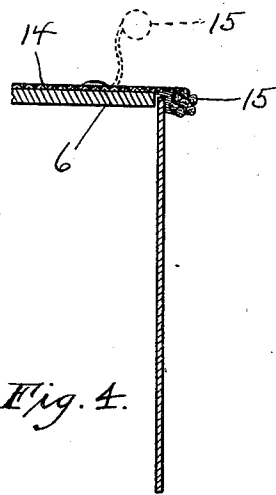
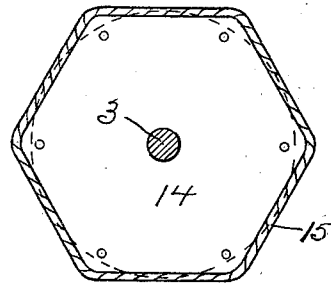
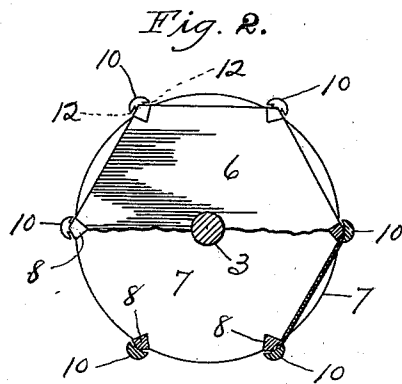
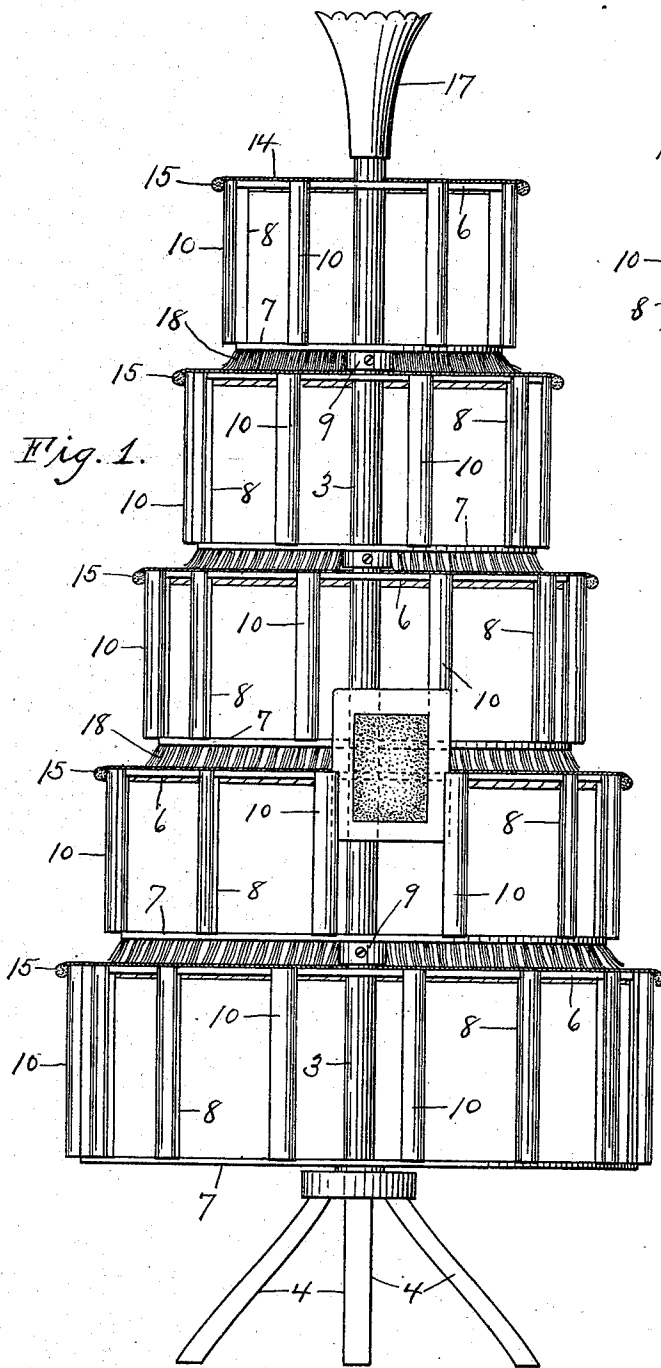


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DISPLAY-STAND.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALBERT JACOB MERTON, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Kansas City, in the county of Jackson and State of Missouri, have invented new and useful Improvements in Display-Stands, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to revolvable display-stands for photographs or picture-cards; and the object of my invention is to produce a stand for this purpose which will be neat in appearance and manufactured at a low cost. I attain this object by the construction shown in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is an elevation of a stand constructed in accordance with my invention with a card partly inserted in one of the spaces. Fig. 2 is a plan view, partly in section, of the upper frame of the stand, the cloth being removed to expose the upper ends of the posts and the top plate of the frame being partly broken away. Fig. 3 is a plan view of the upper frame, the central standard being in section. Fig. 4 is an enlarged vertical broken-away sectional detail showing the raised and lowered positions of the ornamental cord.

The stand comprises a central vertical shaft or standard 3, mounted on legs 4, and a plurality of frames, the smallest of which is at the top, the others increasing in diameter successively toward the bottom. Each frame comprises a polygonal top plate 6, a preferably circular bottom plate 7, and a series of posts 8, having their upper and lower ends secured to plate 6 and plate 7, respectively. Each of the lower plates 7, except that of the bottom frame, is supported by an adjustable ring or collar 9, provided with a set-screw for engaging the standard 3. The plates 6 7 have central circular openings which fit rotatably the standard 3, so that each of the frames may be rotated. The upper ends of the posts 8 are secured in notches or recesses in the corners of the upper plates 6, as shown in Fig. 2.

Planted against the outer face of each post 8 is a piece of molding 10, provided with two rabbets 12 at its sides adjacent to the outer faces of the post. Each rabbit 12 thus forms,

with the adjacent post, a vertical groove for receiving the edge of a photograph, a photograph being shown in section in Fig. 2.

The top of each polygonal plate 6 is covered with felt or cloth 14, which is secured by tacks placed near but not at the corners of the plate. A fancy cord 15, of large diameter, is fastened to the outer edge of each piece of cloth or felt 14. The object of this cord is to conceal the upper ends of the posts 8 and to add to the appearance of the frames.

When it is desired to remove a picture from one of the frames or to place one therein, the cord 15 is raised at the sides of the two adjacent posts to about the position shown by dotted lines in Fig. 4. The card is removed or inserted, and the cord is restored to its normal position. (Shown in Figs. 1, 3, and 4.)

A vase or urn 17 is mounted on the top of the shaft 3, and fringes or tassels 18 are hung from the outer or lower edges of the bottom plates 7 for ornamental purposes.

Having now fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

In a display-stand for cards or the like, a vertical non-rotatable shaft supported by legs, a plurality of frames mounted rotatably thereon at different heights, and collars secured on said shaft for supporting said frames; each frame comprising a polygonal top plate, a circular bottom plate, notches in the corners of said upper plate, vertical posts having their ends secured to the top of the lower plate, strips of rabbeted molding secured to the outer faces of said posts, said rabbets forming grooves with the posts, a flexible covering for the top plate, said covering projecting beyond the periphery of the top plate, and a continuous cord secured to the periphery of said flexible covering and normally hanging down over the upper ends of said posts, all substantially as shown and described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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