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PAPER OR CARD RACK.

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Fig. 1.

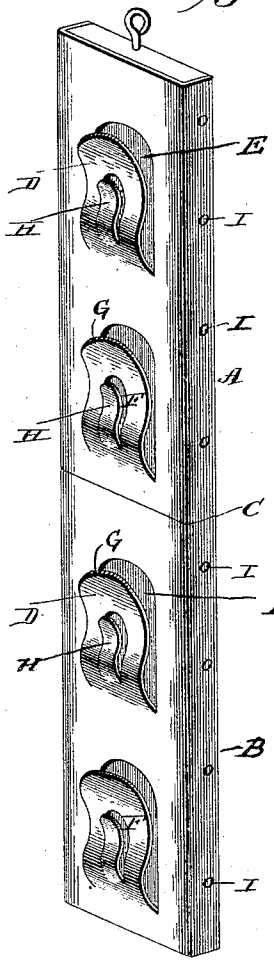


Fig. 2.

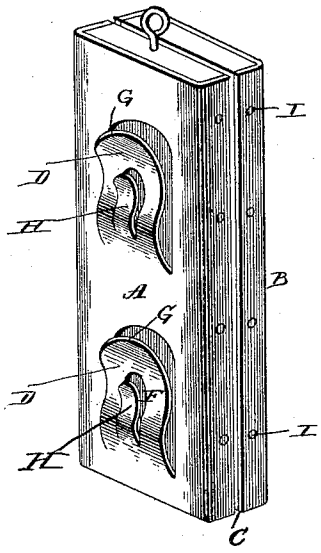


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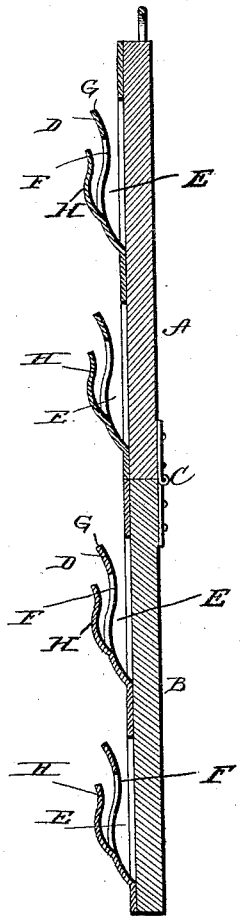
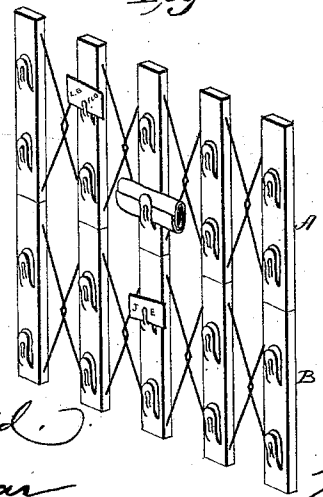


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, RUFUS ALBERT HARTMAN, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Fairmount Springs, in the county of Luzerne and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Racks for Cards, Letters, or Newspapers; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved rack as it appears when in use. Fig. 2 is a similar view of the rack as it appears when folded or doubled upon itself as when not in use or ready for shipment. Fig. 3 is a vertical sectional view through the rack at right angles through the middle of the pockets; and Fig. 4 is a perspective detail view of a series of the racks connected to form a "set."

Like letters of reference denote corresponding parts in all the figures.

My invention relates to devices for holding cards, letters, newspapers, and other articles of a similar nature which can be folded flat and placed in a clip when not in use; and it consists in the improved construction and combination of parts of the folding-rack adapted to be hung upon a wall or other vertical support, which will be hereinafter more fully described and claimed.

Reference being had to the accompanying drawings, the letters A and B designate the two parts of the rack-body, which are hinged together at C in such a manner that they may be folded together, back to back, as illustrated in Fig. 2, so as to occupy a minimum of space when the rack is not in use or when it is to be packed or shipped. Instead, however, of making the rack in two parts only, it may be made in three or more parts if of large size, so as to fold together in a small space convenient for storage and shipment.

The front sides of the hinged sections A and B are covered with a sheet of tin, brass, or other suitable metal having sufficient "spring" or elasticity to form the pocket-clips, and this is cut out to form a flap D, having a rounded top and straight parallel sides. This flap is bent outwardly from the back of the rack, so as to form a pocket or receptacle E, the flap being bent, with its free end, into an elongated **S** shape, as shown more clearly in Fig. 3, forming an inwardly or rearwardly projecting bulge F, which presses against the newspaper or other article inserted into the pocket, and thus operates to hold the same in place therein. The upper end of the pocket, forming an outwardly-flaring lip G, admits of the easy insertion of the paper into the pocket. Each of these **S**-shaped flaps D has its middle part cut out to form a secondary flap or tongue H, of the same shape as the body of the flap from which it is cut, only smaller. This tongue H forms a spring-clip for holding cards, letters, and other small articles independent of the larger pockets, and also increases the spring or elasticity of the latter, besides greatly improving the ornamental appearance of the device as a whole. The sheets of brass or other metal from which these flaps and clips are cut out are fastened upon the backing-boards A and B by means of brads or short tacks I, the edges of the metal being bent over the edge of the backing-boards and then tacked thereto, as shown in the drawings.

From the foregoing description, taken in connection with the drawings, it will be seen that this device is inexpensive, and at the same time easy and convenient to use, as well as ornamental in appearance. If desired, the sheet metal may be embossed or stamped with ornamental designs which will harmonize with the outlines of the pocket-flaps and their clips or tongues.

Having thus described my invention, I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States—

As an improved article of manufacture, the folding rack or holder herein shown and described, comprising two or more hinged sections adapted to be folded upon one another

and having a covering and facing of sheet metal cut out to form series of flaps D and tongues H, said flaps and tongues being integral with each other and with the sheet-metal covering or facing, substantially as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereunto affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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