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EASEL.

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FIG. 1

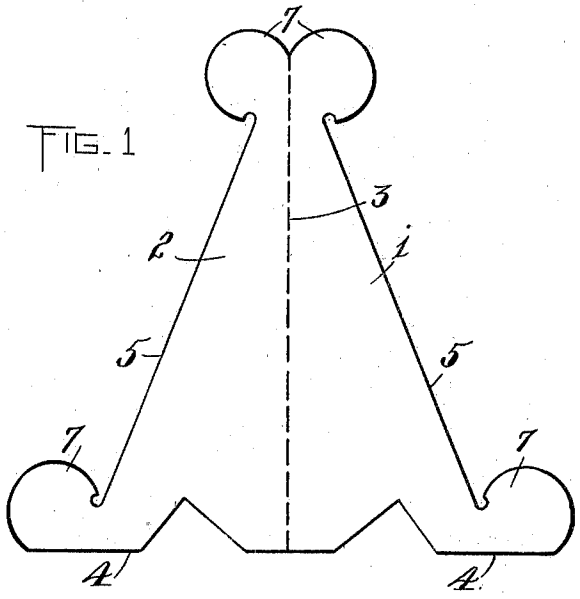
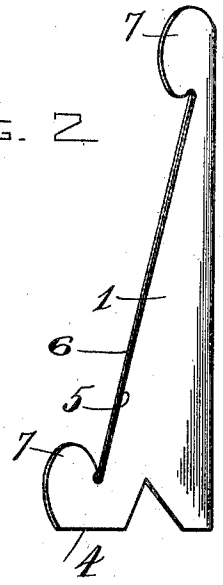


FIG. 2



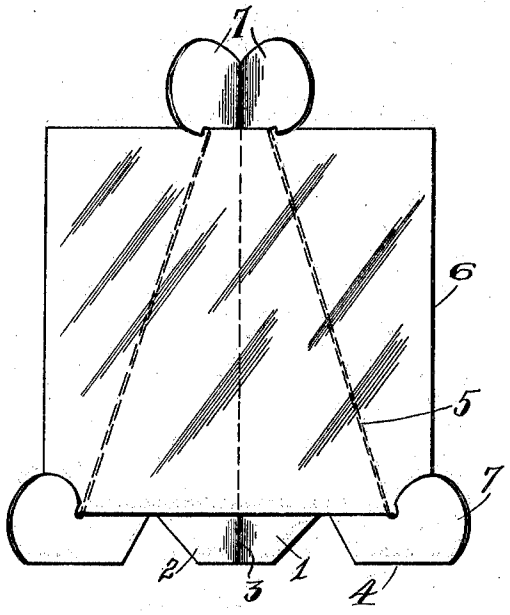


FIG. 3

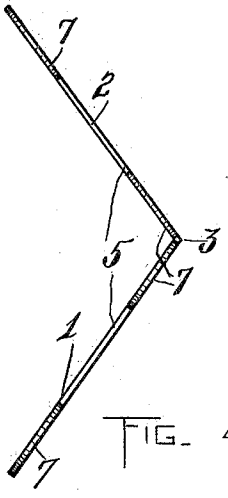


FIG. 4

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that AMERICUS C. MILLS, Jr., deceased, at the time of his death a citizen of the United States, and resident of Rochester, in the county of Monroe and State of New York, had invented certain new and useful Improvements in Easels, of which the following is a specification.

The present invention relates to easels and has for an object to provide a construction which is inexpensive to manufacture and is of simple form. A further object of the invention is to provide an easel which may be made from sheet material and which will effectively hold a card or other article against accidental displacement therefrom.

To these and other ends the invention consists of certain parts and combinations of parts, all of which will be hereinafter described, the novel features being pointed out in the appended claims.

In the drawings:

Figure 1 is a plan view of the easel with the two members thereof lying in one plane;

Fig. 2 shows the easel in side elevation;

Fig. 3 shows the easel in front elevation with a card supported thereon; and

Fig. 4 shows the easel from the top.

Referring more particularly to the drawings, 1 and 2 indicate two members forming the easel and in this instance made from a single piece of sheet material scored at 3 to provide a hinge connection between the two members. Each of these members is provided with a resting edge 4, in this instance at right angles to the hinge 3. Each member also has a supporting portion 5 formed by one edge of the sheet material at an angle other than the right angle to the hinge connection 3 for engagement with the card or other article 6 supported on the easel. Each member further has two overhanging and oppositely extending projections 7 under which the card 6 is received at its upper and lower edges, these projections lying in the plane of the member by which they are carried and acting to bind against the front face of the card in the manner shown in Fig. 3 when the two members of the easel are at angles to each other, thus preventing the removal of the card. To remove the card 6 the members 1 and 2 are moved into parallelism on their common hinge 3, thus permitting the card to be withdrawn in the direction of its plane. When the material is scored as shown in the present embodiment, the members 1 and 2 tend naturally to separate to produce the binding engagement with the card. It is apparent however, that the invention is not limited to making the two members 1 and 2 from one piece of material nor to the illustrated manner of forming the hinged connection between the members. It is apparent also that the invention is not limited to making the members from sheet material, although this has been found to be the least expensive construction.

From the foregoing it will be seen that there has been provided a simple and inexpensive construction which will effectively secure a card or other article against accidental displacement. A construction is provided which will readily adapt itself to manufacture from a single piece of cardboard.

What I claim as my invention and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. An easel comprising two members hinged together and each having a supporting portion against which the back of a flat article may rest, and oppositely extending projections at the ends of said portions having overhanging portions for binding against the front face of an article as the members swing outward on their hinges to confine the article on said supporting portions, the projections at the lower end of each member being farther removed from the hinge than that at the upper end of each member so that the article occupies an inclined position on the support.

2. An easel comprising two members hinged together and formed from sheet material, each member having a supporting edge at an angle to the hinge against which the back of a flat article may rest, and each member also having at the ends of its supporting edge, oppositely extending overhanging projections for binding against the front face of an article resting against said supporting edges as the members swing outwardly on their hinge, thus confining the article on the supporting edges against free movement thereon, the projections at the lower end of each member being farther removed from the hinge than that at the upper end of such member so that the article occupies an inclined position on the support.

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