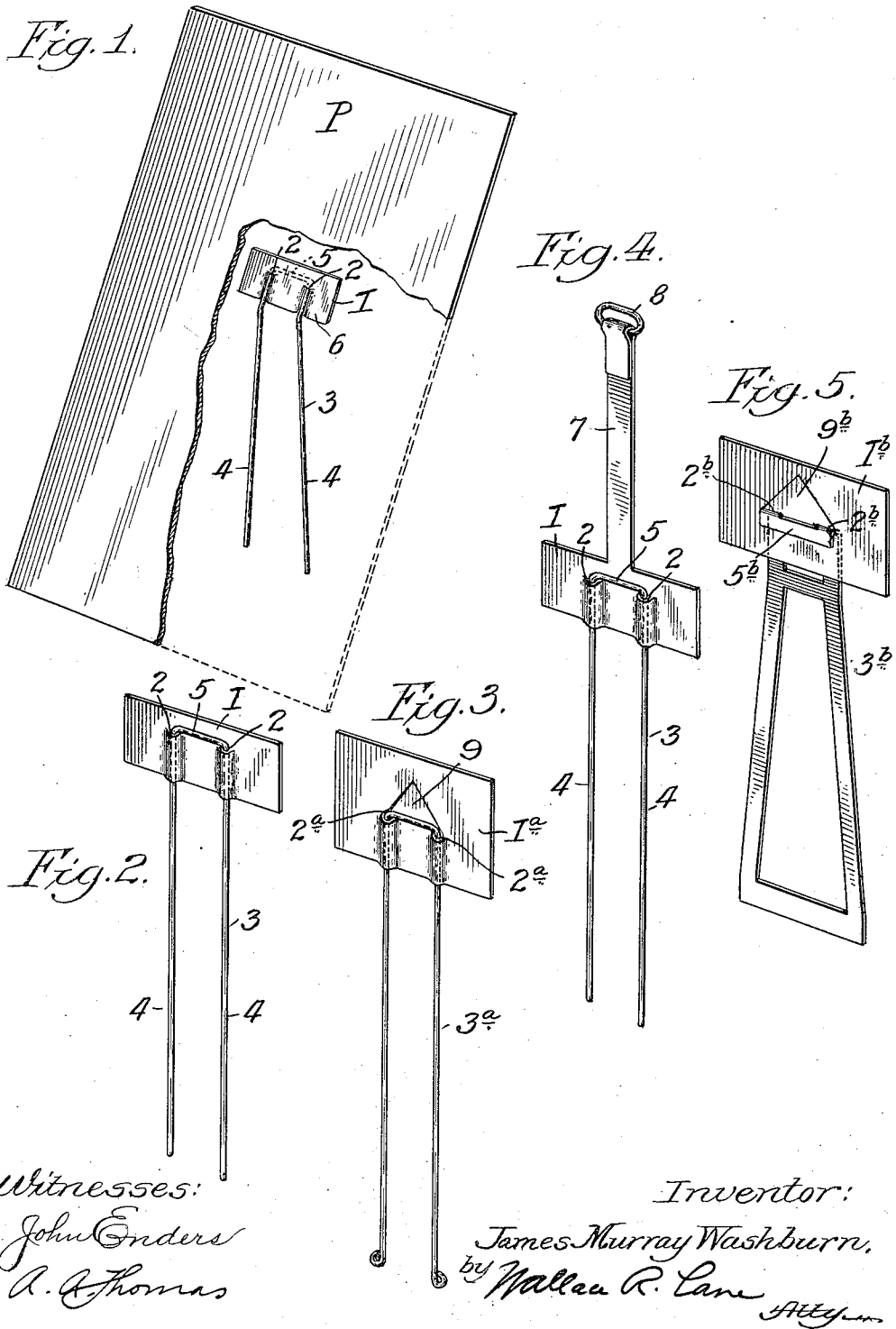


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES MURRAY WASHBURN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Supports for Cards, Pictures, and the Like, (Case 1,) of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to supports for such articles as cards, pictures and the like for propping them up at a suitable angle from the vertical for display or other purposes.

The support of my invention is characterized by extreme simplicity and cheapness of construction, and by the readiness with which it may be attached to the desired article.

Broadly considered, my invention comprises a piece of tape preferably gummed so as to be readily applied to the article desired to be supported, and a metallic stay securely fastened to the gummed tape, this stay being readily adjustable into proper supporting position. The stay may be made of wire or it may be stamped out of sheet metal. In the particular form shown in the drawings the tape is perforated and the metallic stay passes at its upper end through the perforations.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view showing my new and improved support applied to a card or picture, a portion of the latter being broken away to show the support more clearly; Fig. 2 is a detached view in perspective of the form of support shown in Fig. 1; Fig. 3 is a modified form of support showing a tongue cut in the piece of tape for providing the perforations through which the stay passes; Fig. 4 is a modification of Fig. 2 showing the tape provided with an extension whereby the card or picture to which the support is applied may be suspended; and Fig. 5 is a perspective view of a form of support in which the stay is of sheet metal.

Referring to Figs. 1, 2 and 4, the support comprises a piece of tape I which is preferably gummed and which may be of some such suitable material as cloth, paper or the like. The tape I is pierced to provide perforations 2 through which the wire stay 3 passes. Figs. 2 and 3 show the front side of the tape, while Fig. 1 shows the rear side. The stay 3 is bent of a single piece of wire which comprises a pair of vertical legs 4

connected together at the upper end by the horizontal portion 5. Normally the legs 4 are straight throughout the entire length as shown in Figs. 2 and 4, so that the support may rest flatly against the card or picture to which it is applied. To apply a support to the card or picture P it is only necessary to moisten the gummed surface 6 of the tape I and paste it on the back of the card or picture. The legs 4 of the stay 3 are then bent outwardly at a suitable angle as shown in Fig. 1 to support the picture at the desired inclination. In Fig. 4 the tape I is provided with an integral extension 7 to the upper end of which is fastened a ring 8 for suspending the article to which the support is attached. This form of support, therefore, performs the double function of propping up the card or picture and of hanging it on the wall. When the tape I is pasted down tight over the back of the card or picture, there is no liability of the stay 3 slipping through the perforations in the tape.

In Fig. 3 the tape I^a has cut in it the integral tongue 9 of substantially triangular shape, at the base of which are formed the perforations 2^a. The tongue 9 permits the stay 3^a to be secured in place by simply bending the tongue 9 aside and slipping the stay into the position shown in Fig. 3. This renders it unnecessary to thread the legs of the stay through the perforations, as is the case with the form shown in Figs. 1, 2 and 4.

In the form shown in Fig. 5 the stay 3^b is stamped out of a single piece of sheet metal which is readily flexible into the proper supporting position. The tape I^b of this figure is similar to the tape I^a of Fig. 3, in that it has the tongue 9^b at the base of which are the perforations 2^b to permit the upper end 5^b to be inserted through the perforations from one side of the tape and bent back on the other side, as clearly shown in Fig. 5.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States is:

1. A support of the class described, comprising a piece of gummed tape adapted to be readily applied to an article, and a metallic stay having legs which pass through said tape and which, at their upper portions, cross the gummed face thereof and are immovably held by said tape against the back of the article to be supported, said stay

being readily adjustable into supporting position, and having a top portion crossing the back of said tape.

2. A support of the class described, comprising a piece of gummed and perforated tape adapted for ready attachment to an article, and a metallic stay having legs and a flat horizontal top portion connecting said legs, said legs passing through the perforations in the tape and being rigidly held between the gummed face thereof and the article to be supported, the horizontal top portion of said stay resting against the back of said tape, said stay being readily adjustable into supporting position by bending.

3. A support of the class described, comprising a piece of gummed tape having an integral tongue cut in its body portion to provide a pair of perforations at the base of the tongue, and a metallic stay passing at its upper end through the perforations in the tape, and having a cross piece arranged between the apertures and at the base of the

tongue, whereby the stay is securely attached to the tape, said stay being readily adjustable into supporting position.

4. A support of the class described, comprising a piece of gummed tape having an integral tongue cut in its body portion to provide a pair of perforations at the base of the tongue, and a stay stamped out of flexible sheet metal and having at its top a cross bar, said stay having its upper end passing through said perforations and bent back over the tape, with the cross bar arranged between said perforations at the base of the tongue whereby the stay is securely fastened to the tape, said stay being readily adjustable into supporting position.

In witness whereof, I hereunto subscribe my name this 30th day of March A. D. 1911.

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