

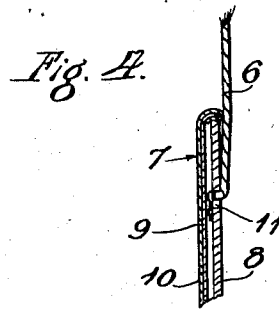
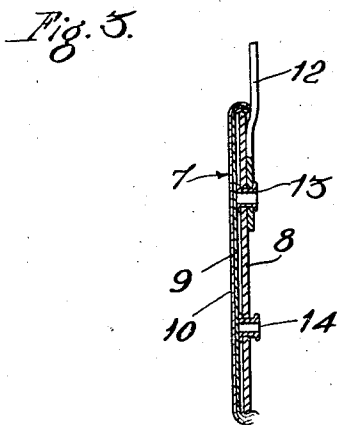
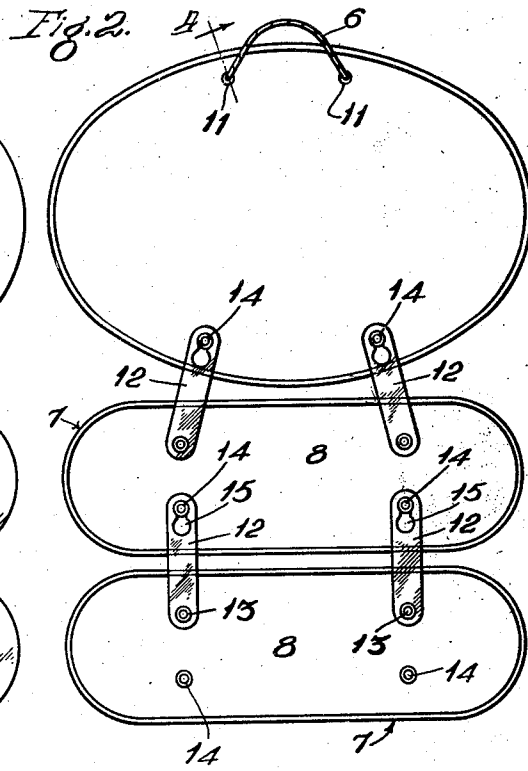
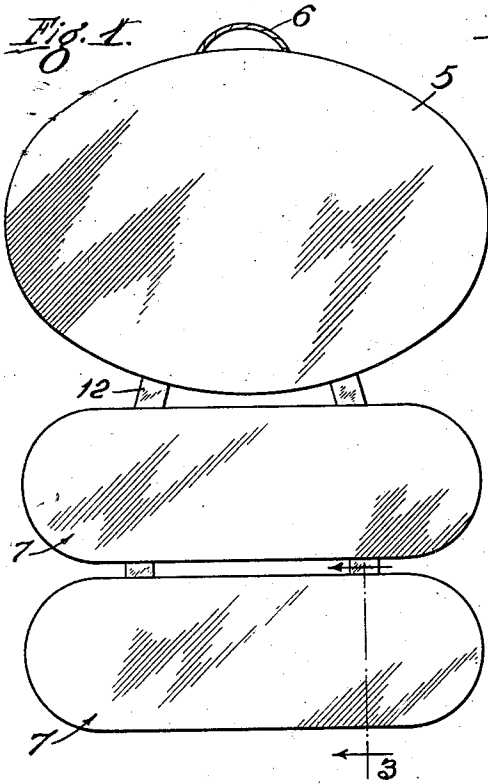
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My invention relates more particularly, though not exclusively, to display devices used more particularly for advertising purposes and comprising a series of plate-like members connected together in depending position, one above the other and commonly supported from the uppermost one of the members, this type of display device being commonly provided for the ready separation of the various members one from the other to permit of the adding to, or subtracting from, the display device of one or more of the dependingly supported plate-like members, or the re-arrangement of said members.

One of my objects is to provide a novel, simple, and economical construction of display device of the general character above referred to.

Another object is to improve the appearance of such a device making it more attractive, and particularly by providing the means for supporting the plate-like members one from the other, of such construction as to avoid an unsightly appearance and still render such means economical of construction.

Another object is to render the supporting means for the members as inconspicuous as possible; and other objects as will be manifest from the following description.

Referring to the accompanying drawings: Figure 1 is a face view of a display device constructed in accordance with my invention. Figure 2 is a back view of the same.

Figure 3 is an enlarged broken section taken at the line 3 on Fig. 1 and viewed in the direction of the arrow; and

Figure 4, an enlarged broken section taken at the line 4 on Fig. 2 and viewed in the direction of the arrow.

Referring to the particular illustrated construction, it comprises a main plate-like, or plaque, member 5 having a loop 6 at its upper end at which it is adapted to be supported for display; and a series of parallel plate-like, panel, members 7 which may be provided of any suitable number, two only thereof being shown, dependingly supported one above the other from the member 5. The members 5 and 7 are of the same construction, differing from each other only in their

shape, it being understood that if desired they may all be of the same shape, each of said members comprising a rear plate portion 8 which may be constructed of relatively stiff paper board and a front plate portion 9, preferably of metal and covered by a sheet 10 of pyroxylin plastic, the plate 9 and the sheet 10 being crimped around the marginal edge of the plate 8 in accordance with common practice, the display matter to be presented being either applied to the pyroxylin plastic covering or to a portion of the structure at the rear of the pyroxylin plastic covering likewise in accordance with common practice.

The suspending loop 6, shown as a cord, extends through holes 11 in the back plate 8 of the member 5 and is held in place in any suitable way as for example by tying its ends together with a knot concealed between the plates 8 and 9.

The means for dependingly supporting the uppermost one of the panels 7 from the member 5 and the remainder of the panels from the one above comprise, in accordance with the preferred illustrated embodiment of my invention, pairs of strips 12 preferably of transparent material such as pyroxylin plastic and uncolored.

Each of the panels 7 is shown as permanently equipped with two of these supporting strips which are connected at their lower ends with eyelets 13 located adjacent the upper edges of the panels. The member 5 and the panels 7 are provided with a lower series of eyelets 14, and the upper ends of the strips 12 are slotted as represented at 15 at which portions they engage with the eyelets 14, the slots 15 being preferably of keyhole shape as shown thereby rendering the connection between the upper ends of the strips 12 and the platelike members above them, releasable, permitting of the addition to, or subtraction from, the device of one or more of the panels and the shifting of the same into different positions as desired.

The eyelets 13 and 14 which are secured in the rear plate member 8 and do not extend through the front portion of any of the members 5 and 7 and thus are concealed from

view, while presenting the desired stability, are relatively long compared with the thickness of the plate 8 thus presenting rearward flanged projecting portions serving as means for attaching of the strips 12 to the eyelets 13 and the releasable interlock of the strips 12 with the eyelets 14.

It will furthermore be understood that by providing the strip members 12 of transparent material and preferably uncolored, the existence of these strips is hardly discernible and therefore the display device presents a very desirable appearance.

While I have illustrated and described a particular construction embodying my invention, I do not wish to be understood as intending to limit it thereto as the same may be variously modified and altered without departing from the spirit of my invention.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:

1. A display device comprising a plurality of separate plate-like members, and means dependently supporting one of said members from the other thereof comprising strip-like members of transparent material.

2. A display device comprising a plurality of separate plate-like members each formed of a plurality of plate-like elements flatwise opposed, and means dependently supporting one of said members from the other thereof comprising eyelets secured to those of said elements other than the front ones thereof, and strip-like members of transparent material each connected at one end with the eyelets on one of said members and releasably connected at its opposite end with the eyelets on the other of said members.

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