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DISPLAY RACK.

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Fig. 1

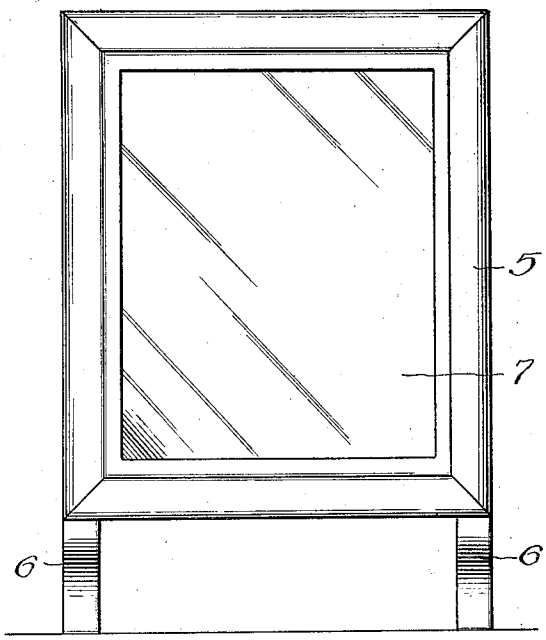


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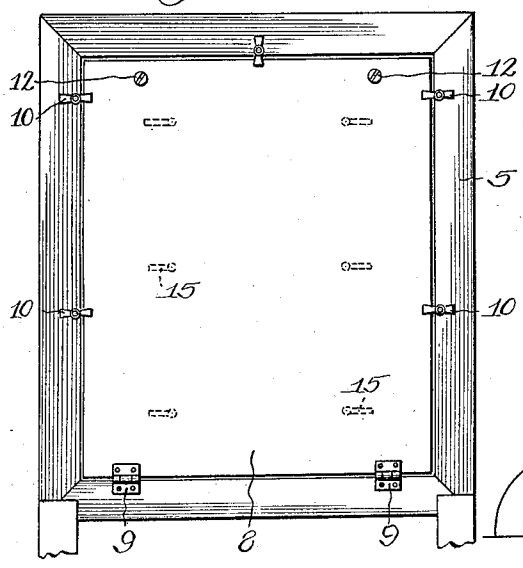


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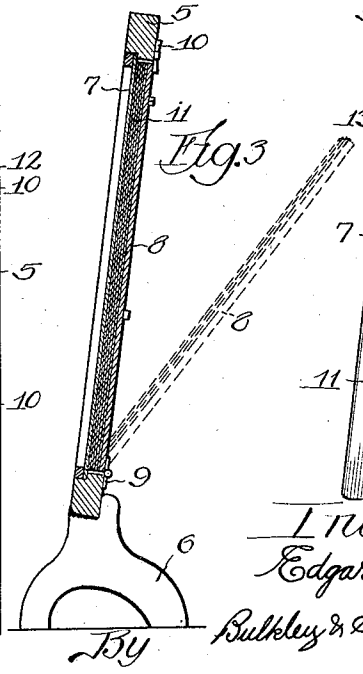
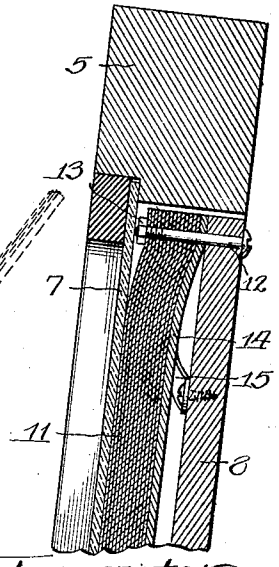


Fig. 4



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDGAR WATSON, a citizen of the United States of America, and resident of Chicago, Cook county, Illinois, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Display-Racks, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to an improvement in display racks for use in connection with the displaying of serial advertising posters or placards.

The object of my invention is to provide a rack in which a series of advertising posters can be so held that they can be displayed one after the other in regular sequence.

Other features and objects of my invention will be more readily understood by having reference to the accompanying drawings, in which I have illustrated one embodiment of my invention.

Figure 1 is a front elevation of the display rack.

Fig. 2 is a rear elevation of the same.

Fig. 3 is a longitudinal sectional view.

Fig. 4 is an enlarged sectional detail.

As illustrated, the rectangular frame 5 is supported upon suitable pedestals 6. Mounted in front of this frame is a glass 7, while the rear of the frame is closed by a door 8 which is hinged at its lower end to the frame, as indicated at 9. Suitable pivoted clips 10 are provided for holding the door in closed position. Mounted upon the inside of the door are a series of advertising posters 11. These posters are secured to the door by a plurality of bolts 12 which pass through the posters near the upper edges thereof, the posters being held in position upon such bolts by the nuts 13. Mounted between the bottom or innermost poster 11 and the door 8, and likewise supported upon the rods 12, there is a flexible sheet member 14 preferably somewhat heavier than the individual posters. Secured to the door 8 and pressing outward against the member 14 are one or more leaf springs 15. These springs operate to press outwardly against the member 14, and thus hold the first or outermost poster firmly against the glass 7 so that this outermost poster is clearly displayed through this glass. When it is desired to change the poster, and have the next poster in the series displayed, it is merely necessary to open the door 8 and remove the outermost poster from the stack and then again close the door and lock the same in position. The springs 15 then exert sufficient pressure to cause the second poster to engage closely against the inner surface of the glass 7 so that this poster is clearly displayed. This operation is repeated for each successive poster which it is desired to display. The individual posters can be removed either by first removing the nuts 13 and lifting off the top poster from the bolts 12 and then again securing the remainder of the posters on the bolt by again placing the nuts 13 thereon, or the posters can be removed by tearing them off of the bolts, leaving the stub portions remaining on these bolts. In either event the springs 15 will operate to press outwardly against the flexible supporting member 14 sufficiently to force the outer poster firmly against the glass so that this poster is properly and clearly displayed.

While I have illustrated and described one particular embodiment of my invention, it will be understood that I do not wish to be limited to the exact construction shown and described, but that various changes and modifications may be made without departing from the spirit and intent of my invention.

What I claim as my invention is:

In a display rack, a frame, a glass mounted in the front part of said frame, a door hinged to the back of said frame, a series of posters removably secured to the inner surface of said door, a flexible mounting sheet likewise supported on said door between said posters and said door, and spring means between said mounting sheet and said door for pressing outwardly upon said mounting sheet, whereby the outermost poster is pressed against the inner surface of said glass.

Signed by me at Chicago, Illinois, this 9 day of May, 1921.

EDGAR WATSON.