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CARD DISPLAYING OR PLANT MARKING DEVICE

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Fig. 1.

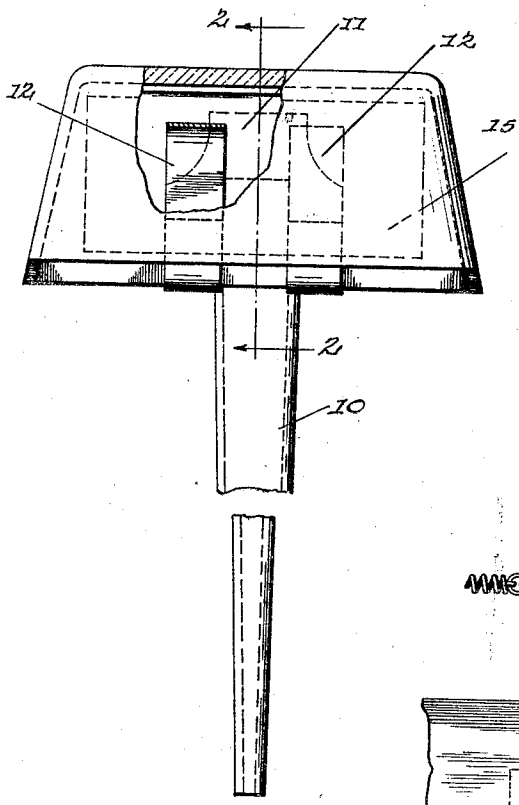


Fig. 2.

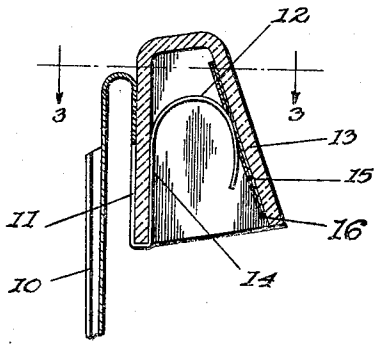
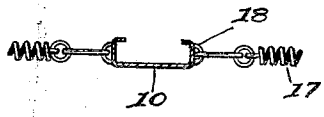


Fig. 5.



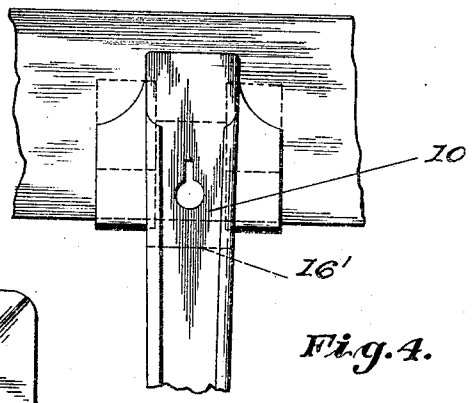
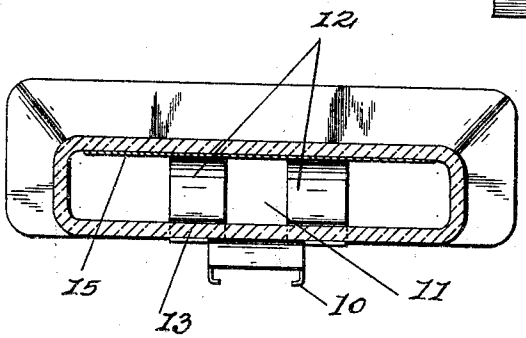


Fig. 4.

Fig. 3.



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My invention aims to provide an improved card displaying device which is particularly adapted for marking plants.

One of the main objects of my invention is to provide a device in which the identifying card is easily readable and at the same time protected from damage by the weather.

In the accompanying drawing, wherein I have shown one embodiment of my invention for purposes of illustration,

Fig. 1 shows a side elevation of my device with a portion of the transparent card container broken away;

Fig. 2 shows a section of the container and holding clips taken on line 2—2 of Fig. 1;

Fig. 3 shows a vertical section taken on line 3—3 of Fig. 2; and

Figs. 4 and 5 are modifications showing means whereby the device can be supported from a tree, etc.

In the particular embodiment of my invention selected for illustration herein and shown in the drawing, the device comprises a vertical support 10 which may be stamped of suitable metal and tapered so that its end may be inserted in the ground.

The top of the support 10 is bent into substantially S-form and cut out as at 11 to provide a pair of spring clips 12, which are adapted to secure a transparent card container 13 at the point 14. The ends of the clips 12 are formed so that they bear against the opposite inner wall of the container 13 to permit an identification card 15 to be inserted and held between them.

The container 13, which is preferably made of glass of a sufficient thickness to prevent breakage under ordinary conditions, has an open bottom, but its top and sides are formed in a single piece to protect the identification card from the weather. The flat front face of the container is set at an angle so that the card behind the glass may be easily read. The card 15 may be set in a metal casing or framework as at 16 to keep it flat against the face of the glass.

Fig. 4 is a modification which is adapted to be used when the marker is applied to a tree, the vertical support 10 being cut off at 16 and a slot cut into the supporting member so that it may be hooked over the head of a nail or other fastening means.

Fig. 5 shows a securing means in which the member 10 is shortened as in Fig. 4, and spring means 17 which encircle the tree are hooked to the member 10 through the medium of eyelets 18 which are struck out from the supporting member.

My invention obviously is not restricted to the particular embodiment thereof herein illustrated and described.

What I claim is:

1. A card displaying or plant marking device comprising vertical supporting means, a seamless transparent card container carried thereby and open at its bottom, said container having a flat front face at an angle to said supporting means, and means for holding a card against said face.

2. A card displaying or plant marking device comprising a support having an integral spring extension of substantially S-shape, and a transparent card container carried thereby, part of said spring extension being shaped to hold a card in frictional engagement with said container.

3. A card displaying or plant marking device comprising a support, and a transparent card container carried thereby, said support including an integral bifurcated spring member bent to frictionally engage and support said container and a card carried therein.

4. A card displaying or plant marking device comprising a support, a card container carried thereby, and spring means on said support for both holding said container and securing a card therein.

5. A card displaying or plant marking device comprising a support and a seamless, transparent card container, said support comprising a stamped metal blank, a portion of which supports said container and retains a card therein.

6. A card displaying or plant marking device comprising a support, a one piece transparent card container, and a spring extension integral with said support providing means for holding said container and retaining a card therein.

7. A card displaying and plant marking

device comprising supporting means, a seamless transparent container having a flat side wall carried thereby, open at the bottom only and adapted to receive a card, means for securing said container to the support, and means for retaining a card therein in contact with said flat wall.

8. A card displaying or plant marking device comprising a support and a card container, said support having an integral spring extension adapted to hold said container and retain a card therein.

In testimony whereof, I have signed my name to this specification.

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