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DOCUMENT HOLDER AND EXHIBITOR.

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NO MODEL.

Fig. 1.

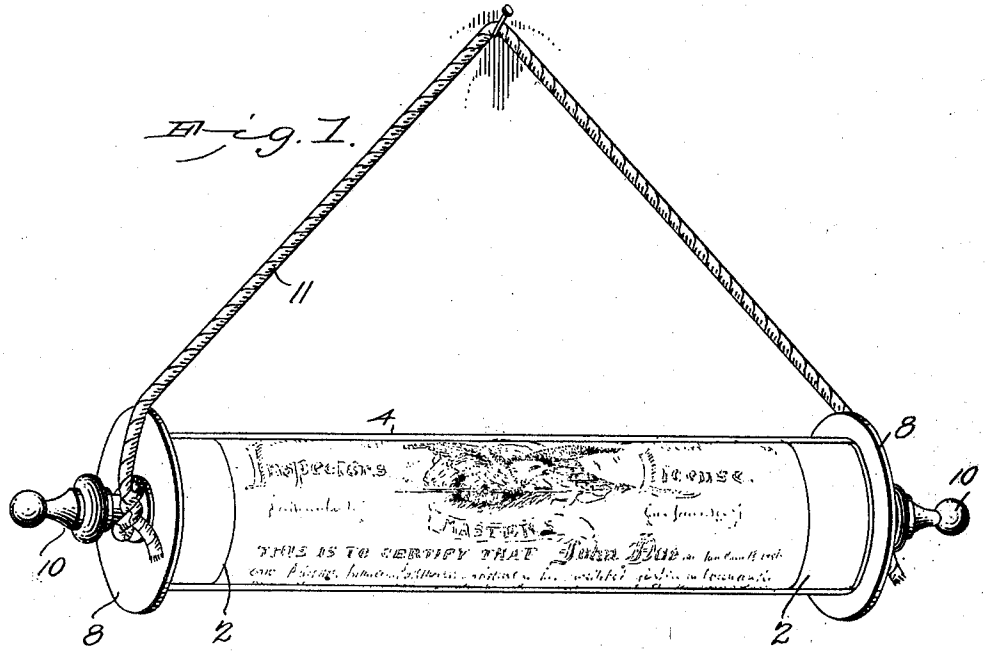


Fig. 2.

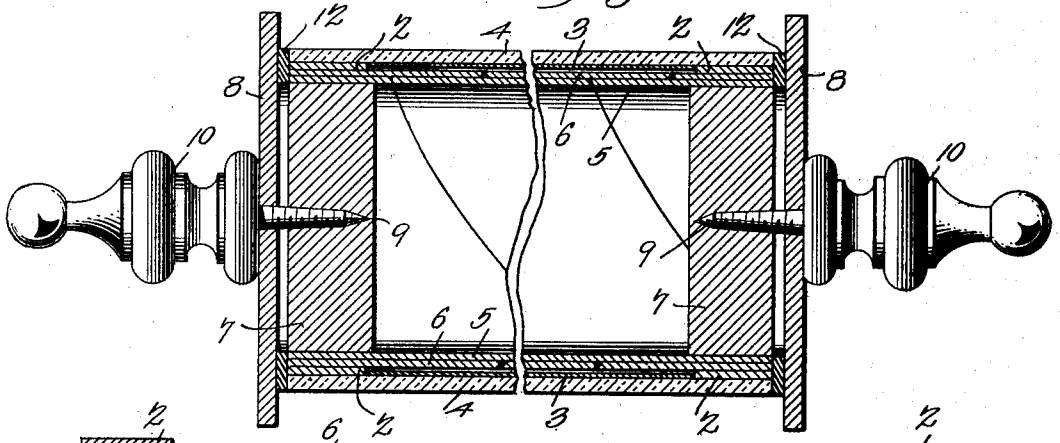
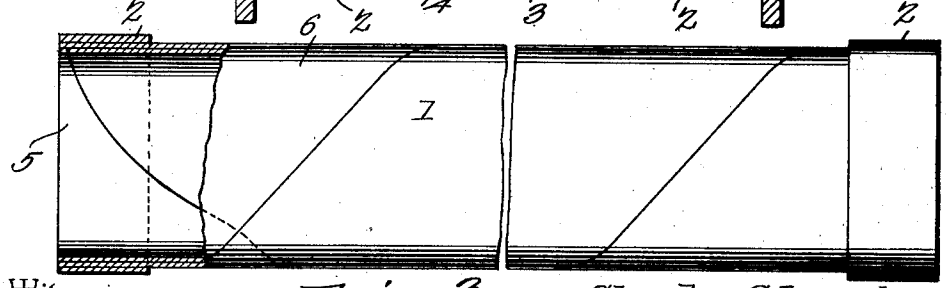


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES CARROLL LEE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Paducah, in the county of McCracken and State of Kentucky, have invented a new and useful Document Holder and Exhibitor, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates to a document holder and exhibitor.

The object of the present invention is to provide a simple and comparatively inexpensive device designed for holding and exhibiting various documents—such as licenses, diplomas, and the like—and capable of protecting the same and of enabling them to be readily read without opening the device and removing the document.

A further object of the invention is to provide a device of this character designed especially for complying with the marine requirements of pilot and engineer licenses which must be exposed under glass; and another object of the invention is to cushion the device to prevent the glass from being broken when it is subjected to a jar and to provide a water-tight receptacle which in case of the loss of a vessel will float and which when used in mines will prevent a document from being injured by dampness.

The invention consists in the construction and novel combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings, and pointed out in the claims hereto appended.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a document holder and distributor constructed in accordance with this invention. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal sectional view of the same. Fig. 3 is a detail view of the inner roll.

Like numerals of reference designate corresponding parts in all the figures of the drawings.

1 designates a paper-roll or other tubular supporting device provided at its ends on its exterior with bands 2, constructed of paper and forming an intervening exterior space or recess adapted to receive a document or documents, as indicated at 3 in Fig. 2 of the drawings, the document being arranged within a glass cylinder 4; but any other transparent cylindrical casing may be employed, if desired. The tubular supporting device in the form of paper-roll may be constructed in any suitable manner; but it is preferably constructed by coiling two strips 5 and 6 of paper or other suitable material. These strips are overlapped and secured together by adhesive material or other suitable means, and they project laterally beyond each other to form overlapping inner and outer coils. The outer faces of the portions of the outer coil are flush with each other, and the inner coil is similarly arranged and is adapted to support the outer coil at the adjacent edges of the strip. The ends of the strips are tapered, and the end bands 2 are secured to the inner roll by adhesive material or other suitable means.

Within the ends of the roll are secured plugs 7, of wood or other suitable material, and the ends of the outer transparent cylinder are closed by disks or plates 8 of greater diameter than the outer cylinder to form projecting flanges or portions, which are adapted to prevent the outer cylinder from coming in contact with a wall or other support when the device is hung against the same. These end plates or disks, which may be constructed of any desired material, are secured to the plugs 7 by screws 9, passing centrally through the disks or plates 8 and having their inner portions embedded in the said plugs. The screws are provided with ornamental heads or ends 10, which are designed to receive the ends of a cord 11 or other form of hanger for suspending the device from a nail or other support. In order to cushion the transparent outer casing to prevent the glass from being broken, an elastic ring 12 is interposed between each end of the same and the adjacent end plate, as clearly shown in Fig. 2 of the drawings. Should the device swing outward through the motion of a boat, the edges of the end plates would strike the wall and the elastic rings would cushion the glass cylinder and prevent the same from being injured. Furthermore, the elastic rings, which are partially compressed, form water-tight joints and prevent moisture from entering the device. By this construction the document-holder is adapted to float and will not sink in event of

accident to a vessel. Furthermore, the document-holder is especially adapted for use in mines for holding engineer-licenses, diplomas, and the like, as it will prevent the same from being injured by dampness.

What I claim is—

1. A device of the class described comprising an outer transparent casing, an inner tubular supporting device arranged to receive and display a document, plugs secured within the ends of the supporting device, and end plates connected with the plugs and closing the ends of the transparent casing, substantially as described.

2. A device of the class described comprising an outer transparent cylinder, an inner supporting-roll, plugs secured within the ends of the roll, end plates provided with fastening devices secured to the plugs, said end plates projecting beyond the cylinder to form protecting-flanges, and cushions interposed between the end plates and the outer cylinder and adapted also to exclude moisture, substantially as described.

3. A device of the class described comprising an outer transparent casing, an inner roll provided with exterior end bands forming an intervening groove or recess for the reception of a document, and ends closing the casing, substantially as described.

4. A device of the class described comprising a transparent casing, means for closing the ends of the casing, and an inner roll provided with exterior end bands and consisting of overlapped spirally-coiled strips having tapered ends, substantially as described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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