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Fig. 1

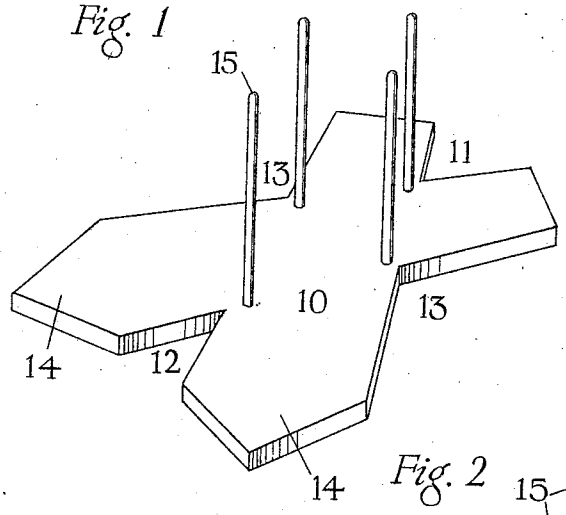


Fig. 2

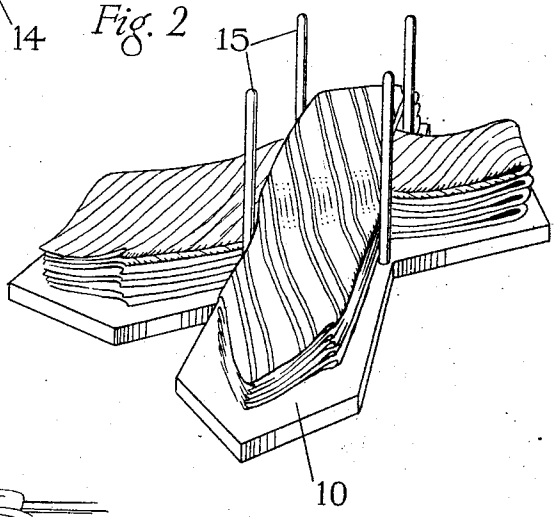
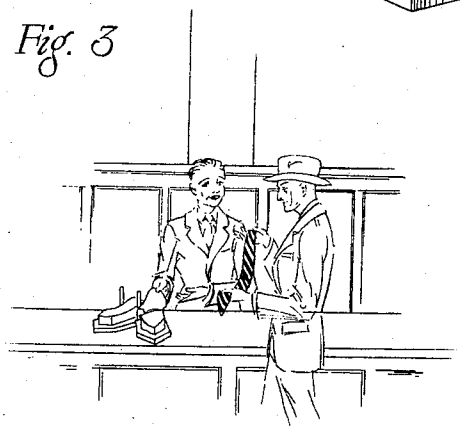


Fig. 3



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My invention relates to fixtures of the kind especially adapted for the display of neckties in stores, and its object is the provision of a display stand in which the neckties are prominently and attractively exposed and from which any tie may be removed without disturbing the other ties in the rack. It is moreover my object to provide such a stand as can be manufactured by simple and inexpensive methods.

Having in view these objects and others which will be pointed out in the following description, I will now refer to the drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a view in perspective of the necktie display stand as it appears without the ties.

Figure 2 is a similar view of the same stand but with ties.

Figure 3 illustrates the use of the stand on the counter.

The stand comprises a base 10 and posts 15. The base 10 is made from any desirable flat material. I prefer the use of three-ply veneer but it is obvious that any other material such as sheet metal or thin strips of lumber may be employed for this purpose. The base is cut into the form of a cross as shown in Figure 1 by cutting a V-shaped notch 11 at its head, a second V-shaped notch 12 at its base and a pair of rather wide V-shaped notches 13 at the sides. The ends of the arms 14 are cut V-shaped to conform generally to the shape of the lower end of the neckties. The dimensions of the various parts are such that a relatively narrow but substantially uniform margin is left at all sides of the ties when they are placed in position on the rack. Adjacent the apexes of the notches 11, 12 and 13, the base 10 is provided with apertures for the insertion of the posts 15. These posts, which may be of any desired height, keep the ties in position on the rack. In use the posts 15 are inserted in the apertures of the base 10 in the manner shown in Figure 1 and the ties are then placed in crisscross relation on the rack as shown in Figure 2. These ties alternate in position on the two crossed arms of the base 10 as is readily apparent from Figure 2. All of the ties in the rack are to some extent visible to the purchaser and when he is particularly interested in any one tie, that tie may be withdrawn from the rack without disturbing any of the other ties. If the tie is then not purchased, it may be replaced in the rack at the top of the pile.

In all of the common methods and fixtures for displaying neckties, the ties at best are only inadequately displayed and as a general rule the display of neckties in any store is likely to be the most "messy" display in the store. When the purchaser desires to make a selection either he or the clerk must handle several dozen of ties before a selection can be made even tentatively. After the patron leaves the store, the entire mass of ties is in a very badly disarranged condition which requires considerable time on the part of the clerk to rearrange the ties.

The device will be found to be useful and almost indispensable in stores where neckties are sold. It may be used to display the ties on the counter or on shelves or in any other desirable place. As before stated it may be made from any desirable material, and it may be finished in any manner to harmonize with the interior woodwork of the store. It is readily collapsible by simply removing the posts 15 from the base 10, and any number of them may be stored in a very small space. This latter feature is especially desirable when shipping the stands, since the parcel containing one or any number of the stands can be made very compact and secure against the breakage of the stands in transit.

Having thus described my invention in such full, clear, and exact terms that its construction and utility will be readily understood by others skilled in the art to which it pertains, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States is:—

A necktie display fixture having a base in the form of a pair of crossed arms, the lateral edges of each of said arms being divergent throughout the greater portion of its length and being then convergent from the point of its greatest width to form a V-shaped end portion, the arms being inclined to each other in a manner such that the angle between the wider portions is acute and that the angle between a wider portion of one

arm and a narrower portion of the other arm is obtuse, and upright posts projecting from said base at points adjacent the points of intersection of the lateral edges of said arms, said base being provided with apertures for receiving the lower portions of said posts, the arrangement being such that neckties may be stacked in alternate crossed layers on said base between said posts with the wider end portions of the neckties positioned over the wider end portions of the arms of said base.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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