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FIG. 1

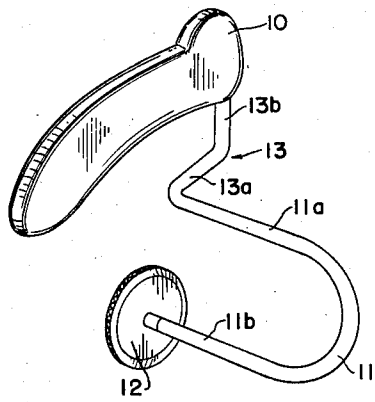


FIG. 2

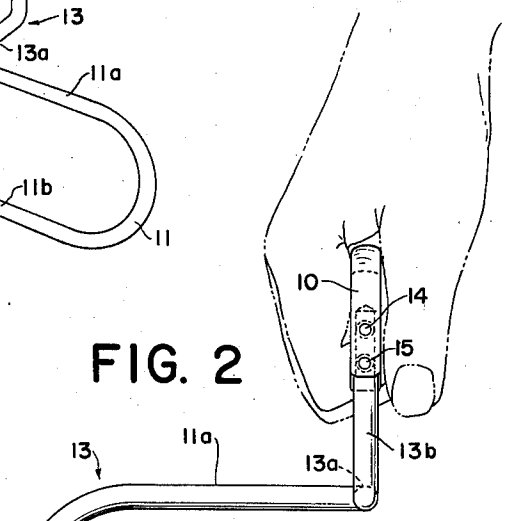
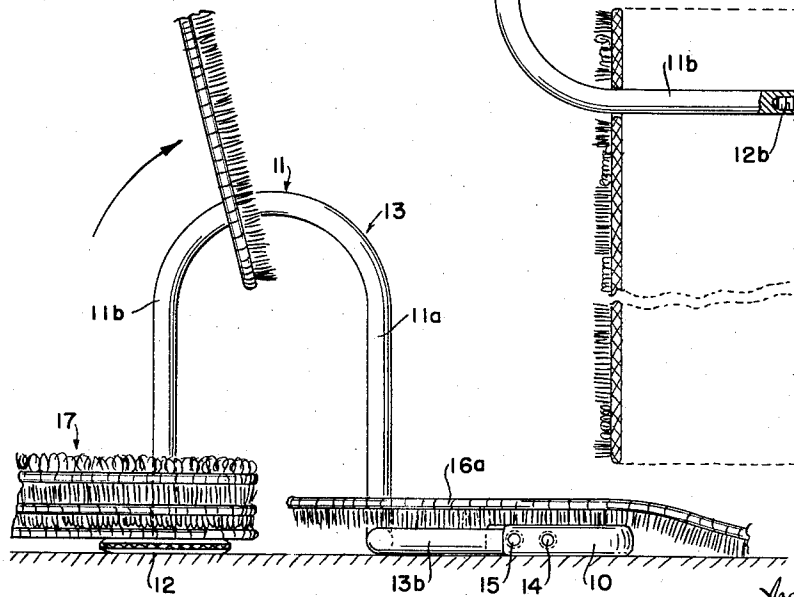


FIG. 3



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This invention relates to holders for flat articles and resides more particularly in a novel holder, which may be used in manually transporting a group of such articles lying face to face and makes it possible to deposit the articles in a stack and then display them one at a time. The new holder may be used in connection with articles of numerous kinds but, since all its advantages are realized when it is used for transporting and displaying samples of carpet, a form of the holder for that application will be illustrated and described in detail for purposes of explanation.

At the present time, it is frequently necessary for carpet salesmen to carry samples of different carpets to the homes of prospective purchasers, in order that the color, surface texture, and other characteristics of the samples may be observed in locations, where the carpet may be laid. The samples for the purpose are squares of the material about 2 ft. on a side and a number of such samples makes a package, which is cumbersome and awkward to handle. Also, if the samples are wrapped, the wrapping must be removed before and replaced after the samples have been displayed.

For a better understanding of the invention, reference may be had to the accompanying drawing, in which—

Fig. 1 is a view of one form of a new holder in perspective;

Fig. 2 is a view of the holder in front elevation, showing the mounting of a group of samples of carpet thereon; and

Fig. 3 is a view of the holder in front elevation with the samples arranged in a stack.

The holder in the form illustrated in Fig. 1 comprises a handle **10** which may be of any suitable shape and material and is shown as having been formed from a flat piece of metal, such as an aluminum plate. The holder includes a loop **11** for supporting the articles and the loop is formed of a metal rod bent upon itself so that the two sides **11***a*, **11***b* of the loop are substantially parallel. At one end of one of the sides, in this case, the side **11***b*, there is mounted a cap **12**, which is shown as a disc having a neck **12***a* with a terminal screw **12***b* receivable in a threaded opening in the end of side **11***b* of the loop.

The free end of the other side **11***a* of the loop is attached to the handle by a connection **13** and the connection is preferably a continuation of the rod, of which the loop is formed. The connection may extend directly upwardly in the plane of the loop to the handle but it is preferable, however, to attach the connection to the handle near one end. Accordingly, the connection includes a section **13***a* attached to the end of the side **11***a* of the loop and extending at a right angle to the plane of the loop and approximately in the plane of the handle. The section **13***a* of the connection is then secured to the handle by a section **13***b*, which has an end of reduced diameter received in an opening in the handle and held in place by a pair of set screws **14**, **15**.

In the use of the holder, the cap **12** is removed from the end of side **11***b* of the loop and the articles, such as carpet samples **16**, to be carried are perforated near one edge and threaded on the side **11***b* of the loop. As successive samples are mounted on the side of the loop, they are pushed along toward the closed end of the loop until the holder has been filled to capacity. The cap **12** is now threaded on the end of the side **11***b* of the loop and the holder may then be lifted by the handle to transport the group of samples. As the samples are threaded on one side of the loop, their planes lie parallel to the plane of the handle so that, as the holder is being carried in the hand, the samples lie with their planes extending in the direction of movement of the person carrying the holder and thus do not strike his legs.

The handle **10** and the cap **12** have portions lying in a common plane and, preferably, the flat outer surface of the cap lies in a plane with the face of the handle opposite that on the side of the loop. When it is desired to display the individual samples, the holder is placed upon a supporting surface with the outer face of the cap and the corresponding face of the handle resting on the surface. In that position of the holder, the loop extends upward from the surface and the samples form a stack **17** resting on the upper surface of the cap. In threading the samples on the holder, they are placed with their pile surfaces facing the closed end of the loop and, when the holder is placed upon the supporting surface with the samples stacked on top of the cap, the pile surfaces of the samples are uppermost. When the top sample has been examined, it may be lifted clear of the stack, moved along the loop, and deposited upside down upon the top of the handle in the position indicated at **16***a*. The pile surface of the next sample is then exposed at the top of the stack and, after this sample has been examined, it may be moved to rest face down upon sample **16***a*. The operations described may be continued until all the samples in the stack have been exposed, whereupon the samples may be restored to their position one by one or in group. The samples may thus be shown one at a time without being removed from the holder and, when the display is completed and the samples are to be transported elsewhere, it is only necessary to pick up the holder by its handle, since the samples have not been removed from the holder during their display.

I claim:

A holder for transporting and displaying a plurality of flat articles, which comprises a metal loop having sides of substantially equal length, a removable cap on the end of one side, a handle above the loop and at approximately a right angle to the plane of the loop, the handle having portions lying on opposite sides of said plane and a surface lying substantially in a plane with a surface on the cap, and a connection between the other end of the loop and the handle near one end thereof, the connection including a part attached to the loop and lying substantially at a right angle to the plane of the loop and parallel to the handle and a second part extending upward parallel to the plane of the loop.

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