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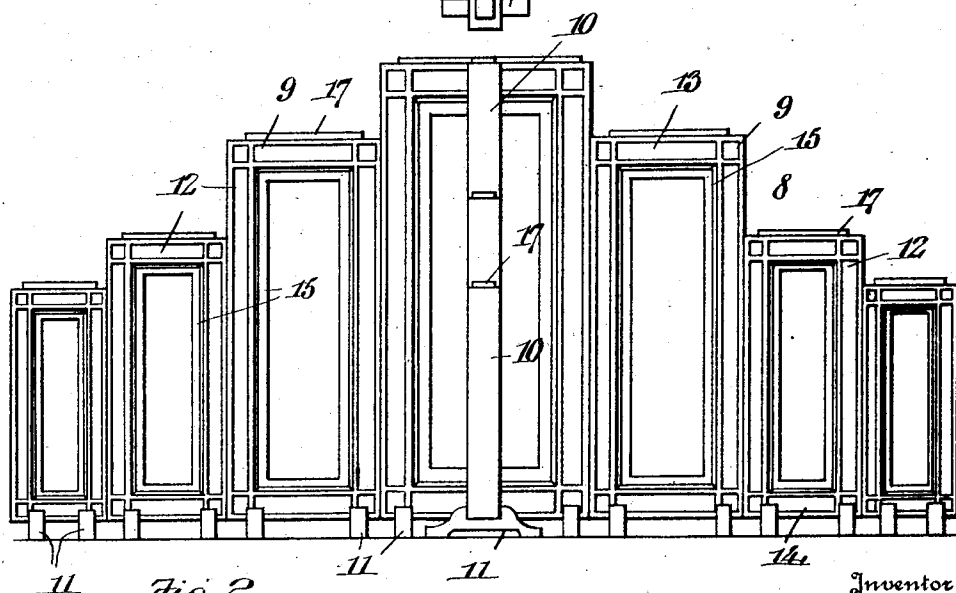
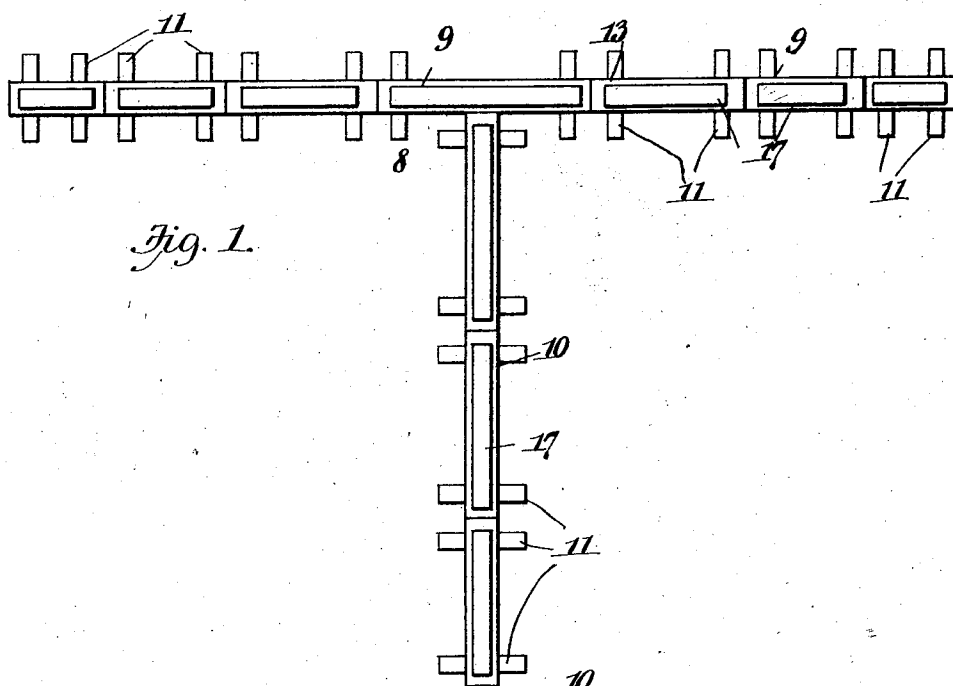
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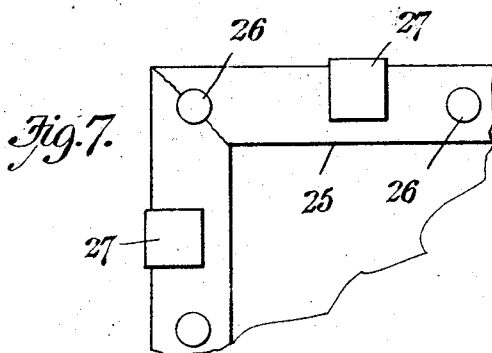
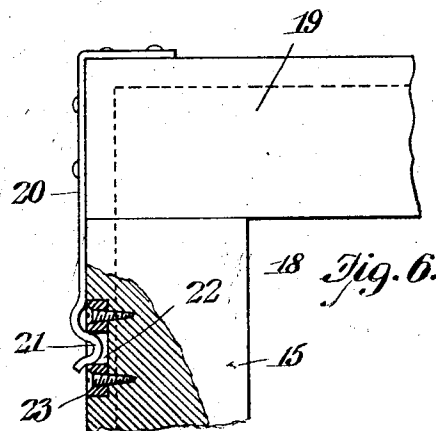
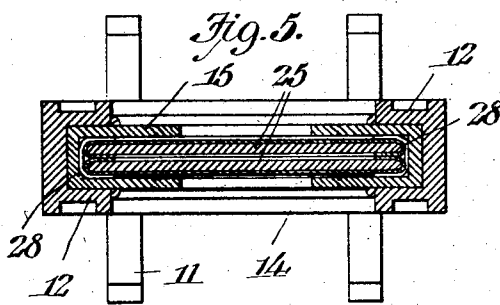
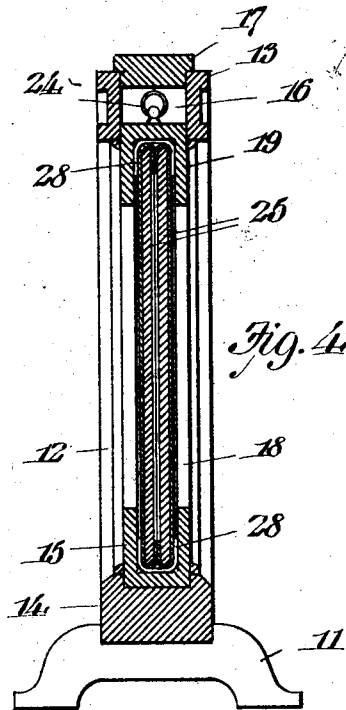
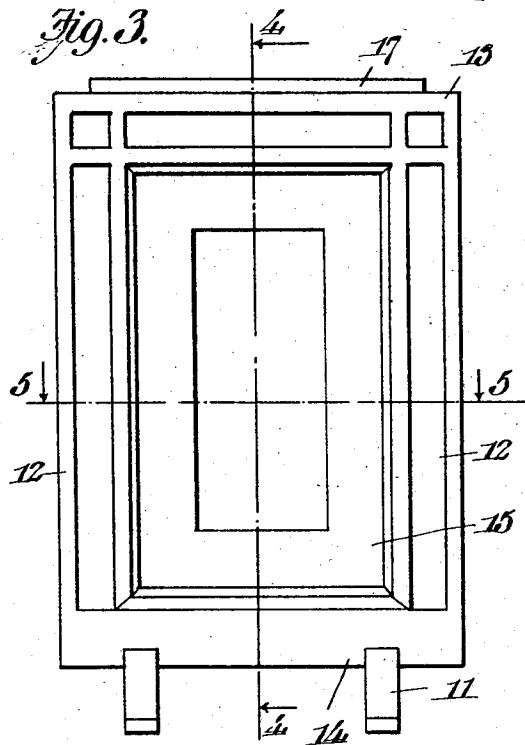
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, EDWIN T. GRAY, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York city, county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Sheet-Material-Display Devices, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to means for the display of sheet material, such as fabric, paper, etc., the primary object of the invention being to provide means whereby the coloring and design of sheet materials, such as tapestry or wall paper may be properly displayed to the best advantage and effect in proper harmonious settings.

A further object of the invention is to provide means whereby sheet material for display may be quickly and easily associated with any one of a number of varied styles, designs or tinted frames, whereby varied combinations or contrasts may be effected for the accommodation of prospective purchasers of the goods displayed.

A still further object of the invention is to provide a frame or supporting rack for the purposes specified, wherein the application to or removal from such frames of the material to be displayed is characterized by simplicity of operation and construction, and wherein such operations may be quickly performed by other than those especially skilled in this respect.

With these objects in view, together with others which will appear as the description proceeds, the invention consists in the novel construction, combination and arrangement of parts, all as will be described more fully hereinafter, illustrated in the drawings, and particularly pointed out in the claims.

In the drawing:

Fig. 1 is a top plan view of a proposed display rack embodying the invention,

Fig. 2 is a front elevation of the rack,

Fig. 3 is an enlarged front elevation of one of the sections of the rack wherein the material to be displayed is housed,

Fig. 4 is a vertical sectional view taken substantially upon line 4—4 of Fig. 3.

Fig. 5 is a transverse sectional view taken upon line 5—5 of Fig. 3,

Fig. 6 is an enlarged fragmentary side elevation of one corner of a display frame, and

Fig. 7 is a fragmentary view showing a means for securing fabric to one of the display forms.

The invention contemplates generally an arrangement for use in display parlors or show windows, and while adapted in the particular instance for the display of wall coverings, such as tapestry and wall paper, it will be understood that it is susceptible to use for other materials. The rack or frame disclosed in Figs. 1 and 2 comprises a plurality of sections associated together in permanent or semi-permanent manner, to form walls in which the paper or other materials are displayed. The various sections may be of varied sizes, graduated in an artistic and attractive manner, and the frames may be plain or decorated as desired. The frame or rack so shown, while occupying comparatively small space, is capable of displaying a great variety of styles, designs or tints or wall covering in various environments, for the production of results that will be obvious.

In Figures 1 and 2, the frames are represented at 8, and comprise a plurality of frames 9, placed in alignment, as shown, to form a background for display, and centrally and at right angles to said background are disposed other frames 10, projecting forwardly from said background formation from approximately the central point thereof, or at any other point, for forming an L position of said frames. These frames of the rear and forwardly projecting alignment may be, if so desired, secured together in any well known manner to assure the maintenance of the position shown, and each unit or frame is supported by two feet as shown at 11.

Each of the sections 9—10 constitutes a

separate and distinct frame in itself, and each frame, is designed to removably accommodate panels of material to be displayed. Each frame comprises vertical side members 12 properly spaced apart in parallel relation, and connected at their upper and lower ends by the cross members 13 and 14. The frame members 12—14 have their inner surfaces channeled as shown to receive a removable carrier indicated at 15. This carrier is applied to or removed from the frame 12 through the opening 16 in the upper cross member 13 of the frame, and a cap or cover member 17 normally closes the said opening.

The carrier 15 is of rectangular shape and of a size to be properly housed or accommodated within the frame, and is provided with a rectangular opening 18 having its edges parallel with the upright and cross members of the display frame 12. The opening 18 is of such length and breadth as to expose on all sides a margin of the frame of uniform breadth and this margin may be colored, tinted or decorated in a manner best suited to the style or color of paper to be associated therewith. The carrier 15 has its upright side members and its bottom member provided with a channel as shown, and the upper cross member 19 of this carrier is removable in order that access may be had to the interior thereof. This cross or closure member 19 is provided with an internal channel corresponding to the channel in the lower member. The member 19 is provided at its ends with downwardly extending spring arms 20, the lower ends of which are deflected inwardly to provide a catch 21 for engagement within a recess 22 in a plate 23 secured within the outer edges of the upright members of the carrier 15. The catch and plate recess are so arranged that the said catch will securely hold the cover member 19 in place when engaged with each other, and the spring catches may be quickly released by applying outward pull to the lower ends thereof. The cover member 19 is also provided intermediate its ends and upon its upper surface with a finger grip 24 for convenience both in carrying the member 15 about or in removing the cover member from the carrier member. This finger grip will be enclosed by the cap plate 17 when the device is assembled.

The carrier member 15 receives the display forms 25. These forms may be solid slabs of wood or composition material or they may be light frames of such size as to be snugly accommodated within the internal channels in the carrier 15. It is preferred that two of these forms be associated with each carrier member, and the channels in the latter are constructed for the accommodation of the same.

In use, a section of tapestry or wall paper sufficiently large to cover the form 25 is ap-

plied thereto in any preferred manner. The material may be stretched upon the forms and pasted or glued at their edges, or they may be fastened on with either thumb tacks 26 or by means of spring clamps 27. One or both of such devices may be used in holding the material tightly stretched across the form, and the two forms are then placed together back to back and spring clamps 28 are engaged at proper intervals around the edges of the forms thus associated to hold them properly together when introducing them as a unit to the carrier 15. When inserted within the carrier, the cover member 19 is placed in position and the catches 21 are snapped into locking engagement with plates 23. The carrier thus assembled is then inserted in the frame 12, whereupon the closure members 17 are placed in position.

The frames 12, as heretofore stated, may be plain or ornamental, and may be of varied tints or shades representing varieties of interior finish or wood work. With the frames thus arranged in a variety of colors and styles, it is apparent that tapestries and wall papers may be associated therewith so that perspective purchasers of such materials may be acquainted with the effects and contrasts to be produced. By constructing the several sections or frames of the display rack in similar sizes, it is apparent that the various carriers 15 may be interchanged so that greater variety or contrasts may be observed.

From the foregoing it is apparent that I have provided a display rack or frame which is of extremely simple construction and operation and yet which is fully capable of performing the various functions set forth. By arranging the rack with a greater or less number of frames or sections all having their frame work varying in ornamentation and color, it is obvious that a large variety of effects may be obtained by interchange of the various carrying members having therein the materials stretched upon the display forms.

Having thus described my invention I claim:

1. In a device of the class described, a frame having an internal channel open at the top, a carrier frame of rectangular shape having a channel in its inner edges, one side of said carrier frame being removable and having a channel to communicate with the channel of said carrier frame, spring arms carried by said cover and extending over the outer edges of the nearest adjacent side of the frame, the said carrier frame having recesses therein to receive said catches, and display forms received within said channels.

2. A device of the character described having in combination a frame having an internal channel, said channel being open at

the top, a cover for said frame, a carrier frame slidable within said channel through said opening and having a channel in its inner edges, and a central opening, the top member of said frame being removable, spring arms secured to said top member having their lower ends bent to form a catch removably engaging recesses in the side members of said carrier frame, display forms slidable within said carrier channel through the top thereof, comprising separable members adapted to receive the material to be displayed and means for securing said material to said forms and arranging the same in assembled relation, back to back, for introducing them as a unit within the channeled carrier frame.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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