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Fig. 1

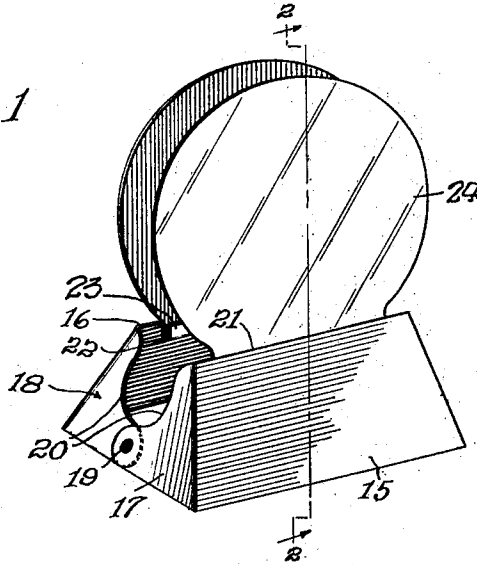


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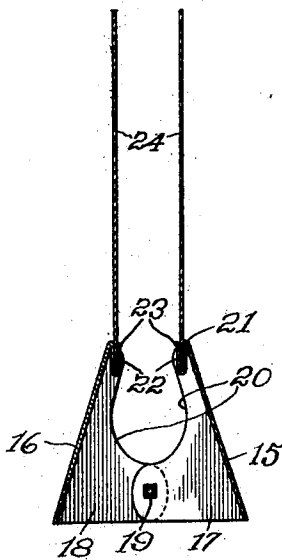
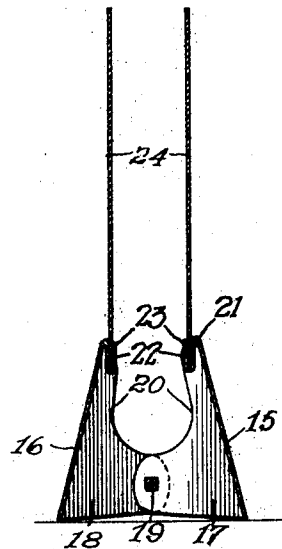


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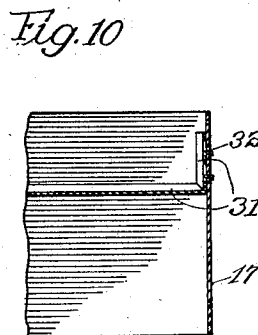
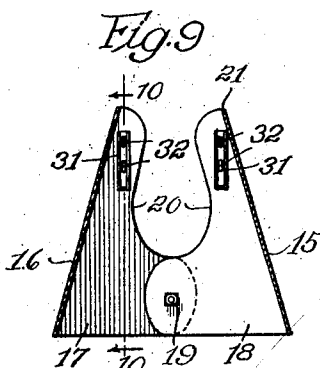
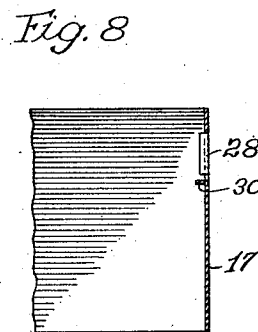
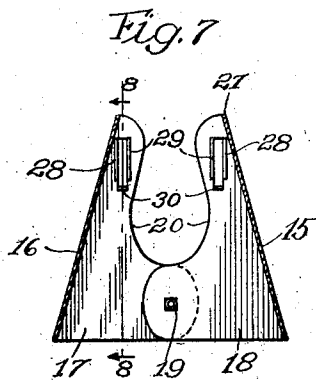
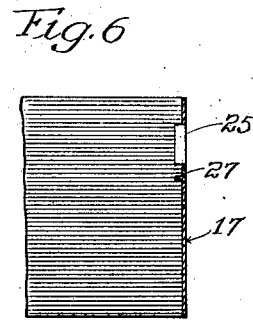
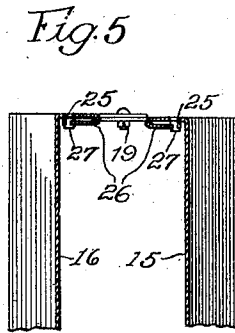
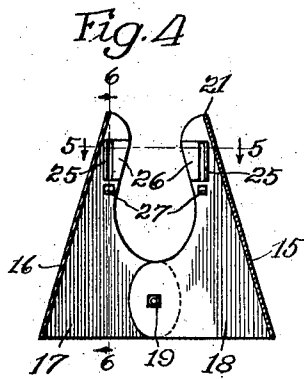


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MYER METZGER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Sign-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in display holders for tires and one of the objects of the invention is to provide an improved holder of this character for holding and displaying tires and at the same time adapted to interchangeably hold and display a sign, a card, or other advertising matter.

A further object is to provide an improved device of this character which will be simple, durable, cheap, light and compact in construction and effective and efficient in operation.

To the attainment of these ends and the accomplishment of other new and useful objects as will appear, the invention consists in the features of novelty in substantially the construction, combination and arrangement of the several parts hereinafter more fully described and claimed and shown in the accompanying drawings illustrating this invention and in which

Figure 1 is a perspective view of an improved apparatus of this character constructed in accordance with the principles of this invention.

Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view taken on line 2—2 Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a view similar to Fig. 2 showing the device in the position it will assume when holding a tire of a larger size.

Fig. 4 is a view similar to Fig. 2 of another form of the invention.

Fig. 5 is a detail horizontal sectional view on line 5—5, Fig. 4.

Fig. 6 is a detail sectional view on line 6—6, Fig. 4.

Fig. 7 is a view similar to Fig. 4 of another form of the invention.

Fig. 8 is a sectional view on line 8—8, Fig. 7.

Fig. 9 is a view similar to Fig. 7 of another form of the invention.

Fig. 10 is a sectional view on line 10—10, Fig. 9.

Referring more particularly to the drawings the numerals 15, 16 designate two members constituting a support, the ends of the respective members are deflected

laterally as at 17, 18, toward each other and are pivotally connected by means of suitable pivots 19. The members 15, 16 are of any suitable length and height and are constructed of sheet material, preferably metal so that the support thus formed will be rigid in construction. The edges of the deflected portions 17, 18 are cut away as at 20 to form a seat at each end of the support and between the members 15, 16 for the tire to rest upon, so that when the tire is placed between the members 15, 16 and upon the seats 20, it will be held by the support.

Connected with either one or both of the members 15, 16 in any suitable manner and intermediate the respective deflected portions 17, 18 is a card or sign holder which may be formed in any desired or suitable manner.

In the form of the invention shown in Figs. 1 to 3, the holder is constructed integrally and is bent or deflected below the upper edge 21 of the member, for any desired distance and is then bent back upon itself as at 22, the free edge thereof being curved or deflected outwardly and terminating substantially flush with the edge 21 of the supporting member. The bent portion 22 forms a seat for the card or sign while the curved edge 23 operates as a guide for directing the card into its seat. This seat is preferably formed so as to have a spring action upon the card to frictionally and removably hold the same in position.

In use, the tire may be placed upon the seat in the manner described, and one of the cards or signs 24 placed in the holder to project above the support and into the space within the tire or in front of the tire. A larger card or sign may also be placed into the holder of the rear member of the support and may be of such a size as to extend beyond the front sign and also beyond the periphery of the tire thereby utilizing both of the holders to simultaneously display two cards. Obviously the holder may be formed separately from the support and may be of any desired shape adapted to be so connected to the support as to be disposed in such a manner as to hold the cards in position.

As shown in Figs. 2 and 3 the members 15 and 16 are adapted to be moved about their points of pivotal connection so that the edges 20 will engage and grip tires of different diameters, and in order that the sign 24 may be maintained in an upright position,

in any position which the members 15 and 16 may assume, the sign or card holders 22 are adapted to be deflected with relation to the respective members 15—16, at the same time the sign or card may be readily removed from or inserted into the sign holder in any position of the latter.

In the form of the invention shown in Figs. 4 to 6 the holder is constructed or formed on the end members 17, 18 and to that end a portion of the end members is cut out and deflected laterally to form a stop or rest 25, and an ear or projection 26 is formed on the edge of these members. These portions 26 are deflected over the edge of the member in a direction toward and terminating short of the stop 25 to form a guideway therebetween, and a support 27 is formed on the end members preferably by cutting a portion of the members and deflecting it laterally beneath the guide or space and between the stop 25 and the edge of the deflected portion 26. It will be manifest that the sign or card will be held by these supports by inserting the edge of the card or sign into the guideway thus formed so that it will engage and rest upon the support 27.

In the form shown in Figs. 7 and 8, the end members 17, and 18 are also perpendicular as in Figs. 4 to 6 and the holders are formed by cutting portions of the end members and deflecting them inwardly as at 28, 29. These portions 28, 29 are spaced laterally and another portion of the end member is cut and deflected as at 30 to extend across the space between the portions 28, 29 to form a rest for the sign when the edges are inserted between the portions 28, 29.

In Figs. 9 and 10 the holders are formed of a separate piece of substantially U-shape in cross section as at 31 and these holders are secured to the end members 17, 18 in any suitable manner, preferably by means of fastening devices 32 which may be formed integrally with the members 31, or with the end members 17, or may be separate fastening devices. In this form of the invention, the holder 32 is so arranged that it will itself be of a substantially U-shape configuration to form a clip or support in which the end of the sign rests, the bottom of the support connecting the side arms thereof and extending across the members 15 and 16.

With this improved construction it will be manifest that a light and efficient device will be produced and it will also be possible to interchange the signs whenever desired, while at the same time the tire may be supported and the signs may not be used.

While the preferred forms of the invention have been herein shown and described, it is to be understood that numerous changes may be made in the details of construction, and in the combination and arrangement of

the several parts, within the scope of the claims, without departing from the spirit of this invention.

What is claimed as new is:—

1. A device of the character described embodying a supporting base, said base embodying two members, one of the members constituting an upright, means pivotally connecting said members whereby the said upright may be caused to assume any desired angle with respect to a supporting surface, and a sign holder flexibly connected with the upright and adapted to receive and removably hold a sign, said sign holder being independent of the pivot between the members and adapted to be flexed at will with respect to the said upright and while the parts remain intact to cause the sign to assume and maintain an upright position with respect to the supporting surface in any position which the said upright may assume.

2. A device of the character described embodying a supporting base, said base embodying two spaced and pivotally connected members both adapted to rest upon a supporting surface and being freely movable about the pivot to cause one of the members to assume any desired angle with respect to the said supporting surface, and a sign holder connected with one of the members adjacent the top thereof independent of the pivot between the members and adapted to receive and removably hold a sign, the angle of said sign holder with respect to the member to which it is connected being adapted to be varied at will and while the parts remain intact to cause the sign to assume and be maintained in an upright position with respect to the said supporting surface in any position of the last recited member with respect to the said supporting surface.

3. A device of the character described embodying a supporting base, said base embodying two members, one of the members constituting an upright, means pivotally connecting said members whereby the said upright may be caused to assume any desired angle with respect to a supporting surface, and a sign holder integral with the upright and adapted to receive and removably hold a sign, said sign holder being independent of the pivot between the members adapted to be flexed at will with respect to the said upright and while the parts remain intact, to cause the sign to assume and maintain an upright position with respect to the supporting surface in any position which the said upright may assume.

4. A device of the character described embodying a supporting base, said base embodying two spaced and pivotally connected members both adapted to rest upon a supporting surface and being freely movable about the pivot to cause one of the members

to assume any desired angle with respect to the said supporting surface, and a sign holder integral with one of the members adjacent the top thereof independent of the
5 pivot between the members and adapted to receive and removably hold a sign, the angle of said sign holder with respect to the member to which it is connected being adapted to be varied at will and while the
10 parts remain intact, to cause the sign to as-

sume and be maintained in an upright position with respect to the said supporting surface in any position of the last recited member with respect to the said supporting surface.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification, on this 19th day of December, A. D. 1918.

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