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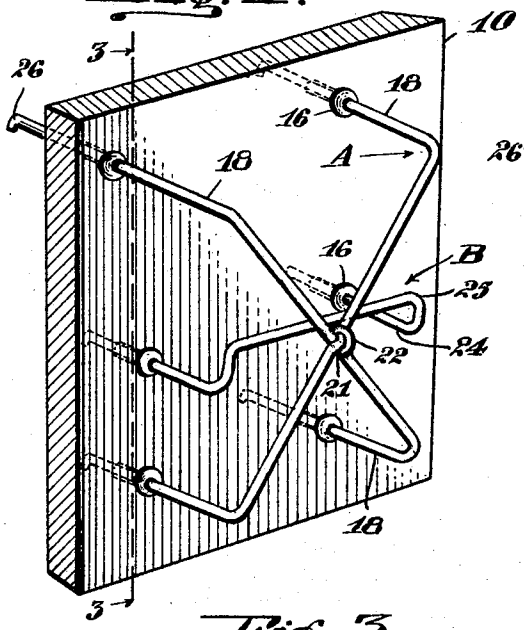


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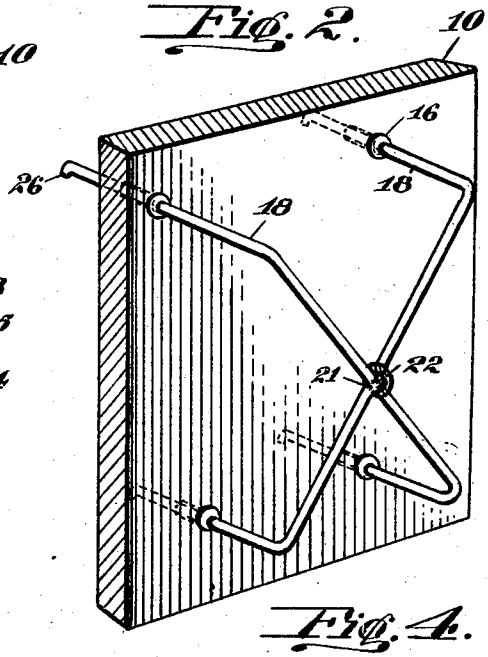


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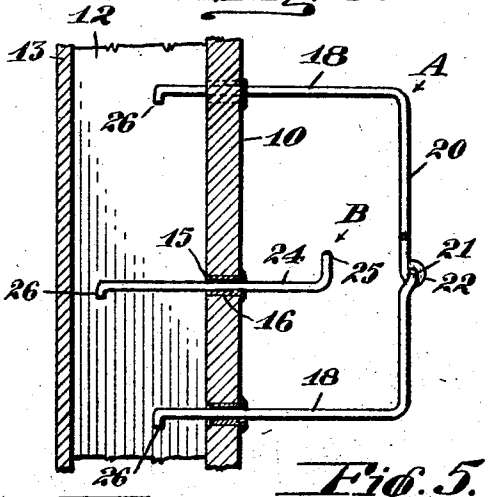


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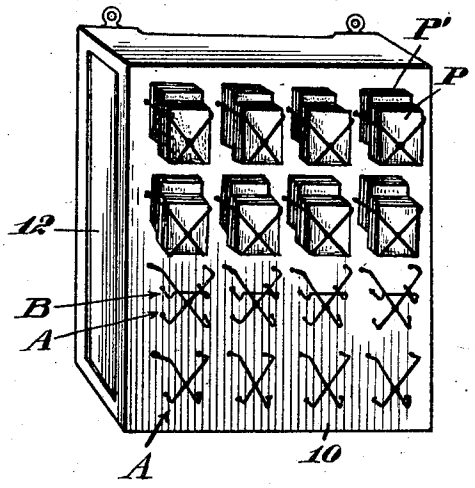


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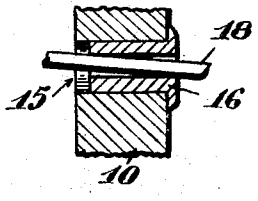
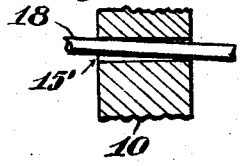


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This invention relates to display racks and is one adapted to retain small packages, particularly seed packets or the like.

An object of the invention is to provide a display rack for small packages which will enable the packages to be held in proper display position regardless of the number of packages remaining in a holder at any time.

A further object is to conserve space by permitting increase in the number of displays within a unit of space, and thereby to increase the display value of a unit of space.

Briefly, the invention comprises a primary holder or rack loosely mounted in apertures provided in a base or back and a secondary holder similarly carried in said back. The primary holder may be used independently, the same being provided with legs which enter certain of said apertures to serve to retain the holder in position and are properly spaced to receive and retain the packets. The secondary holder when used, is positioned within the confines of the primary holder, the legs thereof which enter other apertures serving as supports or positioning means for packets also held within the primary holder. This secondary holder may be employed to display another variety of article which may be contained in packages of the same or different sizes from those held in the primary holder.

The invention resides in the novel arrangement and combination of parts and in the features of construction herein disclosed and illustrated by way of example in the accompanying drawings, in which:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the primary and secondary holders;

Figure 2 is a perspective view of the primary holder as employed alone;

Figure 3 is a vertical section through a holder in use taken on the line 3—3 of Figure 1;

Figure 4 is a perspective view of a seed rack provided with a number of the holders, certain of which holders are filled;

Figure 5 is a sectional detail showing the mounting of one of the legs of the holder in the back or base board; and

Figure 6 shows a modified form of mounting:

The rack of the present invention includes a base or back 10, side panels 12 and a rear wall 13. The back 10 in the preferred form is provided with a plurality of apertures 15 adapted to receive flanged sleeves or elongated eyelets 16 which in turn slidably receive the legs 18 of the primary holder A. In Figure 6 a slight modification of the mounting is disclosed, wherein smaller apertures 15′ are provided for directly receiving said legs.

The primary holder A comprises two crossed wires bent to form the legs 18 and body members 20 one of which is looped at 21 for receiving a securing coil 22 on the other. The joint thus formed at 21, 22 is disposed on the outerside of the holder which thereby presents a flat inner surface for the reception of the packets P.

The secondary holder B is formed from a single wire having the legs 24, also entering eyelets 16, and an offset connecting bar 25, the latter serving as a retainer for the lower ends of the packets P′ which are carried by the legs 24. The legs of both the holders A and B have their extremities hooked or offset at 26 to prevent complete removal of the holders from said eyelets 16.

In operation, the primary holder A may be used independently as indicated in the bottom row of Figure 4. In this instance the packets P are supported upon the lower legs 18 and are retained from lateral movement by the upper legs 18 which are spaced to receive the packets. The weight of the holder itself and of the packets P is sufficient to cause the legs 18 to bind against the walls of the eyelets 16 and thereby retain the holder in whatever position desired, but the mounting is sufficiently loose to permit the holder to be drawn freely outward or to be forced backward readily to hold the packets upright.

The secondary holder may be employed to hold in elevated position a number of smaller packets P′ which will be positioned behind the larger packets P and at the same time have their upper ends projected above said packets P. Obviously, these packets may contain the same or other varieties of seeds or other materials. Or the holders B may be employed to position a quantity of packets of the same size as the packets P as indicated in Figure 4, these packets also containing the same or other varieties of materials. In the use of both forms of holder A and B the space within the cabinet between

the back board 10 and the rear wall 13 will accommodate the ends of the legs 18 and 24 which project beyond the eyelets 16.

I claim:

A rack of the class described comprising a back and a rear wall spaced from the back, said back having a series of groups of apertures formed therethrough, a packet holder for each group of apertures and each packet holder comprising a front and legs for slidable extension through said apertures, means on said legs to prevent complete withdrawal of the legs, there being a second series of groups of apertures in said back located within the first mentioned groups and an auxiliary packet holder for each of the group of apertures of the second series having legs for slidable and limited movements in said apertures.

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