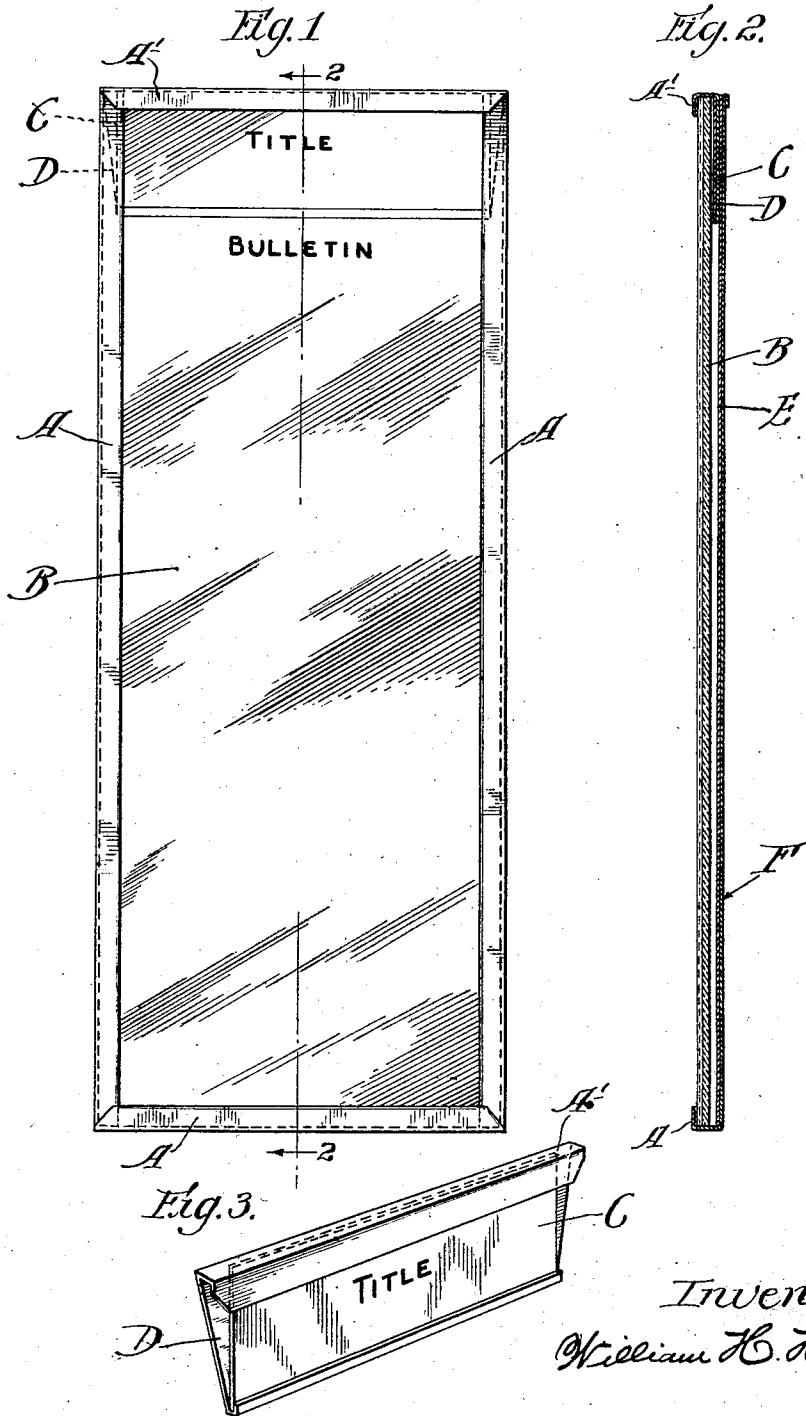


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To all to whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM H. HALL, a citizen of the United States, residing in Cicero, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bulletin-Display Frames.

This invention is particularly adapted for use in the guests' rooms of hotels for display of State laws and rules and regulations governing inn keepers, such matter being printed on what is termed the "Bulletin card" in the following description. On a separate card secured in the top of the same frame which will be termed the "Title card," may be printed the name of the hotel, name of the manager or proprietor, number of the room and the rates per day for one or more guests. In many States the display of such matter in the guests' rooms of hotels is required by law.

The primary object of my invention is to construct a frame in such manner that the bulletin card or title card or both of them may be conveniently changed without removing the frame from the wall of the room. In hotels having a large number of rooms this is a very important consideration, as it is the usual custom to nail these frames to the wall or on the door of the room. Owing to changes in State laws, or other changes in the matter printed on the bulletin cards it is occasionally necessary to change the bulletin cards in a hotel, but more often it is necessary to change the title cards because of a change in the name of the manager or proprietor, or a change in the rates to be charged for different rooms, and sometimes a change in the name of the hotel. To meet all these requirements in the most convenient and inexpensive manner possible, the frame is so constructed that either one or both these cards may be changed without removing the frame from the wall.

This frame may be made of any suitable material, but preferably of sheet metal and the following description is based on a construction from sheet metal.

In the drawings Fig. 1 is a front view of the complete frame as it appears when nailed to the wall of the room with the cards mounted therein.

Fig. 2 is a sectional view of Fig. 1 on the line 2-2.

Fig. 3 is a detailed view of a holder for

the title card heretofore referred to and is adapted to fit into and complete the top of the frame, see Figs. 1 and 2.

The frame or body piece Fig. 1 has its two side and bottom edges, A A A turned over, forming grooves adapted to receive and retain the bulletin card, a removable holder for the title card and a sheet of glass to protect the cards from dirt and injury. See also A in Fig. 2 showing the approximate width and depth of these grooves.

In Fig. 2 A is the turned over edge which forms the bottom groove, B is the sheet of glass, C is the title card, D is the title card holder, E is the bulletin card and F is the sheet of metal or body piece from which the frame is formed.

The side grooves of the frame are open at the top. After the frames have been nailed to the walls of the various rooms in any suitable manner, the bulletin cards are placed in position by sliding them into the grooves from the top. In like manner the sheet of glass is placed in position over the bulletin card. This sheet of glass and the bulletin card are cut full size of the frame.

When the bulletin cards are printed a space at the top equal in depth to the depth of the title card holder, may be left blank. When the title card holder is placed in position it is slid into the open top of the side grooves of the frame in the same manner the glass and bulletin card were placed, and between the bulletin card and the glass, see top of Fig. 2, thus covering the blank space at the top of the bulletin card and displaying the title card under the glass, see top of Fig. 1. It will be obvious that the bulletin cards may be of any desired lengths, although it is preferably to so arrange them and the printing thereon that the two cards when arranged in the frame will appear as one.

The wide groove A' on the top edge of the holder Fig. 2 corresponding in width and depth with the grooves formed on the main frame, rests on the top of the glass and gives to the frame a harmonious and uniform finish.

From the foregoing description it will be seen the title cards may be quickly changed by removing the title card holder only. If it is desired to change the bulletin card this may be easily done by removing the title card holder and glass.

Having thus described my invention, I claim:

1. A display frame comprising a body having in-turned lateral edges forming grooves, a bulletin card having its edges disposed in said grooves, a title card holder adapted to be inserted into the upper ends of said grooves and provided at its upper edge with a down-turned flange adapted to form the upper exposed portion of the frame, and a title card carried by said holder above the exposed portion of the bulletin card, said holder being removable to permit change of the title card.

2. A display frame comprising a body having in-turned margins at the sides and bottom forming a frame around a bulletin card, and a title card holder removably disposed in the upper end of said body and forming the upper portion of said frame, said holder being adapted to hold a title card for display above said bulletin card.

3. A display frame comprising a metal body having its lateral and bottom margins in-turned to form retaining grooves and present the semblance of a frame structure around a display bulletin disposed in said grooves, and a title card holder removably disposed in the upper open ends of the lateral grooves, said holder having a down-turned forward flange at its upper edge forming the upper portion of the frame structure and also having an up-turned flange at its lower edge to support a title card and place a dividing element between the exposed portions of the bulletin card and the title card.

4. A display frame comprising a flat sheet metal body having the margins thereof in-turned at three sides forming retaining grooves open at one end, a bulletin card and

a glass protector therefor disposed in said frame and held in position by said in-turned edges, and a title card holder having its ends removably inserted in the upper edge of said grooves back of the glass, the upper edge of said holder being downwardly turned to form the continuation of the frame around the glass, and a title card supported by said holder adjacent to the bulletin card, said holder, cards and glass being removable through the open ends of the lateral grooves.

5. A display frame comprising, a flat metal body, having in-turned edges at the sides and at one end, and a holder having one edge in-turned to form the other end of the frame, said holder being removably disposed between the back of the body and the in-turned sides adjacent one end of the body only, said holder being constructed to support a title card removable with the holder from said body and said frame being adapted when the holder is inserted fully therein to display a card below the holder.

6. A display frame comprising, a flat metal body having in-turned edges at the sides and at one end, a holder having one edge in-turned to form the other end of the frame, said holder being of lesser length than the length of said body and removably disposed between the back of said body and the in-turned sides adjacent one end thereof, said holder being constructed to support a removable title card removable therewith from said body and said holder and body forming a single continuous frame.

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