seen that I provide a carriage casing, 10, closed on all sides and having a longitudinal slot 11 in the bottom face thereof. The casing 10 is suitably supported by the bracket 12 of a storage cabinet (not shown). Within the casing 10 I provide a pair of roller bearings 13, 14, the rollers thereof being adapted to rest upon the lower face of the casing 10. The bearings 13, 14 are joined by the flat strip 15 extending below the casing 10, and carrying, at suitable intervals along the length thereof, the clamps 16, having contact with the strip 15 by means of the thumb screw 17. It will be noted that the lower margin 18 of the clamp 16 is crimped to provide an overhanging flange to grip a rug or the like 19. The roller bearings 13, 14 and strip 15 constitute the carriage.

The casing 10 being formed of a length greater than the length of the strip 15, permits the carriage to be pushed back, within the casing for storage in parallel relation with a plurality of similar hangers, as is best shown in Fig. 1.

The rug or linoleum to be displayed is secured to the carriage in a simple and efficient manner by means of the clamps 16, the article being placed within the clamp, and the screw 17 applied. The edge of the clamp having a bent flange 18 serves to bind the article against the lower margin of the strip 15, thus preventing the article from pulling out.

In operation a number of hangers are installed, projecting from a wall in side by side, parallel relation. When it is desired to display a particular rug or linoleum, the same is simply pulled out laterally from the outer edge, the full rug being displayed if desired by forming the casing 10 of sufficient length.

Although I have explained herein that the

device disclosed is adapted for the display of rugs and linoleum, yet it should be understood that variations are possible to adapt the hanger for other uses. For example, instead of inserting a rug within the clamp, I may clamp a large section of wall board on which may be installed window curtains or the like. Obviously the storage of such displays would be advantageous, and would avoid soiling, etc.

Obviously the capacity of a given number of display devices would be doubled by merely installing another set of clamps on the other side of the supporting strip, and I contemplate such a construction where advisable.

Modifications and variations may be made in the device herein disclosed, and I do not wish to be limited except as indicated in the appended claims.

I claim:

1. A hanger for supporting rugs and the like in vertical position, comprising a relatively long casing, said casing being closed on all sides and having a longitudinal slot extending the length of the lower face thereof, a plurality of roller bearings within said casing and adapted to travel the length thereof, a flat strip connected to said bearings, a portion thereof extending through said longitudinal slot, and a plurality of clamps disposed along the lower margin of said strip to support a rug or the like in a vertical position, said clamping means comprising a substantially rectangular sheet of metal bent into an obtuse angle, the upper margin thereof having contact with a rug or the like, and having a thumb screw connecting said clamp with said strip at a point above the bend therein.

2. A hanger for supporting rugs and the like in vertical position, comprising a relatively long casing, said casing being closed on all sides and having a longitudinal slot extending the length of the lower face thereof, a plurality of roller bearings within said casing and adapted to travel the length thereof, a flat strip connected to said bearings, a portion thereof extending through said longitudinal slot, and a plurality of clamps disposed along the lower margin of said strip to support a rug or the like in a vertical position, said clamping means comprising a substantially rectangular sheet of metal bent into an obtuse angle, the upper margin thereof having contact with the said strip, and the lower margin thereof having contact with a rug or the like at a point below the margin of the strip, and a thumb screw connecting said clamp with said strip at a point above the bend therein.

3. A display hanger for the support of rugs and the like, comprising a relatively long casing, said casing being closed on all sides and having a longitudinal slot extending the length of the lower face thereof, a

plurality of roller bearings within said casing and adapted to travel the length thereof, a flat strip connected to said bearings, said strip and bearings comprising a supporting carriage, a portion of said strip being exposed below the lower face of said casing, through said longitudinal slot, and a plurality of clamps disposed along the lower margin of said strip to support a rug or the like in a vertical position, said clamping means comprising a substantially rectangular sheet of metal, bent into an obtuse angle from the vertical, the upper margin thereof having contact with the said strip, and the lower margin thereof being crimped so that it has contact with a rug or the like at a position below and under the lower margin of the strip, and a thumb screw connecting said clamp with said strip at a point above the angular bend therein.

In testimony whereof I have affixed my signature.

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