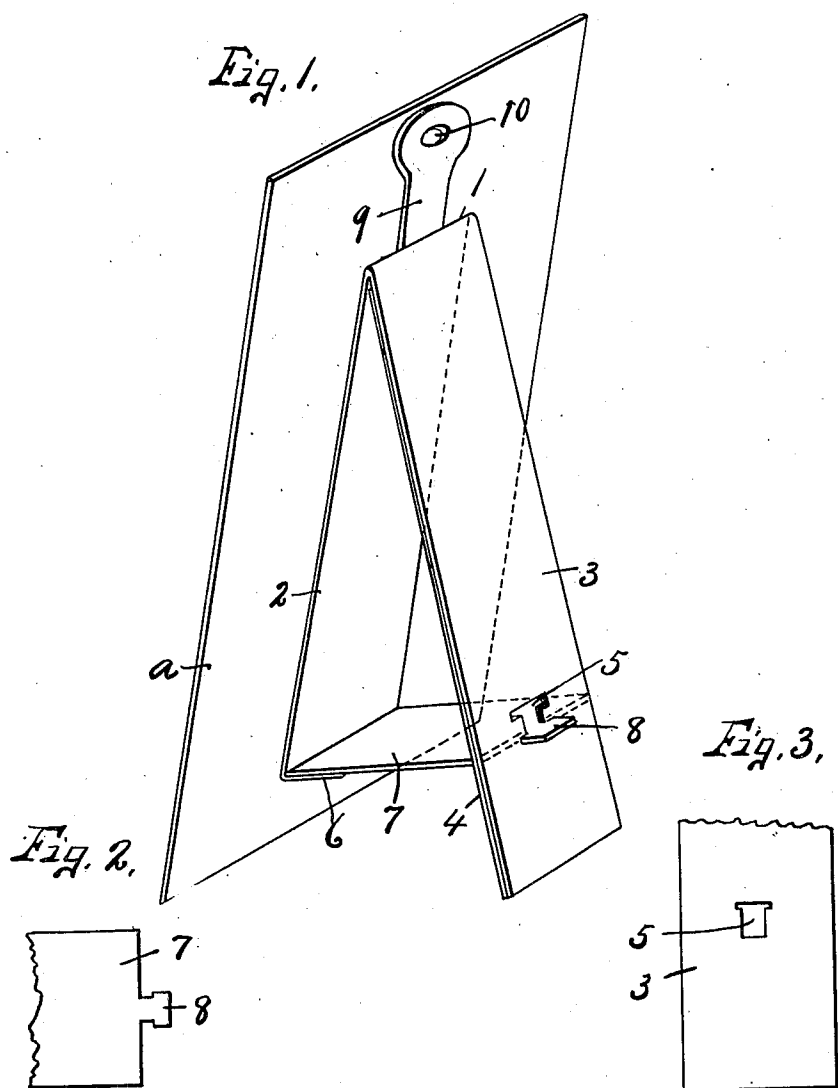


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHESTER R. HOAG, of Newark, in the county of Essex, in the State of New Jersey, have invented new and useful
5 Improvements in Easels, of which the following, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to improvements in
10 easels, and refers more particularly to paper or cardboard easels for supporting photographs, advertising-cards, and analogous articles.

My object is to produce a collapsible paper
15 or cardboard easel having substantially two legs hinged together at one end and a brace attached to the lower end of one leg and having its free end detachably interlocked with the other leg intermediate its ends.

20 One of the specific objects is to provide the brace and leg with which it interlocks with shoulders or locking elements which when moved to a certain position prevents such parts from being pulled apart or collapsed and
25 when moved, to another position permits these parts to be separated and folded upon the front leg.

Another object is to provide the easel with a suitable apertured projection whereby it
30 may be hung upon a nail or other projection upon a wall.

Other objects and uses will be brought out in the following description.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective
35 view of my improved easel shown as operatively secured to a card. Fig. 2 is a top plan of the locking end of the brace. Fig. 3 is an elevation of a portion of the rear leg of the easel, showing the T-shaped slot with
40 which the brace interlocks.

This easel comprises, essentially, a strip of paper which is folded at 1 to form front and rear legs 2 and 3, the rear leg 3 being somewhat longer than the front leg and reinforced
45 by a comparatively stiff piece of cardboard 4 of substantially the same length and width, said reinforcing-piece 4 being adhesively secured to the inner face and constituting a part of the rear leg 3.

50 The leg 3 and its reinforcing-piece 4 are formed with a T-shaped slot 5, substantially midway between its side edges and some dis-

tance above the lower edge, the head or larger part of the slot 5 being at the top.

The front leg 2, which is shorter than the
55 leg 3, is adhesively secured to the card, as *a*, somewhat above the lower edge of said card, which in such case becomes a part of the easel, the lower edges of the card *a* and leg 3 resting upon a table or other support to hold
60 the card and easel in an upright position. The lower end of the leg 2 is bent rearwardly, forming a ledge 6, to which is adhesively secured the front end of a brace 7. This brace
65 7 is of substantially the same width as the legs 2 and 3 and when free is adapted to be folded with the flap 6 against the rear face of the leg 2, but its free end is formed with a
T-shaped projection 8, which is reduced in
width to substantially the transverse length
70 of and enters the wider part of the slot 5 in the leg 3.

The narrow portion or neck of the T-shaped head 8 is of substantially the same or
75 slightly less width than the narrower portion or neck of the slot 5, so that when the head 8 is inserted through the slot 5 its narrow portion is depressed into the narrow portion of said slot, thereby locking the brace and leg 3
80 together to prevent the spreading or collapse of said leg and constituting a substantially triangular easel, it being understood that the portion of the brace in front of the narrow portion of the head 8 engages the front face
85 of the leg 3 and that the larger portion of the head 8 engages the rear face of the leg 3.

A tab or projection 9, of paper or equivalent material, is adhesively secured to the front leg 2 of the easel, preferably between it
90 and the card *a*, and is formed with an aperture 10, whereby the complete device may be suspended from a suitable projection, as a nail or other wall fastening.

When it is desired to collapse this easel for storage or transportation, the free end of the
95 brace 7 is rocked upwardly until the larger part of the head 8 is registered with the larger part of the slot 5, whereupon the leg 3 may be moved rearwardly, or the front leg moved forwardly to withdraw the head 8 through
100 the slot 5, after which the brace 7 is folded upwardly against the front leg 2 and the rear leg 3 is folded forwardly upon the brace and front leg, thus producing an easel which

occupies a minimum space when collapsed and may be manufactured at a minimum cost and applied to any photograph or other article to be displayed for supporting it in a substantially upright position.

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

An easel comprising a front leg, a rear leg hinged at its upper end to the front leg and having a T-shaped slot in its lower end with the larger end of the slot uppermost, a brace having one end hinged to the lower end of the

front leg and its other end formed with a T-shaped head having its narrower portion of a width approximately equal that of the lower reduced portion of the slot, and its wider portion of a width approximately equal that of the upper enlarged end of the slot.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 23d day of January, 1905.

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