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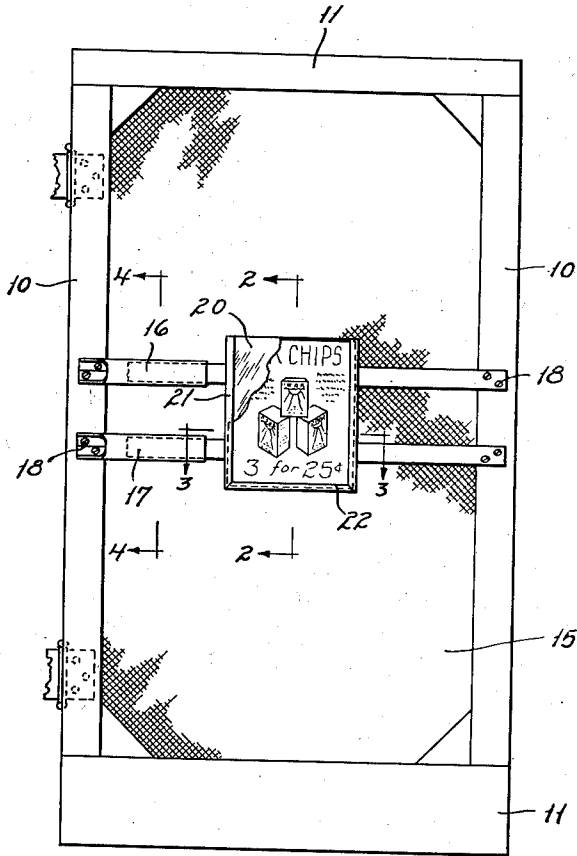


Fig. 1

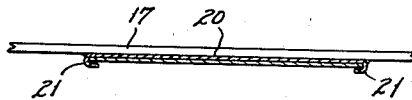


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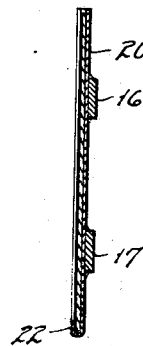


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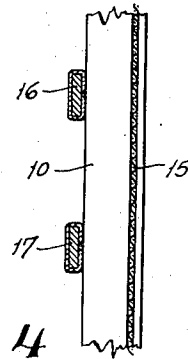


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1 Claim. (Cl. 20—39)

This invention relates to screen doors and particularly to means for protecting the screen from breaking as a result of pressure that is exerted against it in pushing the door open. In public buildings and particularly in stores, experience has shown that people seem to have a natural tendency to open a screen door by pushing against the screen instead of the door frame. This practice has resulted in premature breaking of the screen to such an extent that it has been necessary frequently to replace the screen many times during a summer season.

An object of my invention, therefore is to make a screen protector which can be constructed inexpensively and yet, which will have sufficient rigidity to suit the desired purpose.

An additional object is to so make the screen protector that part of the material which is used for constructing it will serve as a holder for a placard that contains advertising material.

Referring now to the drawing, Fig. 1 is a front view of a screen door embodying my invention; Figs. 2, 3, and 4 are sections taken on the correspondingly numbered lines in Fig. 1 but on a larger scale from that shown in Fig. 1.

I have illustrated my invention in connection with a screen door, which has vertical rails 10 and end rails 11. Between the end rails, there is disposed a panel of wire screen 15. The protector which I have devised is placed at a height above the floor that is convenient for use in pushing the door. The screen protector, which is made in accordance with my invention preferably comprises two horizontally disposed telescopic members 16 and 17 which are spaced apart and are attached to their ends as by se-

curing members 18, to the vertical rails 10. The telescopic members may comprise either a round or flat bar that is insertable into a coacting sleeve of the same shape. The telescopic feature facilitates the use of one protector for doors of different size.

To permit handling of the protector as a unit and also to facilitate the mounting of it as a unit on a screen door, I prefer to connect the bars 16 and 17 intermediate their ends by a plate 20, which extends transversely of the bars adjacent the midportion thereof. The plate which may have inturned flanges 21 extending along the vertical edges thereof, and another inturned flange 22 extending along the bottom edge thereof. The flanges are spaced from the body portion sufficiently far to provide a guide way into which an advertising placard may be inserted. The plate may be rigidly fastened to the bars in any desired manner, preferably by welding.

An important advantage of the present invention is not only the fact that the screen is suitably protected against misuse, but that the protector can be utilized in a satisfactory manner for holding an advertising card, which may be changed from time to time to attract the interest of those, who patronize the store.

I claim:—

A protector for a screen door comprising in combination a pair of telescopic members adapted to be attached to the vertical rails of a screen door, and a relatively rigid plate connected across both members in a region intermediately of their ends for protecting the screen and holding the telescopic members in spaced relationship.

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