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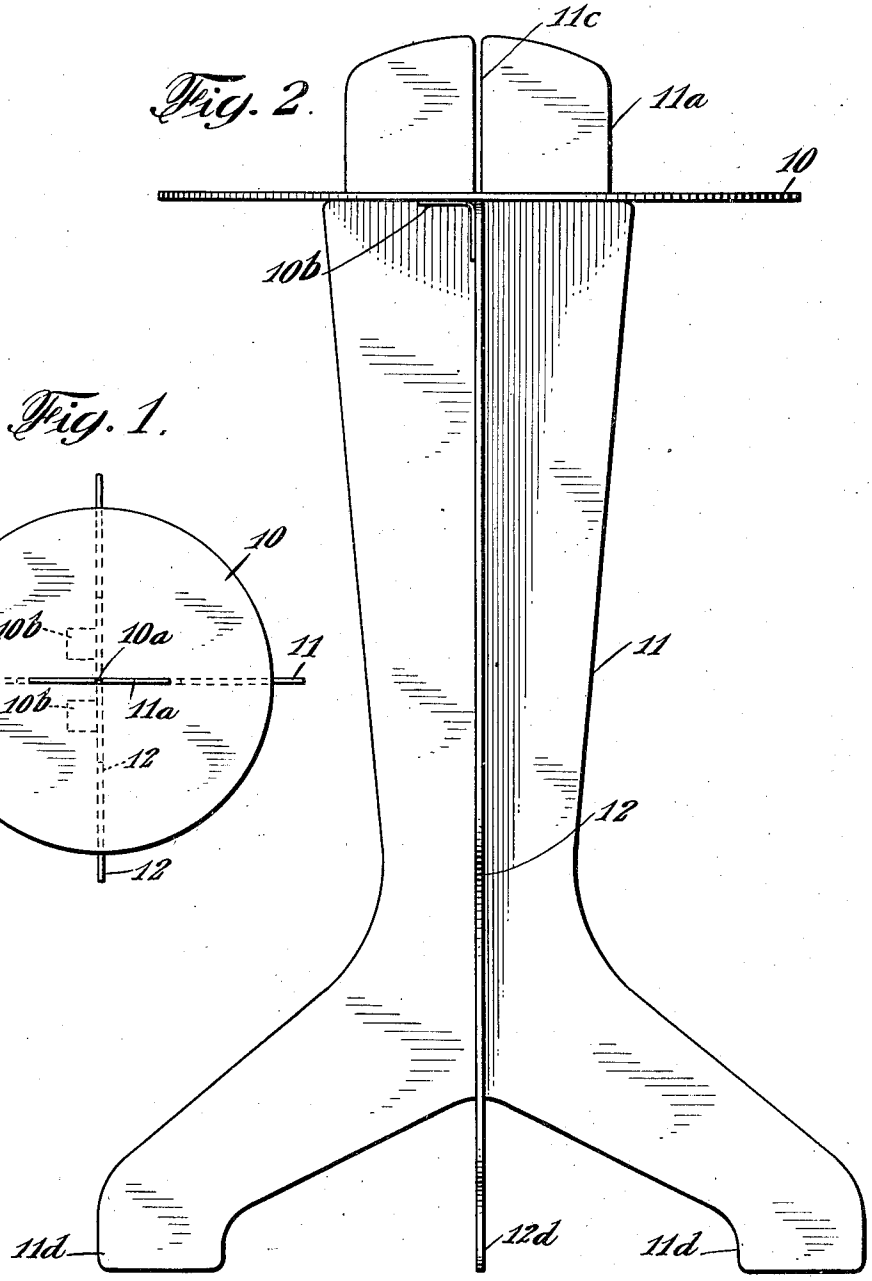


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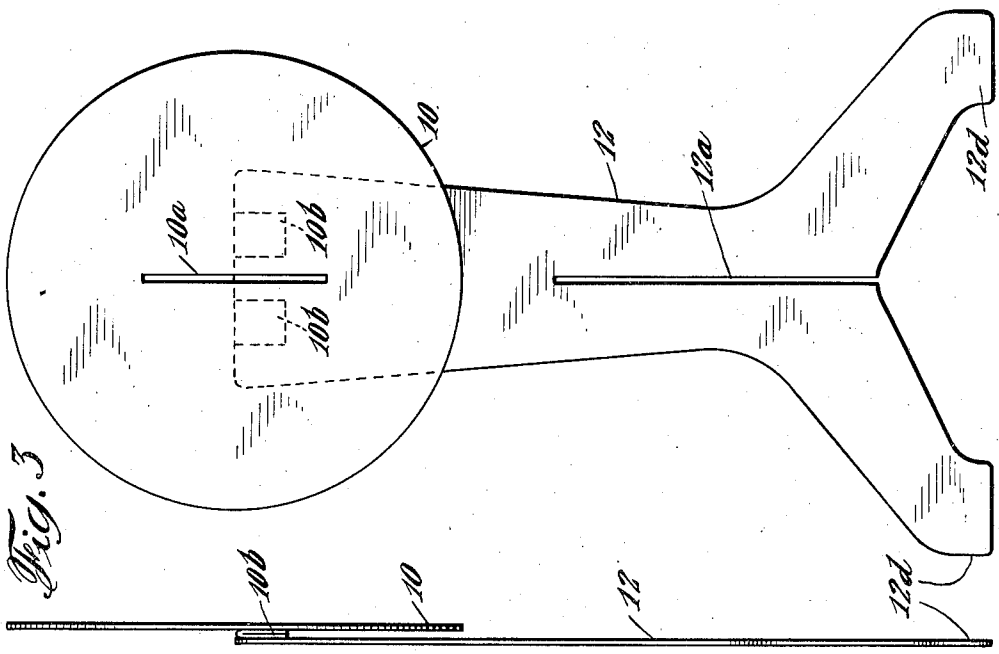


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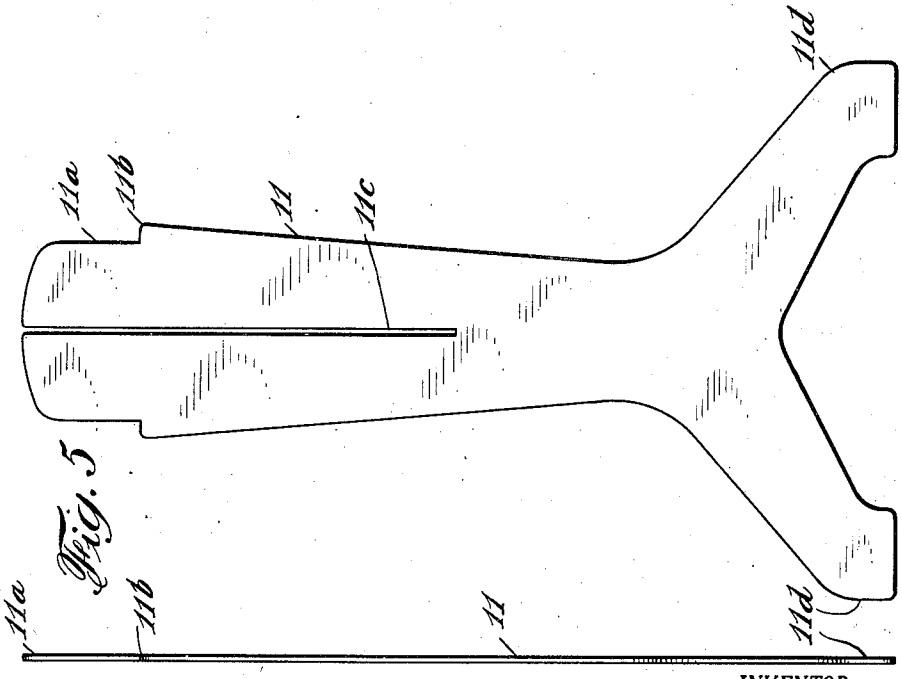


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My invention relates to supports for hats, small garments, and also for supporting items displayed in store windows, shelves or counters; and further utilizable for travelling salespeople who display their samples, and who would desire that supports of this character be of a collapsible type, with the parts comprising such supports formed of perfectly flat members, thereby enabling said devices to be readily folded and packed or stowed away into a comparatively limited space.

An object of my invention is to provide a supporting utility for hats, garments or the like, that is easy and economical of manufacture and which can be readily set up and collapsed.

Further utility and objects of the invention will be apparent as the description thereof proceeds.

In further description of my invention reference is had to the drawings in which:

Fig. 1 is a plan view of the hat or garment rack;

Fig. 2 is a front elevational view thereof;

Fig. 3 is a detail side elevational view of the device;

Fig. 4 is a left end elevational view thereof;

Fig. 5 is a detail front elevational view; and

Fig. 6 is a left end elevational view of the device.

Referring to the figures, the designation 10 is the top or table portion of the device which is supported by two members 11 and 12 positioned when assembled at right angles to each other and interlocked as shown in Fig. 2. A slot 10^a is provided to permit the top portion 11^a of the supporting standard member 11 to slip through said slot 10^a up to and flush with the shoulder 11^b of said member 11.

The standard member 11 is provided with an elongated slot 11^c. The lower portion of said member 11 is further provided with leglike base supports 11^d.

Referring to Fig. 3, the table-like support 10 is hinged onto the standard cross-member 12 by means of flexible hinges 10^b, of cloth or flexible plastic material, which are secured between the under side of said table 10 and the standard cross-member 12 as shown in Fig 3. In this figure the table 10 is shown turned upward or set vertically and supported by the member 12. In this manner the standard member 12 is in a collapsed or folded position. The member 12 is provided with leglike base supports 12^d.

In Fig. 2 the table 10 is shown in set-up or operative position resting over the top portion 11^a, the upper end of which protrudes above said table 10 thus forming a top support in addition

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to the support given a hat or garment resting on the device by the table 10. The table rack 10 rests upon the shoulder 11^b (Fig. 5).

The member 12 is fitted and interlocked into assembled position at right angles to the member 11 through the medium of the slot 12^a of said member.

The member 12 is simply fitted at right angles and over the member 11 through the medium of the respective slots 11^c and 12^a as explained.

In assembling the device the table support is first hinged in a vertical position as shown in Fig. 3. The supporting member 11 is slipped centrally through slot 11^c into the slot 12^a of the standard member 12 up to the point just below the edge of the table 10 when tipped over in a horizontal position on the hinges thereof, and in the position shown in Fig. 3. In this manner the device is set up and ready to receive whatever article it is desired to place upon it for display purposes or otherwise.

The material from which the device may be made is either sheet plastic, sheet metal, plywood, or heavy cardboard, or like flat material.

It will be readily be seen that my invention is easy of manufacture, and formed of simple die stampings or simple plastic moulding, possessing considerable utility in the fact of its manner of disassembly into small compass and requiring small storage or shipping space.

The foregoing detailed description has been given for clearness of understanding only and no unnecessary limitations should be understood therefrom, but it should be construed as broadly as permissible in view of the prior art.

Now, having described my invention, what I claim is:

1. In a device of the class described comprising a plurality of intersecting and interlocking standard members, each having a base portion, a table support hinged to the top of one of said standard members, whereby said table support may be hingedly moved to a vertical or horizontal position thereupon, a slot approximately centrally located on said table support through which the upper portion of a second standard interlocking member is projected, a pair of shoulders on said second standard member upon which said table support is caused to rest upon the projection of said second standard member through said slot on the table support aforesaid.

2. In a hat rack including two intersecting and interlocking standard members, each having a supporting base portion, a table support hingeably attached to the first of said standard mem-

bers whereby said table support may be moved vertically or horizontally upon said first standard member, a slot on said table support, a vertical slot on said first standard member, said slot extending from the base thereof to approximately the mid-portion of said standard member, the second standard member of said interlocking and intersecting members having a centrally positioned slot extending from the lower mid-portion to the top section thereof, a supporting shoulder on said second standard member, said second member being set at right angles to said first member and the slot thereof set into the vertical slot of said first member thereby effecting said intersecting and interlocking formation, the upper portion of said second standard member projecting through said slot on said table support upon the assembly of said device, said member projection extending upwardly through said table support and said table support bearing against said shoulder of said second standard member thereby forming a support for the table support aforesaid.

3. In a device of the class described comprising a pair of intersecting and interlocking standard members, each having a supporting base portion, a table support hingedly attached to one of said standard members whereby said attached table support may be turned from a horizontal to a vertical position upon said standard member; shoulder support means on the opposite intersecting standard member for retaining said table support horizontally after having been so placed, said shoulder support means partially projecting through slot or opening means on said table support, whereby the projecting portion of the said shoulder support means through said slot or opening means and above said table support may serve as a further article support means in addition to the table support aforesaid.

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