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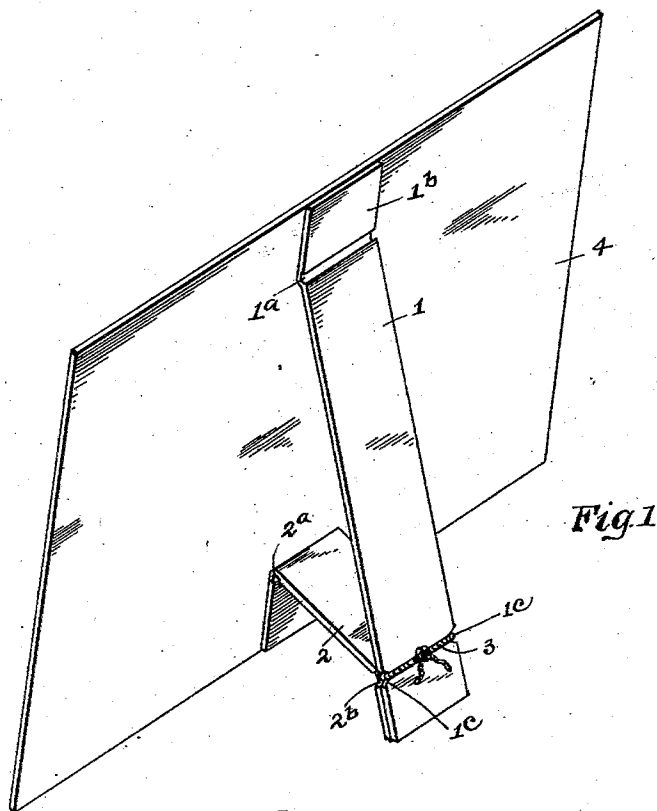


Fig. 1

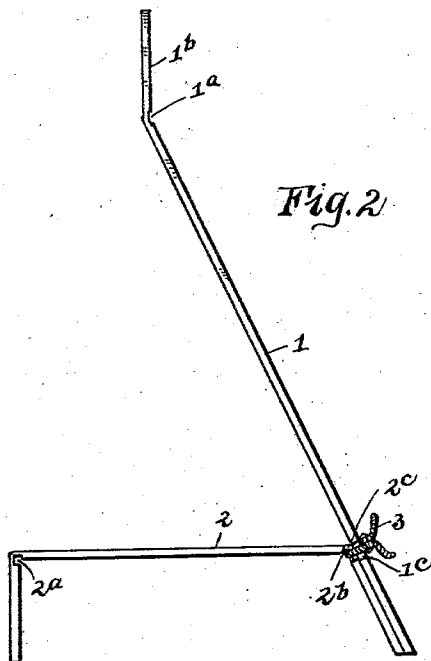


Fig. 2

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HUTCHINS C. CADY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Columbus, in the county of Franklin and State of Ohio, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Easels, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to the improvement of easels of that class which are adapted to support display or advertising cards in desirable upright positions, and has particular relation to the improvement of that class of easels disclosed in my former patent, No. 669,680, issued under date of March 12, 1901.

The objects of my present invention are to provide at a reduced cost a simple and effective easel of this class of improved construction and arrangement of parts, and to produce other improvements the details of which will be more fully pointed out hereinafter. These objects I accomplish in the manner illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a detail view in perspective of a card supported in a readable position by one of my improved easels; and Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the easel, showing the same detached.

Similar numerals refer to similar parts throughout both views.

In carrying out my present invention I form my improved easel of two sections or members, the same being indicated, respectively, at 1 and 2. The member 1, which is ordinarily in the form of an oblong strip of cardboard or similar material, has formed at a point in its upper end portion a transverse depression 1^a, this depression being formed on the outer face of said strip 1 and preferably being formed by the action of metal dies, which results in the compression of the material acted upon, as shown. As indicated in the drawings, the member 1 is bent on the line of the depression 1^a, said depressed portion thus being employed as a hinge connection between the body 1 and the upper terminal portion 1^b. Near its lower end portion the body 1 is formed on its longer edges with opposing notches 1^c. The remaining or stay member of my improved easel is also in the nature of an oblong strip of cardboard

or similar material and has formed on one side thereof, on opposite sides of the center of its length, transverse depressions 2^a and 3^a, corresponding with the depression 1^a of the member 1. At the point where the depression 2^b is formed the member 2 is provided with opposing notches 2^c.

As indicated in the drawings, the end portions of the member 2 beyond the transverse depressions 2^a and 2^b are adapted to be bent downward, the outer downwardly-bent portion thereof being secured in connection with the member 1 through the medium of a cord 3, which is tied about the members 1 and 2, said cord running through the notches 1^c and 2^c of said members. In securing the easel thus formed to a card, such as is indicated at 4, to be supported in an upright or inclined position the upper end portion 1^b of the member 1 has its rear side secured by pasting or otherwise to the rear side of the card, preferably in the upper portion of the latter, while the body of the member 1 is inclined outwardly and rearwardly, as shown from its depression 1^a. The member 2 is adapted to have its inner end or that terminal portion thereof which is beyond the depression 2^a bent at a desirable angle with the body of said member 2 to facilitate its being pasted or otherwise secured to the rear side of the card 4 at a comparatively low point, but in vertical alignment with the terminal portion 1^b of the section 1. By permitting the lower edge of the card as well as the united lower end of the section 1 and outer downturned end of the section 2 to rest upon a common support—such as a counter, show-case, or table—it is obvious that the card may be supported in a desirable readable position.

From the easel construction herein described it will be seen that a simple device of this class is produced which can be produced at a low cost of manufacture. It will also be observed that that portion of the easel which rests upon the table or other surface is strengthened by the bringing together of the ends of the members and that this is accomplished without the necessity of gluing or otherwise permanently securing said sections or members in connection with each other.

It is obvious that the formation of the transverse depressions, such as are indicated at 1^a, 2^a, and 2^b, will be superior to the scoring operation, inasmuch as in the depressing
5 action the cardboard has its thickness reduced by compression, these depressed portions thus retaining their strength and facilitating the bending of the cardboard without breaking the same.

10 Having now fully described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In an easel of the character described, the combination with the member 1 comprising
15 a strip of cardboard, said strip having a transverse depression on one of its faces near one end, of a member 2 comprising a strip of cardboard having transverse depressions on opposite sides of the center of its length and a
20 cord for tying the lower end portion or mem-

ber 1 in connection with the outer end portion of the member 2, substantially as specified.

2. In an easel of the character described, the combination with a member 1 comprising
25 a strip of cardboard having a transverse depression 1^a formed in its upper portion and opposing notches 1^b in its lower portion, of a member 2 comprising a strip of cardboard having transverse depressions formed on op-
30 posite sides of the center of its length and notches at the ends of one of said depressions and a cord passing through the notched portions of said members 1 and 2 and tied about said members, substantially as specified.

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