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Fig. 1.

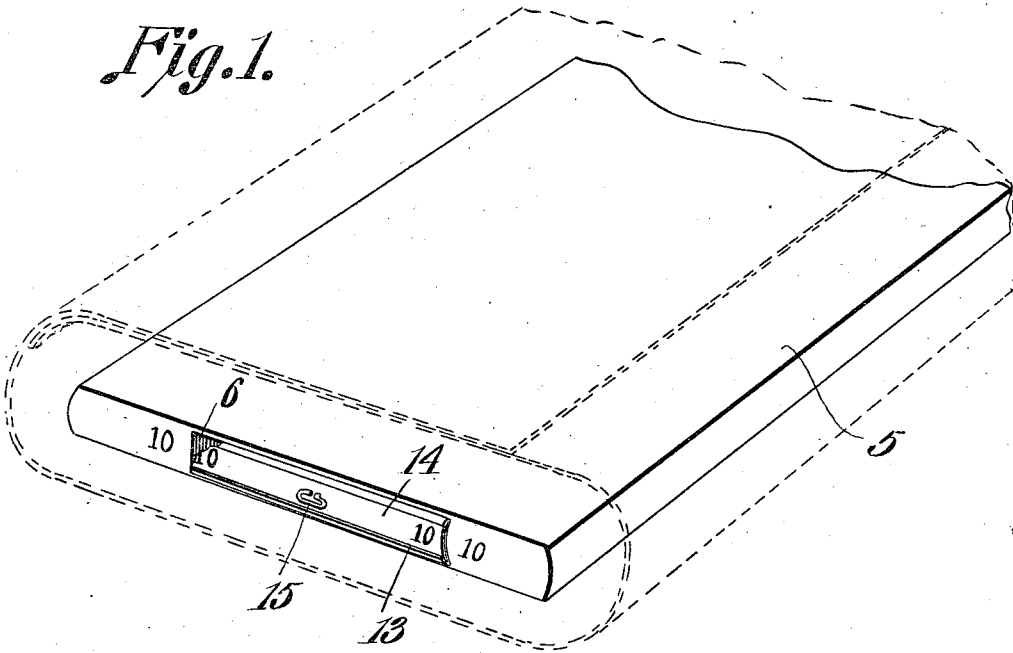
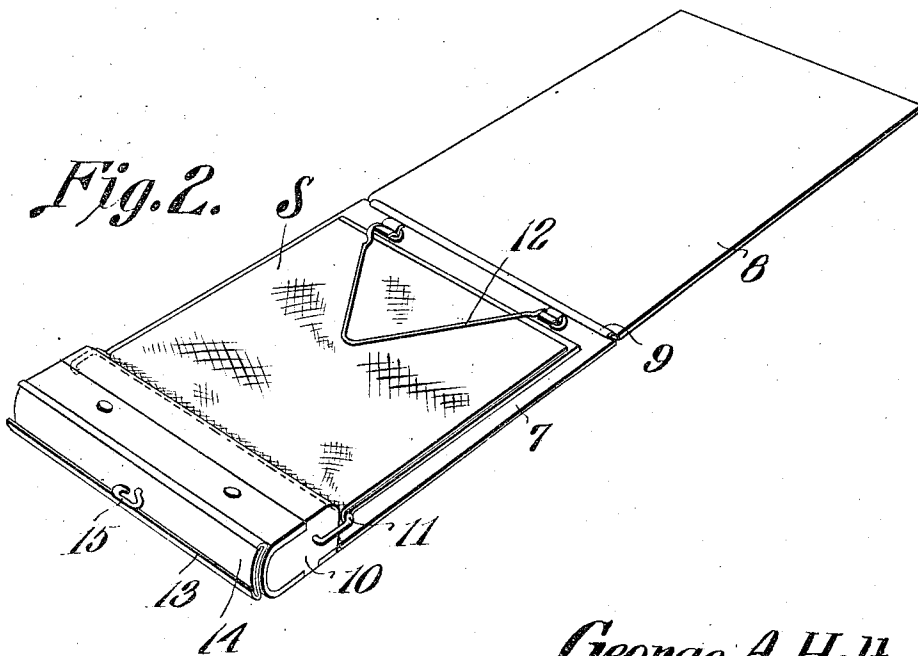


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE A. HOLTZ, a citizen of the United States, residing at Riverside, in the county of Riverside and State of California, have invented a new and useful Combined Bolt-Board and Sample-Holder, of which the following is a specification.

It is the object of the present invention to provide a bolt board embodying a pocket having a sample holder removably fitted therein.

At present, it is customary, in showing cloth to a customer, for the salesman to place the entire bolt of cloth upon the counter for the customer's inspection and, in fact, it is in some places customary to unroll a greater or less length of the cloth in order that it may be conveniently handled and inspected.

It is the object of the present invention therefore to provide, in a bolt board, a sample holder removably fitted in a pocket in the board, this sample holder being arranged to hold a sufficient length and width of the cloth upon the bolt, to serve as a suitable sample to be displayed to the customer. Thus, it is only necessary in using the device of the present invention, for the salesman to remove the sample holder from the bolt board and present the same to the customer for his or her inspection. Thus, repeated handling of the cloth of the bolt is obviated, considerable of the salesman's time is saved, and the customer may quickly and readily inspect a greater number of samples than would be otherwise possible.

Furthermore, it is customary at the present time, in presenting the customer with a sample, to cut a strip of greater or less length and width from the end of the bolt and if this is cut, for example, from one corner at the said end, and a portion of the bolt is thereafter sold, the remaining width at the end is a clear loss to the merchant. As a consequence, in using the device of the present invention, a strip is cut from the bolt entirely across one end and this strip is placed in the sample holder and should a customer desire a sample of the goods, a portion of the strip may be cut off by the salesman.

In the accompanying drawing Figure 1 is a perspective view of one end of a bolt board, the bolt of cloth thereon being shown

in dotted lines. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the sample holder removed from the board and opened.

In the drawings, the bolt board is indicated by the numeral 5 and at one end is formed with a pocket 6. The board may be of composite structure or the pocket may be cut in the end of an integral board. In fact, the pocket may be formed in any manner desired and found suitable.

As heretofore stated, the sample holder is removably fitted in the pocket 6 and this holder, while it may be of any desired construction, is here illustrated as booklike in form, it comprising a leaf 7 and a leaf 8, these leaves being hingedly connected (by a strip of cloth or in any other suitable manner) as at 9. At the free end of the leaf 7 there is a head 10 extending entirely thereacross and this head is of a thickness equal to the height of the pocket at its mouth, the head being furthermore of a length equal to the width of the pocket so that when the holder is disposed within the pocket, the mouth of the pocket will be completely closed and one edge of the head will be presented at the end of the board 5. As heretofore stated, the sample which is to be held between the leaves 7 and 8, is cut from one end of the cloth forming the bolt and this sample strip is of a width equal to or slightly less than the width of the holder although it is of a length equal to the width of the cloth upon the bolt and consequently several times the length of either leaf 7 or 8. To hold the sample strip in folded condition and in proper position for inspection, a member 11 is provided and consists of a strand of wire bent at its ends and secured at its said ends to the head 10, the said strand between its ends extending in spaced relation to the said head 10. The sample strip indicated by the reference character S is folded several times and engaged at its folds over the wire 11. The strip is held flat upon the leaf 7 through the instrumentality of a clip 12 also formed of wire and secured at its ends to the leaf 7 near its hinged end. This clip 12 is resilient and may be swung up away from the leaf for the purpose of inserting the folded strip S therebeneath or disengaging one or more folds of the said strip from between the clip and the leaf.

A suitable card holder 13 of the ordinary or any other suitable form is carried by the head 10 at its edge which is presented at the mouth of the pocket and in this holder
 5 is a card 14 upon which may be printed or written the nature of the cloth, the price thereof, etc. A screw eye 15 is secured through the card holder 13 and into the head 10 and inasmuch as in the preferred form
 10 of the invention this card holder is concave in its rear side and is fitted against the convex edge of the head 10, the screw eye 15 may be the only securing means provided for holding the card holder upon the head.
 15 From the foregoing description of the invention it will be seen that there is provided a bolt board having a pocket in which is removably fitted a sample holder arranged to hold a sample strip of the cloth upon the
 20 bolt, in position for convenient inspection by a customer, the said sample holder being removed from the pocket in the bolt board

by the salesman, instead of placing the entire bolt before the customer.

What is claimed is:

A sample holder, comprising two hing- 25
 edly connected leaves, a head carried by the outer end of one of said leaves transversely thereof, a sample holder bent from a single 30
 strand of wire and having its terminals pivotally connected in the outer ends of the head and its body parallel to the inner face thereof, and a retaining clip carried by the 35
 same leaf as the head at the opposite end thereof and disposed to cooperate with the sample holder to retain the free end of the sample against the body of the leaf.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own, I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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