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Fig 1

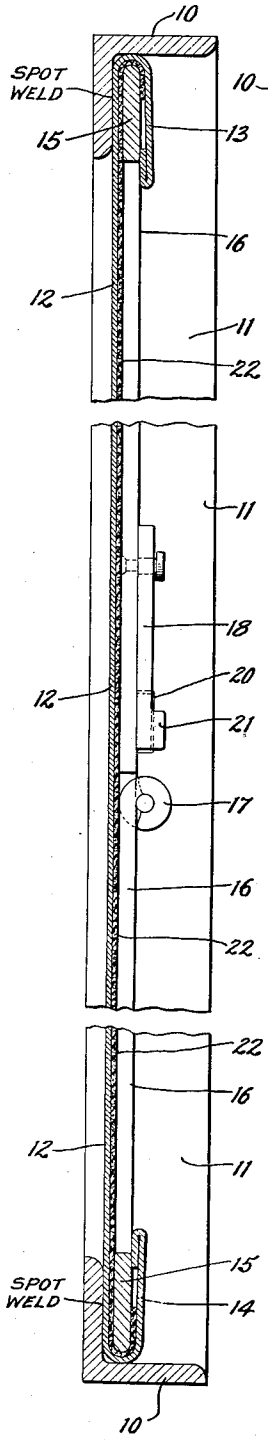


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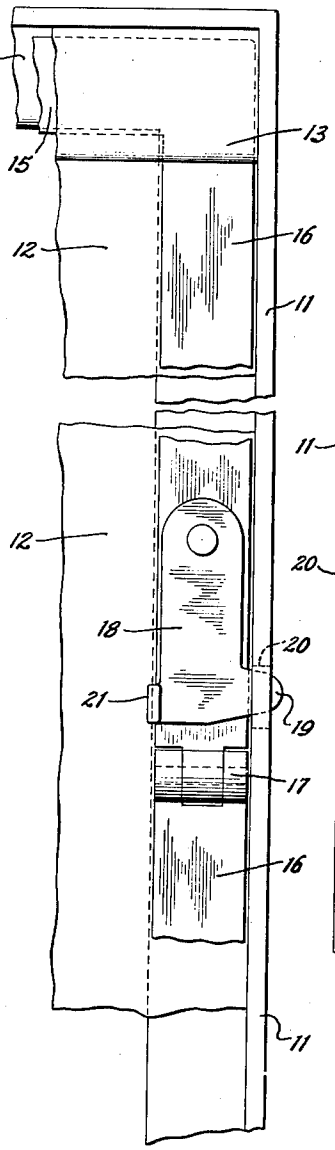
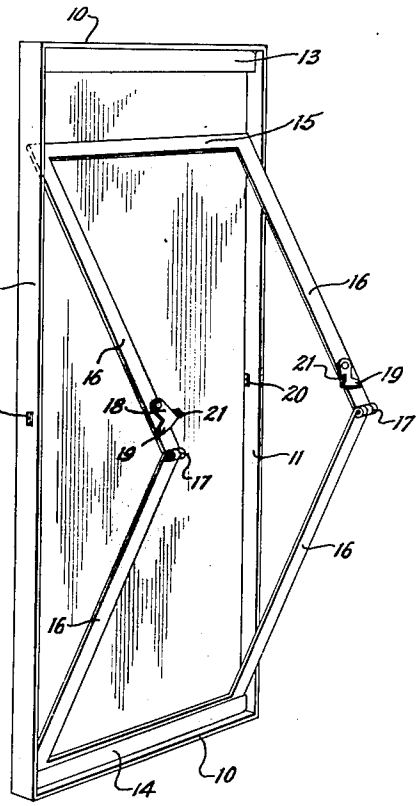


Fig 3



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This invention relates to a holder or display-board for supporting and displaying a poster or the like.

The object of the invention is to produce a simple and inexpensive device by which a poster, or any sheet of paper or other flexible material, may be stretched and securely supported against a surface upon which it is displayed, and to provide for the quick and convenient introduction and removal of the poster or the like when necessary.

To the foregoing end, the holder of the present invention, which has a generally rectangular form, is provided with two oppositely disposed parallel channels, for the reception of corresponding margins of the poster, and with a rectangular, articulated stretcher by which the poster is held in place on the frame and its margins are pressed into and held in said channels.

The invention will be described more in detail in connection with the accompanying drawing, illustrating a preferred embodiment, in which:

Fig. 1 is a vertical sectional view of the holder and a poster mounted therein, Fig. 2 is a fragmentary front elevation of the same, and Fig. 3 is a perspective view, on a smaller scale, illustrating the manner in which the stretcher is introduced and removed.

In the illustrated embodiment of the invention, the body of the holder has a rectangular frame consisting of angle-iron and comprising upper and lower horizontal members 10, 10 and side members 11, 11, these members being welded together at the corners. The body is also provided with a back-plate 12, of thin sheet metal, which fits within the side flanges of the frame and is fixed to the rear flanges, preferably by spot welding.

The upper and lower ends of the back-plate are bent forwardly and reversely, to provide channels 13 and 14 which face each other.

The poster is held against the back-plate 12 by means of a stretcher which is rectangular, in general form, and comprises flat metal strips welded together edgewise at the corners. The stretcher is of such width as to fit freely but closely between the side-members 11 of the frame, and its length is such that its end-members 15 are normally seated in the channels 13 and 14. The side-members 16 of the stretcher are divided midway of their length and provided with hinge joints 17, so that the stretcher comprises upper and lower halves pivotally connected together.

At each side, the stretcher is provided with a pivoted latch 18, having a lateral projection 19 adapted to engage a slot 20 in the corresponding side-member 11 of the frame. Each latch has a lug 21 by which it may be manipulated.

When a poster is to be inserted in the holder, the latches are disengaged and the hinge portions of the stretcher are drawn forwardly, thereby bending the stretcher to the position shown in Fig. 3 and permitting withdrawal of its ends from the channels. The poster is then laid against the back-plate and its lower margin is bent upwardly to form a short fold, into which the lower end of the stretcher is thrust. This end is then pressed down into the channel 14, thus securely binding the margin of the poster in place. The upper end of the stretcher is placed against the upper end of the poster, and the hinges are pushed back until the stretcher is in its normal extended position. This causes the upper end of the stretcher to fold the upper margin of the poster and press it into the upper channel 13, at the same time subjecting the poster to sufficient tension to draw it smoothly against the back-plate 12. The latches are then engaged with the slots 20 to secure the stretcher in place.

The folds at the ends of the poster permit it to be held under slight tension so long as the stretcher is in place, and the side-members of the stretcher cover and secure in place the lateral edges of the poster, so that it is held smoothly and securely, but the poster may be removed and replaced with another very quickly and conveniently, by a repetition of the operations described.

The invention claimed is:

1. The combination, in a holder for posters or the like, of a body provided with a surface against which a poster may be stretched, and with oppositely disposed channels for the reception of opposite margins of the poster, of a stretcher, for engaging and holding the marginal portions of the poster, pivotally jointed to permit its opposite extremities to be engaged and disengaged with said channels.

2. The combination, in a holder for posters or the like, of a body provided with a surface against which a poster may be stretched, and with oppositely disposed channels for the reception of opposite margins of the poster, a stretcher, for engaging and holding the marginal portions of the poster, pivotally joined to permit its opposite extremities to be engaged and disengaged with said channels, and latches mounted on the stretcher and cooperative with the body, for holding the stretcher in extended position.

3. The combination, in a holder for posters and the like, of a body comprising a rectangular frame of angle members, and a back-plate, seated in

and fixed to said frame, having opposite margins reversely bent to form channels for the reception of corresponding margins of a poster, and a rectangular stretcher normally engaging the poster in said channels but collapsible to permit disengagement therefrom.

4. The combination, in a holder for posters or the like, of a body with a surface against which a poster may be stretched, and with oppositely disposed channels for the reception of opposite margins of the poster, of a stretcher, for engaging and holding the marginal portions of the poster, made up of pivotally connected sections, and means for releasably securing the sections of the stretcher in position to engage its opposite extremities with said channels.

5. The combination, in a holder for posters or the like, of a body with a surface against which a poster may be stretched, and with oppositely disposed channels for the reception of opposite margins of the poster, of a stretcher, for engaging the marginal portions of the poster and holding them in said channels, having end bars and side bars, the side bars each comprising two sections rigidly attached to the end bars but pivoted to each other on an axis in the plane of the end bars.

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