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Fig. 1

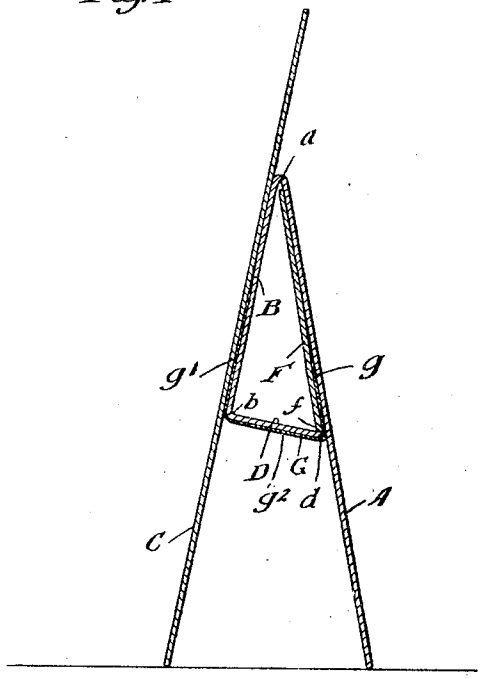
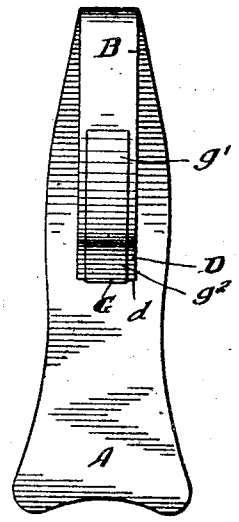


Fig. 2



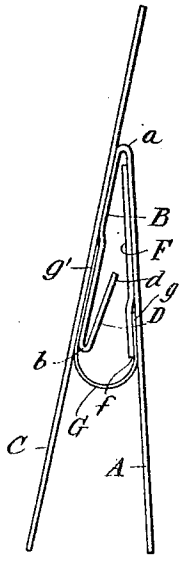


Fig. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM H. HALL, a citizen of the United States, residing in Clyde, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Easels for Desk-Calendars, Cards, and other Articles, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in easels, of the kind commonly used on the back portions of desks for calendars, cards and other articles.

The object of my invention is to provide an easel of a simple, efficient and durable construction, capable of being very cheaply manufactured, which will be collapsible for convenience in shipment, and which may be readily extended for use and to which a desk calendar, card or other article may be readily attached.

My invention consists in an easel preferably constructed of cardboard or other like material and having a leg, a supporting member and cross-brace, both integral with the leg, and having hinge connections with each other, preferably formed by transversely creasing or scoring the cardboard, in connection with a reinforcing and locking member, glued or otherwise attached to the back of the leg, and a flexible strip or tape interposed between the leg and reinforcing member at one end and pasted to the supporting member at the other end, said flexible strip being free from the brace-member and also narrower in width than the brace-member, so that the brace-member may be folded or collapsed inward when it is free or disengaged from the shoulder or lock formed by the lower end of the reinforcing member.

In the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, Figure 1 is a central vertical section of the easel embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a rear elevation showing the easel with the card or calendar to be supported thereby, removed. Fig. 3 is a side elevation showing the easel partly folded.

In the drawing, A represents the leg of the easel, B the supporting member to which the calendar, card or other article C, is attached, preferably by pasting or gluing, D the brace member, F the reinforcing member and G a flexible strip of cloth tape or other like material.

The leg A, supporting member B, and brace-member D, are preferably formed in one integral piece of cardboard or other like material which is furnished with a transverse crease or score *a*, to afford a hinge connection between the support B and leg A, and a similar crease or score *b*, to afford a hinge connection between the support B and the brace D. The reinforcing member F is preferably a narrow strip of cardboard pasted flat against the back or inner side of the leg A and it preferably extends to the upper end of the leg. The lower end *f* of this reinforcement F serves as a lock or shoulder to engage and hold in place the free end *d*, of the brace D, in connection with the coöperating flexible strip or tape G. The inner end *g* of the flexible strip or tape G extends between the leg A and the reinforcement F and is securely pasted or glued to or between these parts. At its outer end g^1, the flexible strip or tape G is pasted flat against the outer face of the support B, this end of the tape preferably extending about half the length of the support B so as to afford a secure attachment and also to provide a better surface for gluing or pasting a calendar, card or other article C, to the easel. The intermediate portion g^2 of the flexible strip or cloth G overlaps and embraces the folding brace D which is free from and unattached to the flexible strip or tape. This folding brace D is made somewhat wider than the flexible strip or tape G, so that the folding brace may be grasped at the edges between the fingers without at the same time grasping the tape or strip G. This enables the folding brace to be readily folded inward so that the support B may then be folded down flat against the leg.

While I prefer to construct my easel of cardboard, it may be made of other suitable materials.

I prefer to make the leg A, support B, and brace D, all in one piece as this is the cheaper and more convenient construction, but my invention is not limited to this integral construction of these parts.

I claim:

1. An easel for desk calendars, cards or other articles, consisting in a leg, a support having a hinge connection with the leg, a brace having a hinge connection with the support, a reinforcing member secured to the leg on the inside thereof, and a flexible strip secured at one end to the leg and at the other end to the support, said brace having a free end fitting under and engaging the lower end

of the reinforcing member to lock or hold it in position, said brace from end to end thereof being free from said flexible strip substantially as specified.

2. An easel for desk calendars, cards or other articles, consisting in a leg, a support having a hinge connection with the leg, a brace having a hinge connection with the support, a reinforcing member secured to the leg on the inside thereof, and a flexible strip secured at one end to the leg and at the other end to the support, said brace having a free end fitting under and engaging the lower end of the reinforcing member to lock or hold it in position, said flexible strip being narrower than the brace to enable the brace to be folded inward when it is disengaged at its free end from the reinforcing member, said brace from end to end thereof being free from said flexible strip substantially as specified.

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