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Fig. 1

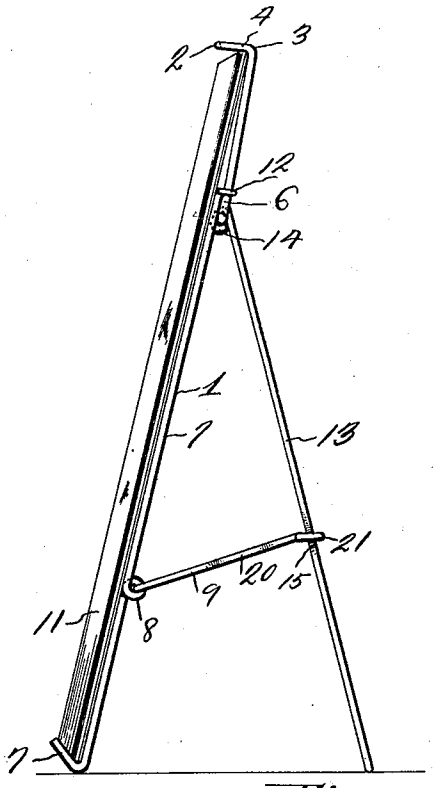


Fig. 2

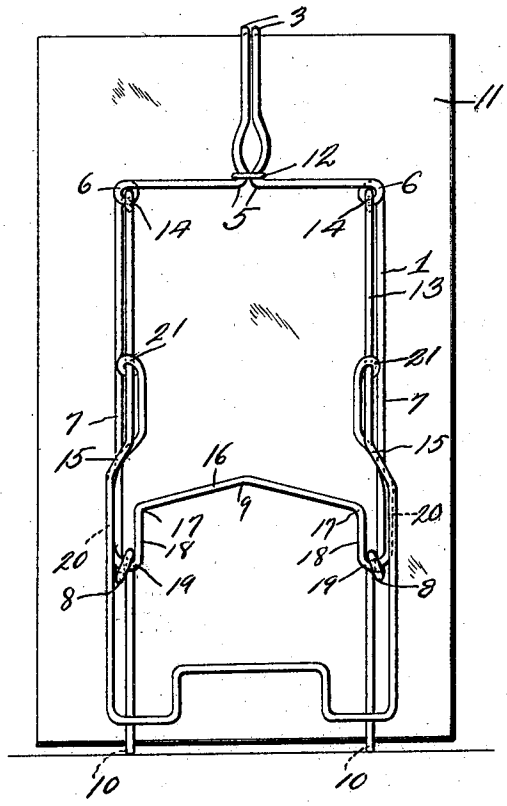
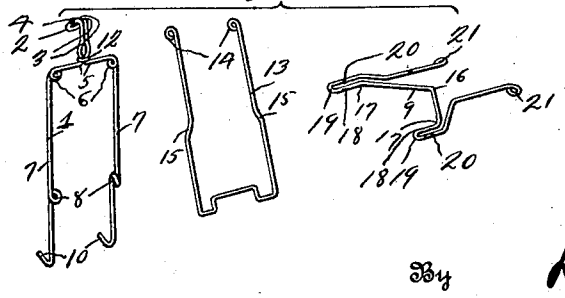


Fig. 3



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, AARON HERMANSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Rockford, in the county of Winnebago, State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Easel; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

The invention relates to easels and has for its object to provide an easel formed from wire and particularly adapted for supporting a small glass and so formed as to hold a picture in engagement with said glass.

A further object is to provide an easel comprising a substantially rectangular shaped glass engaging and holding member said rectangular shaped member having pivotally secured to the upper end thereof a U-shaped member, the free end of which being adapted to engage the support for supporting the easel, there being a brace pivotally secured to the lower end of the rectangular frame and formed from a single piece of wire, the ends of said wire being provided with eyes slidably engaging the U-shaped member and limited in their downward movements by offset portions carried by said U-shaped member.

With the above and other objects in view the invention resides in the combination and arrangement of parts as hereinafter set forth, shown in the drawings, described and claimed, it being understood that changes in the precise embodiment of the invention be made within the scope of what is claimed without departing from the spirit of the invention.

In the drawing:—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of the easel showing the same supporting a glass.

Fig. 2 is a rear view of the easel showing the same in folded position.

Fig. 3 is a collective view of the three members forming the easel.

Referring to the drawings, the numeral 1 designates a rectangular shaped frame formed from a single piece of wire, said wire being bent upon itself as at 2 and 3 so as to form a centrally disposed glass engaging hook 4 adapted to engage over the upper edge of the glass. The wire in turn being bent as at 5 so as to form horizontal portions, said horizontal portions being bent so as to provide eyes 6 and depending arms 7. The arms 7 at points spaced from their lower ends are bent upon themselves so as to form eyes 8, which form pivotal points for a brace 9, said arms 7 having their lower ends bent upwardly so as to form members 10 adapted to engage over and receive the lower end of the glass 11. It will be seen that the rectangular frame 1 is formed from a single piece of wire and that the member 4 is also formed by the same piece of wire, the side arms of said member 4 being prevented from spreading by means of a clip formed from wire, said clip being designated by the numeral 12. A supporting leg 13 which is formed from a single piece of wire and is U-shaped is provided. The arms of said U-shaped supporting leg have their ends provided with eyes 14, which eyes engage the eyes 6 of the frame 1 and the leg 13 is thereby pivotally connected to the frame 1 by said eyes. The arms of the U-shaped leg 13 are provided with shoulders 15, the purpose of which will presently appear.

Brace 9 is formed from a single piece of wire and comprises a substantially transversely disposed portion 16, which portion is bent as at 17 so as to provide parallel portions 18, said wire being in turn bent upon itself as at 19 thereby forming arms 20 which are parallel to the portions 18, the bent portions 19 being disposed in the eyes 8, which form pivotal points for the brace 9. Arms 20 have their ends provided with eyes 21 which eyes are slidably mounted on the arms of the U-shaped leg 13 and the sliding of said eyes in a downward position being limited by the shoulders 15 of the leg 13. Thus it will be seen that the brace 9 at its outer end will be limited in its downward movement and as the shoulders 15 are so positioned so that said brace 9 will not be able to assume a position at right angles to the frame 1, that it will be only necessary to force the lower end of the leg 13 inwardly to cause the outer end of the brace 9 to slide upwardly which will allow the folding of the frame as a whole.

From the above it will be seen that an easel is provided which easel is formed entirely from wire and that the parts so formed are reduced to a minimun. It will also be seen that by the particularly bent brace member 9, that the spreading of the arm 7 of the frame 1 will be prevented in an out-

ward or inward direction and that the shoulders 15 will limit the downward movement of the free end of the brace 9 so that said brace cannot assume a right angle position to the frame 1, thereby preventing the folding of the leg member 13 by simply applying pressure to the free end of said leg.

The invention having been set forth what is claimed as new and useful is:—

A wire easel formed from three substantially U-shaped members, one of said members having its central horizontal portions provided with a hook adapted to hook over the upper end of an article, said hook being formed by bending the wire forming the member so as to form vertically disposed adjacent parallel portions, said vertically disposed parallel portions adjacent the horizontal portions being provided with outwardly extending bends, a loop extending around the vertically disposed portions between the outwardly extending bends and the horizontally disposed portions for holding said vertically disposed portions against spreading, said bent out portions forming means for preventing longitudinal movement of the loop on the vertically disposed portions, the lower end of the arms of said U-shaped member being provided with hooks for hooking under the lower end of an article, one of said U-shaped wire members forming a supporting leg and having the ends of its arms pivotally connected to the first mentioned U-shaped member, said arms being provided with offset portions, the other U-shaped wire member having its arms slidably mounted and connected to the arms of the supporting U-shaped member and at points above its offset portions which form limiting stops, said last named U-shaped member being pivotally connected to the downwardly extending arms of the first mentioned article receiving U-shaped member and forming means for bracing and holding the supporting member.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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