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[54] DISPLAY DEVICE

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[57] **ABSTRACT**

A display device particularly suitable for holding and retaining personal articles of clothing and jewelry. The display device permits the easy selection of these articles while a person is dressing. The device consists of a silhouette or board or flat surface having an image of a part of an animal figure, such as a human figure, and includes a plurality of article removing holders, such as hooks, pegs and the like, located preferably at the ear, hand, neck, wrist and waist of the figure so as to receive personal articles customarily worn on these portions of the body. Each peg may hold a multiplicity of articles, such as several earrings, up to five or six chains, bracelets and the like.

1 Claim, 6 Drawing Figures

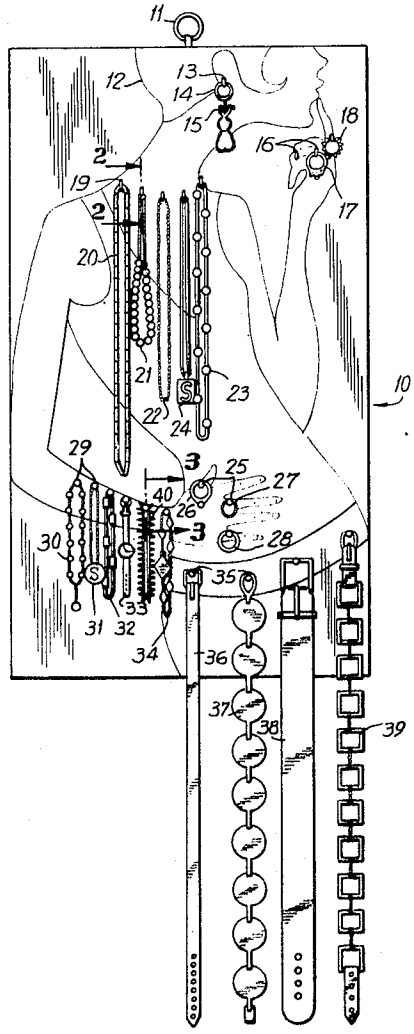


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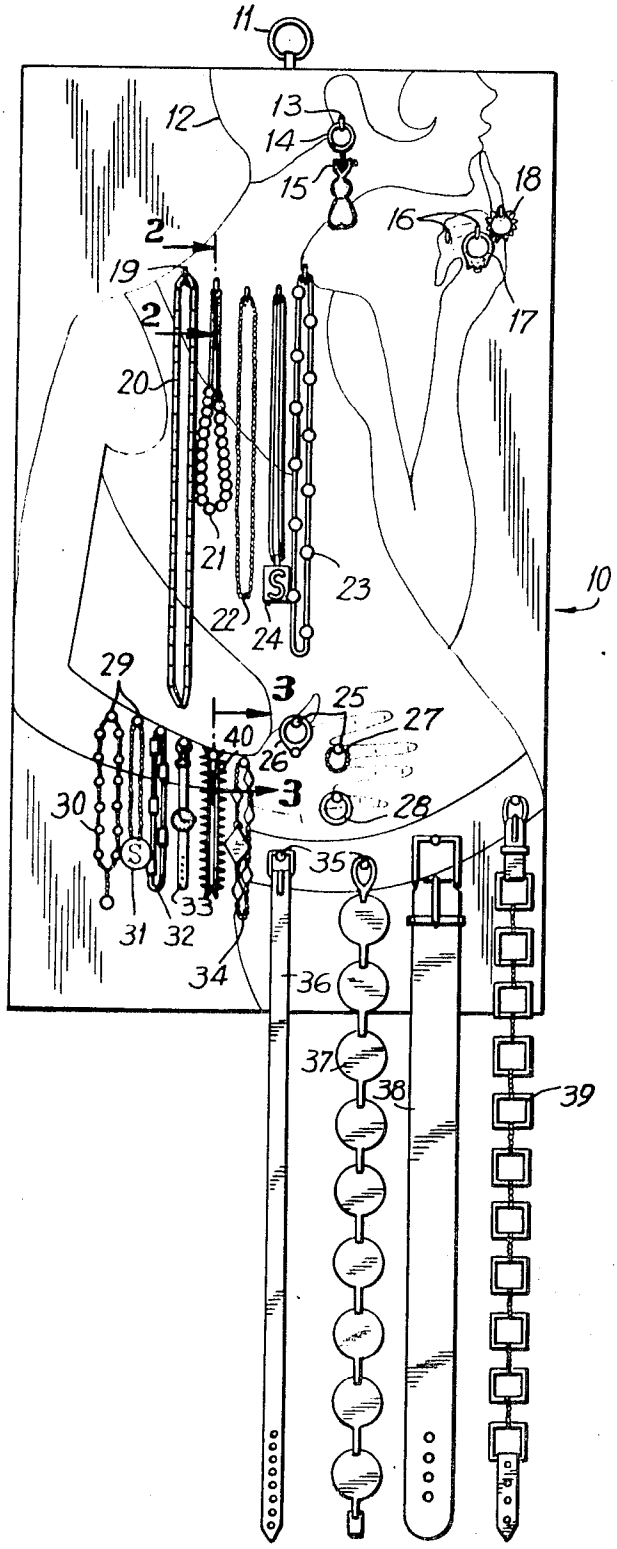


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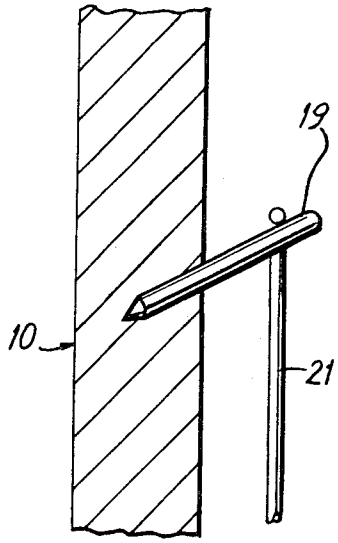
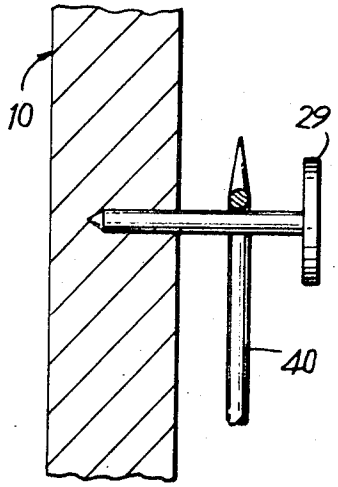


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FIG. 4

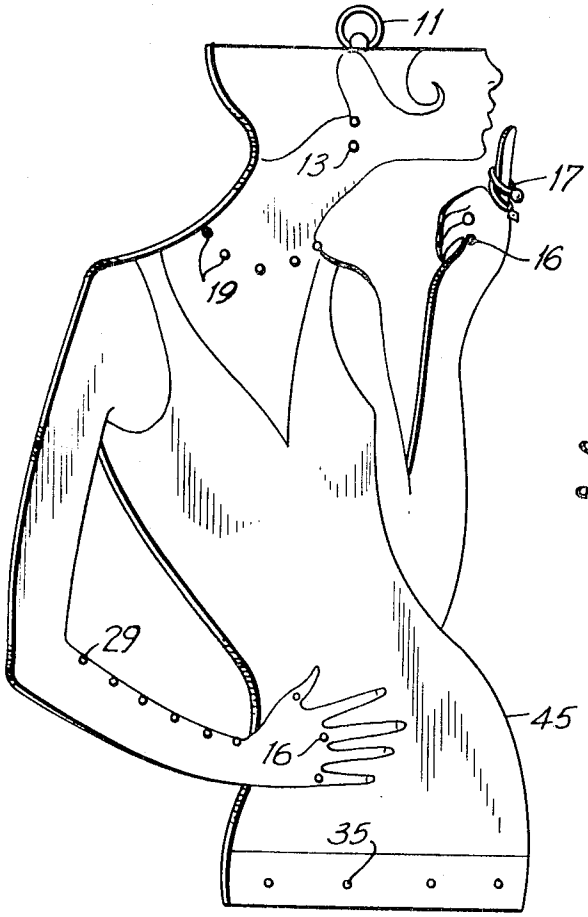


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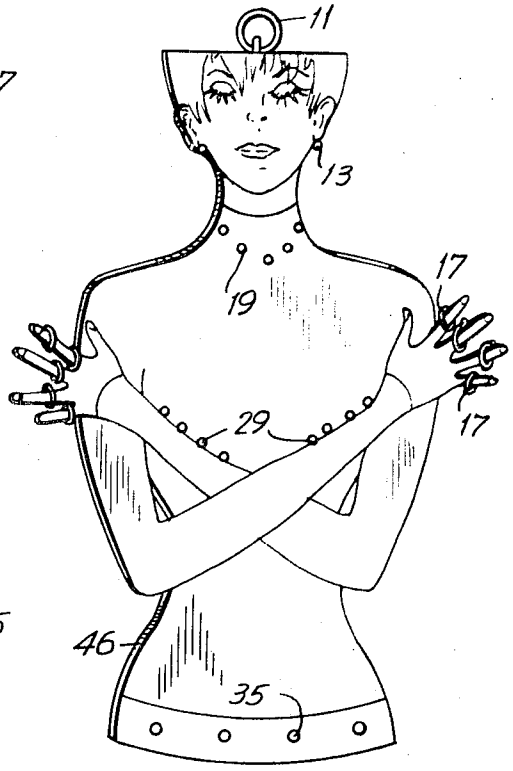




FIG. 6

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DISPLAY DEVICE

This invention relates to a simplified device for retaining personal articles of clothing and jewelry in order to simplify the dressing needs of a person.

Personal articles of jewelry and clothing, such as belts, bracelets, necklaces, rings and earrings, are generally kept in a cluttered jewelry box so that a person needing these articles while dressing, often must rummage through the jewelry box to select the proper article. Moreover, personal articles which are stuffed in jewelry boxes or kept in drawers cannot easily be coordinated to fit a particular or desired style of dress unless they are displayed properly. These personal articles are often lost or misplaced. If certain valuable personal articles are stolen, the theft is often not discovered until the article is ready for use.

Accordingly, the present invention overcomes many of the disadvantages of the conventional ways of storing personal articles by providing a flat display board preferably containing the upper portion of a human figure, such as a man or woman, having holding means, such as hooks, mounted on the fingers, neck, wrist, waist and other desired locations, so that personal articles, such as belts and jewelry, can be detachably mounted to the display board at the location corresponding to the place where they are customarily worn by the user. For Example, the display board shows both hands of a human figure, wherein hooks are provided on the fingers to receive rings. This type of display board thus provides an easy visual indication of the proper article to be worn. The display board of the present invention is preferably constructed to hang from a wall surface, such as the back or side wall of a bedroom closet. It could also be mounted adjacent to a dressing table or men's dresser, or behind a closet or bedroom door.

When a person is selecting the style of dress for a particular occasion, she can more easily match her personal articles to the dress by standing in front of the display board and visualizing the selection of these articles with respect to the dress style. The articles can be easily removed from the pegs or hooks on the display board when needed. The figure need not be a human figure, but could also be a silhouette of a figure, such as a human or animal form.

It is therefore an object according to the present invention to provide a display device for maintaining personal articles consisting of a human figure having a plurality of hooks mounted on different portions of the figure.

It is another object according to the present invention to provide a display device which is simple in design, easy to manufacture, decorative, and inexpensive in cost.

Other objects and features of the present invention will become apparent from the following detailed description considered in connection with the accompanying drawing which discloses the embodiments of the invention. It is to be understood, however, that the drawing is designed for the purpose of illustration only and not as a definition of the limits of the invention.

In the drawing, wherein similar reference characters denote similar elements throughout the several views:

FIG. 1 is a plan view of the display device according to the present invention;

FIG. 2 is a cross-sectional view taken through section 2—2 of FIG. 1;

FIG. 3 is a cross-sectional view taken through section 3—3 of FIG. 1;

FIGS. 4 and 5 are silhouettes of a human figure showing another embodiment of the invention; and

FIG. 6 is a further embodiment of the invention showing an animal figure utilized as a display device.

Referring to FIGS. 1–3, there is shown a display board 10 on which a human figure 12 has been printed or drawn. The figure disclosed on the board is preferably cut off slightly below the waist and above the head in order to provide an enlarged view showing both hands, the waist, neck and one side of the face. At the top of the board is preferably mounted a ring to permit the board to be hung from any vertical surface. Disposed adjacent to the earlobe of FIG. 12 are one or more hooks 13 for retaining earrings 14 and 15. Along the neck portion are secured a plurality of hooks 19 for retaining necklaces 20–24. On one hand of the board is provided a plurality of hooks 16 for receiving rings 17 and 18. The lower hand also includes hooks 25 for receiving rings 26, 27 and 28. Adjacent to that hand on the wrist portion are mounted a plurality of hooks 29 for receiving bracelets 30, 31, 32, 34 and 40, and wristwatch 33. Along the waist of FIG. 12 is provided a plurality of hooks 35 for mounting belts 36, 37, 38 and 39. Belts 36–39 are permitted to hang freely below display board 10 since the board is preferably mounted at an elevated portion of a wall surface. As shown in detail in FIG. 2, the hooks may consist of inclined pegs fastened to board 10. All of the hooks may also consist of a tack or nail similar to hook 29 which is driven into board 10.

Referring to FIGS. 4 and 5, there are shown silhouetted figures of forms also including a plurality of hooks or pegs similar to those shown with respect to the embodiment of FIGS. 1–3. In these embodiments, the fingers of the hands may include hooks 16 or be spread apart and slightly inclined to receive rings 17 directly over the fingers.

FIG. 6 shows another embodiment of the invention, wherein a drawing of a panda is mounted on display board 10. This embodiment is particularly appealing to small children for the display and mounting of their personal articles.

Board 10 and silhouettes 45 and 46 are preferably constructed of wood, such as plywood, but may also be constructed of any planar rigid material of synthetic or natural product.

While only a few embodiments of the present invention have been shown and described, it will be obvious that many changes and modifications may be made thereunto without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention.

What is claimed is:

1. A display board for holding personal articles such as jewelry and the like comprising;

a planar support member having the profile of a standing woman's figure formed on the surface thereof, said figure showing the full front profile of the body of the figure and including at least one wrist and forearm disposed horizontally above the waist of the body,

a first plurality of spaced-apart article-holding hooks disposed substantially horizontally across the neck of the figure for supporting necklaces and the like,

a second plurality of spaced-apart article-holding hooks disposed along said at least one horizontal wrist and forearm for supporting wristwatches and bracelets,

a third plurality of spaced-apart article-holding hooks disposed substantially horizontally along the waist portion of said figure for supporting belts,

a further plurality of article-holding hooks disposed on the fingers and ear of said figure for supporting rings and earrings respectively, and

an eye hook disposed in said support member at the top edge thereof for supporting said support member in a vertical position.

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