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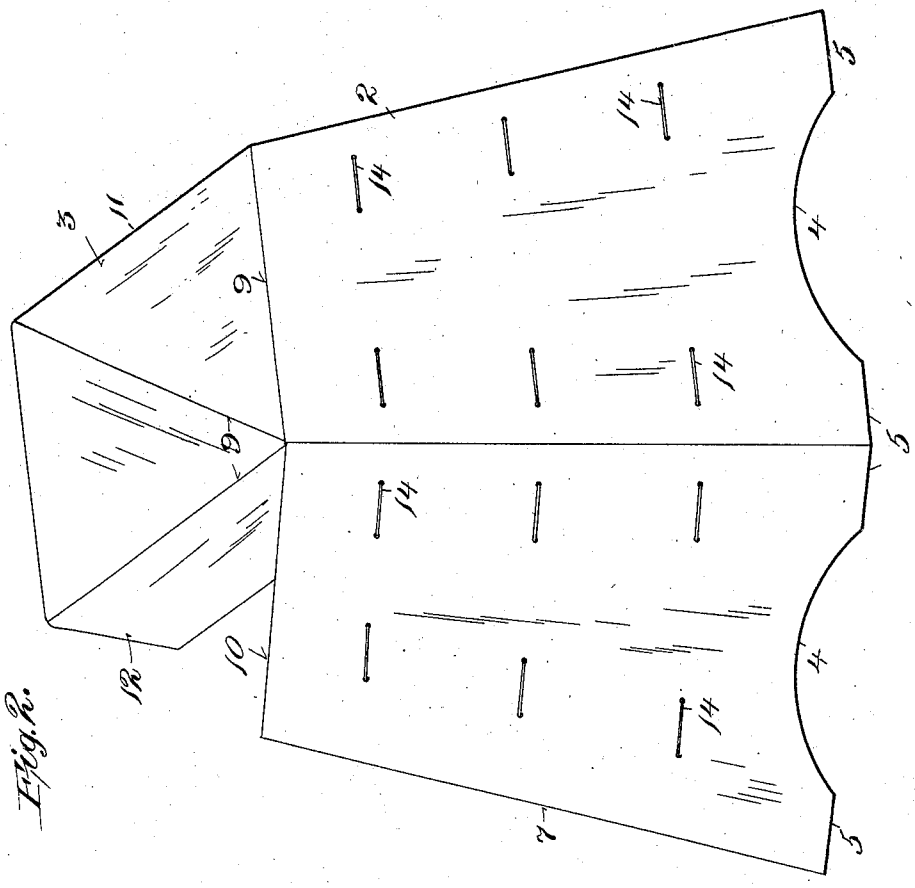


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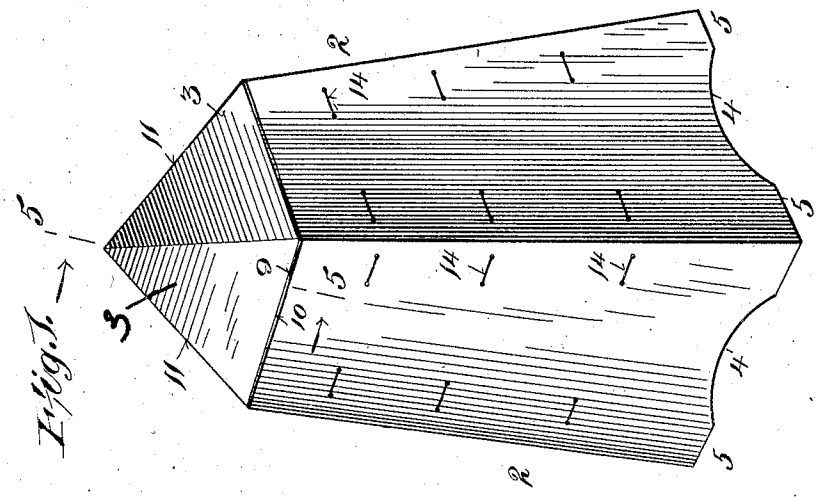


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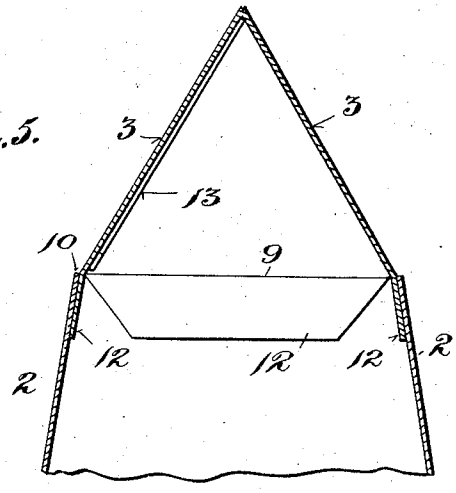


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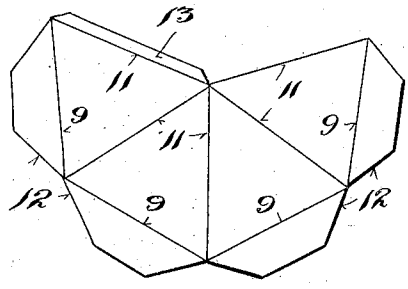
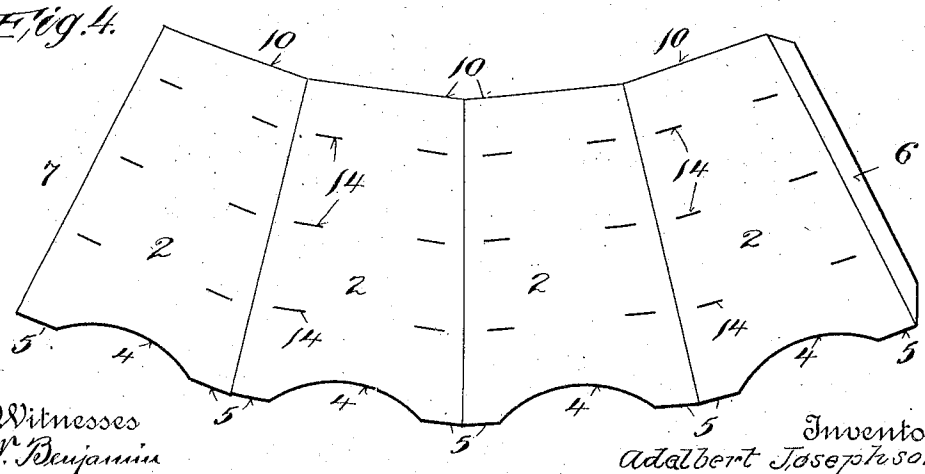


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DISPLAY-STAND.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ADALBERT JOSEPHSON, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Display-Stand, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to provide a rack which will securely support and display articles, such as combs, and which may be collapsed and shipped without disturbing the articles and again distended or erected after being collapsed. This object is accomplished by providing a plurality of sides surmounted by a pyramid which holds said sides in their distended position, although any suitable means may be substituted for said pyramids.

For a more particular description of my invention reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part hereof, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved display-stand. Fig. 2 is a view of the same when collapsed. Figs. 3 and 4 are views of the blanks from which the stand is formed. Fig. 5 is a sectional view taken on the line 5 5 of Fig. 1 looking in the direction of the arrows.

Throughout the various views similar reference characters designate similar parts.

The stand is formed by sides 2 and the top or pyramid 3. The number of sides may be varied, although an even number should be employed if the stand is to be collapsed flat, as shown in Fig. 2. For convenience of description a stand will be described with four sides, each of which is identical and consists of a trapezoidal sheet of stiff material, as cardboard or sheet metal, and for ornamental purposes it is preferably escalloped out at 4 to provide feet 5. The sides are preferably formed, as shown in Fig. 4, in one integral blank, with a flap at 6 adapted to be secured to the free edge 7. It is obvious that instead of making the sides 2 trapezoidal in form they may be given any other form, such as a parallelogram, and will still obtain much the same result, except the appearance would be changed, as the sides would then be vertical instead of slanting. When the flap 6 is secured to the edge 7, the form assumed by the sides when distended is that of a truncated pyramid. To hold these sides in this position, any suitable means may be employed, although I prefer to use a pyramid-shaped top-piece consisting of the faces 3, each of which is an isosceles triangle having an edge or base 9 equal to the edges 10 of the sides 2 and two edges 11 of equal length. If the edges 11 are the same length as the edges 9, this proportion produces a good result and is the one shown. Each of the edges 9 is provided with a flap 12, and one of the edges 11 is provided with a flap 13, which is adapted to be secured to the other free edge 11. To complete the stand, two of the adjacent flaps 12 are secured to the edges 10, and the two other flaps 12 are used when the stand is in the position shown in Fig. 1 to hold the sides 2 distended. Loops 14 are placed on the sides 2 to hold any suitable article, as a comb.

Assuming the stand to be in the position indicated in Fig. 1, it is collapsed into the form shown in Fig. 2 by merely pressing together diagonally opposite edges of the sides 2 and is changed back by pressing toward each other the other diagonally opposite edges.

Various other forms and embodiments of my invention may be made, so that it is not limited to the precise structure shown, but covers all that come within the scope of the annexed claims.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

1. In a display-stand, connecting sides and a pyramid surmounting said sides and holding them distended.

2. In a display-stand, connecting sides, a pyramid having the same number of faces that there are sides and having two adjacent lower edges secured to two of said sides.

3. In a display-stand, connecting sides, and a top piece comprising a pyramid with faces having projecting flaps constructed and adapted to engage and hold said sides in a distended position.

4. In a display-stand, connecting sides with loops thereon, a pyramid surmounting said sides and provided with means for holding said sides in a distended position.

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