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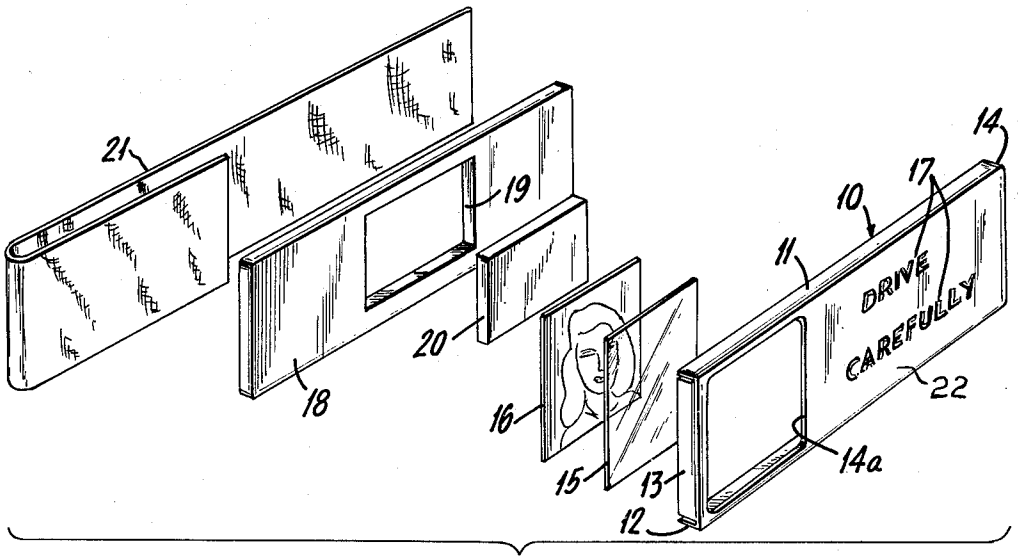
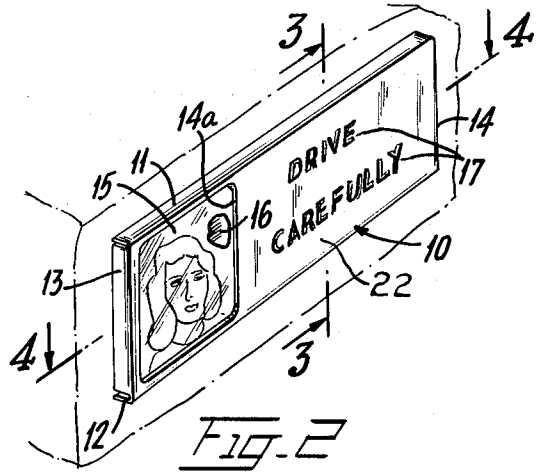


Fig. 1



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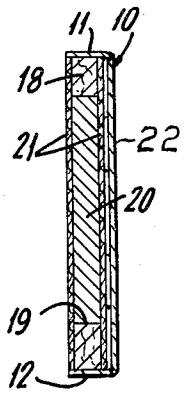

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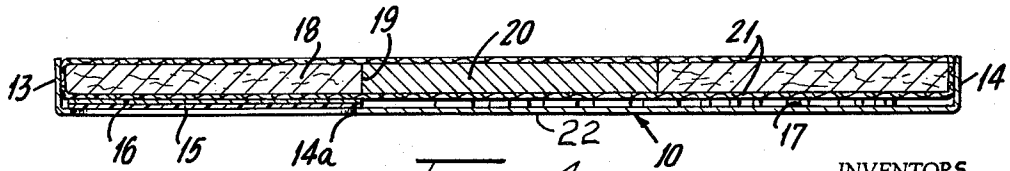

Fig. 4

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This invention relates to display devices, and more particularly to a magnet-containing frame having "picture" and "sign" sections, which may be detachably secured to an iron dashboard or other paramagnetic surface.

One object of the present invention is to provide a display device of the above nature which may be detachably secured to an iron automobile dashboard by magnetic attraction.

A further object is to provide a device of the above nature which will be simple in construction, inexpensive to manufacture, easy to install and manipulate, compact, ornamental in appearance, and very efficient and durable in use.

With these and other objects in view, there has been illustrated on the accompanying drawing, one form in which the invention may conveniently be embodied in practice.

In the drawing:

FIG. 1 represents an exploded view showing the separate parts of the display device in spaced apart relation.

FIG. 2 is a perspective view of the display device in assembled position as it appears when attached to an automobile dashboard, shown in dotted lines.

FIG. 3 is a cross-sectional view, taken along the line 3—3 of FIG. 2 looking in the direction of the arrows.

FIG. 4 is a longitudinal sectional view on a larger scale, taken along the line 4—4 of FIG. 2.

Referring now to the drawing, in which like reference numerals denote corresponding parts throughout the several views, the numeral **10** indicates an elongated rectangular frame having side walls **11, 12**, end walls **13, 14** and a front wall **22**. The side walls **11, 12** and end walls **13, 14** extend rearwardly from the edges of the front wall, and at right angles to the front wall, and define an open rear for the frame. The front wall **22** of the frame has at its left hand side a square aperture **24***a* behind which is located a square transparent sheet **15** which protects a square picture **16** located therebehind.

The right hand side of the front wall **22** is provided with the words "DRIVE CAREFULLY" which are preferably embossed on the front wall, as indicated by the numeral **17**.

Frictionally fitted within the side and end walls **11, 12, 13, 14** is a rectangular block **18** of cardboard having a small rectangular aperture **19** near the center thereof, within which is a rectangular magnet **20** held by friction therein. The location of the aperture **19** is such that when the cardboard block **18** is assembled with the frame **10** the aperture **19** is displaced entirely to the right of the aperture **14***a* so that the full extent of the aperture **14***a* is backed by the material of the cardboard block. The cardboard block **18** is covered on its top, bottom, and ends with a cloth **21**, the side edges of said block being left uncovered.

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Operation

In operation, the picture **16** will be placed within the open left hand square section or aperture **14***a* of the frame **10** and will be held against the rear rectangular cardboard block **18** and protected by the transparent front sheet **15**.

While there has been disclosed in this specification one form in which the invention may be embodied, it is to be understood that this form is shown for the purpose of illustration only, and that the invention is not limited to the specific disclosure, but may be modified and embodied in various other equivalent forms without departing from its spirit. In short, the invention includes all the modifications and embodiments coming within the scope of the following claim.

Having thus fully described the invention, what is claimed as new and for which it is desired to secure Letters Patent is:

A display device comprising a frame having a flat and generally rectangular front wall and two side walls and two end walls extending along and rearwardly from the edges of said front wall, said side walls and end walls being generally perpendicular to said front wall and defining therewith a cavity shallow in relation to the length and width of said front wall, said front wall further having a picture aperture located adjacent one end thereof and a sign section extending from said picture aperture to the other end of said front wall, and an insert received in said cavity and held in place relative to said frame by frictional engagement with at least two of said side and end walls, said insert including a generally rectangular cardboard block having approximately the same length and width as said frame wall and approximately the same depth as said end and side walls, said block further having an aperture therein located in its entirety behind said sign section of said front wall and having a portion backing the entire extent of said picture aperture of said frame, a magnet located in said aperture of said cardboard block for detachably holding said display device to a paramagnetic surface, said magnet being of such a size relative to said aperture in said cardboard block as to be held in place relative thereto by frictional engagement with said block and having a thickness substantially equal to the thickness of said cardboard block, and a strip of web material secured to the rear surface of said cardboard block and covering the rear face of said aperture therein to aid in holding said magnet in place.

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