April 17, 1928. 1,666,400

H. M. ROSE

PLACE CARD SUPPORT

Filed Jan. 29, 1927

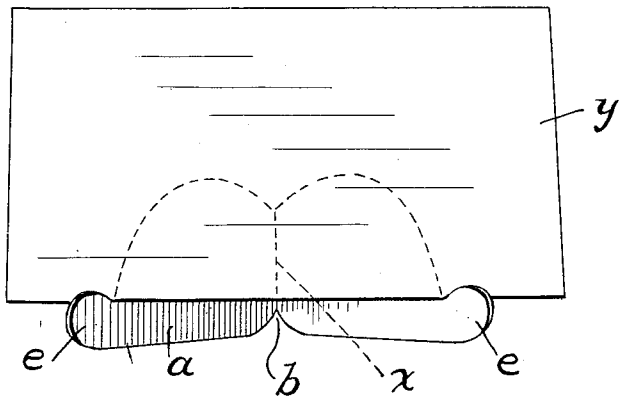


FIG. 1.

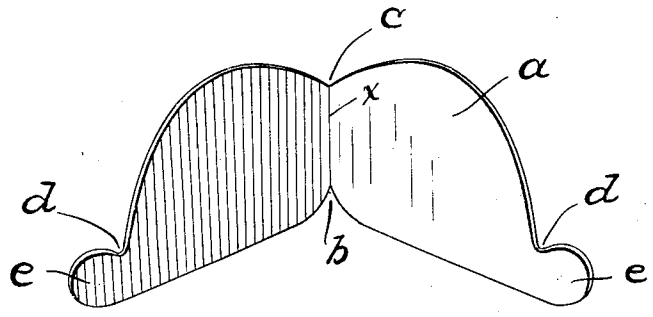


FIG. 2.

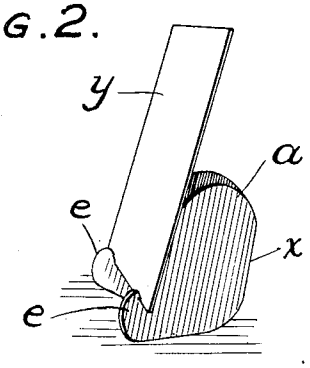


FIG. 3.

WITNESS:
Robt. R. Kitchel.

INVENTOR
Harry M. Rose
BY
Busser and Harding
ATTORNEYS.

Patented Apr. 17, 1928. 1,666,400

UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE.

HARRY M. ROSE, OF PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA.

PLACE-CARD SUPPORT.

Application filed January 29, 1927. Serial No. 164,630.

The object of my invention is to provide a device, of maximum simplicity and inexpensiveness, adapted to support place cards or menus in a position more or less approximating an upright position so the place card does not need to be picked up or removed from the table in order to be easily read. Devices adapted to so support place cards are known, but in quantities their cost is appreciable, whereas my supporting device, although ornamental as well as useful, can be manufactured at scarcely more than a nominal cost.

In the drawings:

Fig. 1 is a front view of a stand or easel embodying my invention, with a place card supported thereon.

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the easel after bending it to adapt it to function as a support.

Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the easel, with a place card supported thereon, looking at the same from one side.

The easel embodying my invention comprises a flat piece *a* of cardboard, or other suitable stiff but bendable sheet material, having a lower edge, straight for most of its length but provided with a central V-notch or indentation *b*. The upper edge of the piece *a* is convexly curved on opposite sides of a vertical center line, the two curves, at their junction, which is coincident with this vertical center line, forming an upper central V-notch or indentation *c* immediately above the lower central notch *b*. The two curved sections of the upper edge extend toward the opposite ends of the piece *a* in an obliquely downward direction, and beyond the termini of this edge, ears *e*, with convexly curved edges, are provided, these edges merging into the straight lower edge of piece *a* and extending toward the termini of the upper edge at an angle thereto so as to provide card-supporting notches *d*, *d*, the crotches of which are preferably concavely rounded.

The easel is preferably made in a perfectly flat form, but is readily bent on the line *x*. It may be scored along this line, but need not be, because the notches *b* and *c* facilitate the bending on this line. The easel may be bent so that the two similar sections thereof extend at any desired angle to each other, say 60 degrees or less. The place card *y* may then be positioned on the easel as shown in Fig. 1, the lower edge of the card resting in the notches *d*, *d*, and the back of the card, which is supported in a somewhat inclined position, resting against the obliquely inclined parts of the upper edge of the easel.

Although the easel acts as a very efficient support, its cost of manufacture is so small that no consideration of economy will require its re-use, so that new easels may be used on each occasion at which place cards are employed. The easel is, however, adapted for indefinite re-use, if desired.

Having now fully described my invention, what I claim and desire to protect by Letters Patent is:

An easel for place cards which comprises a sheet of cardboard whose lower edge is notched midway of its length and which otherwise extends substantially straight and is adapted to rest on a flat surface and whose upper edge is notched midway of its length, said notches being in vertical alignment and being adapted to facilitate the bending of a card on a vertical center line to form two hinged-together wings adapted to extend in planes diverging from such vertical center line, the free ends of the wings being provided with ears adjacent the lower edge, the upper edge of each wing being convexly curved in opposite directions from the upper central notch so as to extend successively upwardly from the upper central notch and thence downwardly to the end ears of the wings and merging therewith to form crotches adapted to support a place card along its lower edge, the width of each wing, measured vertically, being of maximum width along a vertical line relatively distant from its hinged and free ends.

In testimony of which invention, I have hereunto set my hand, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on this 22nd day of January, 1927.

HARRY M. ROSE.