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Fig. 1.



Fig. 2.

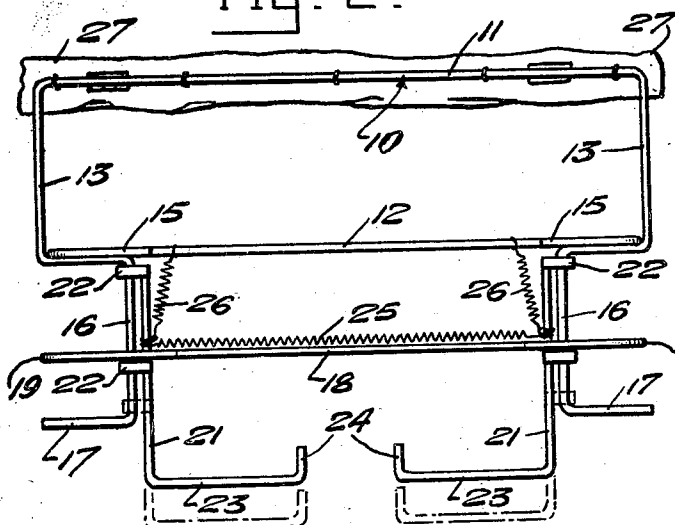
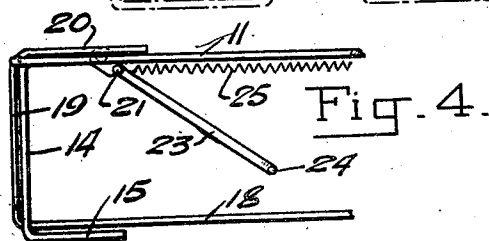
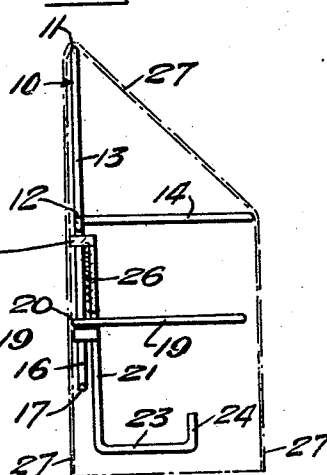


Fig. 3.



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This invention relates to newspaper holders and carriers and the general object of the invention is to provide a newspaper holder or carrier which is particularly adapted for carrying newspapers in rainy weather and which is designed for the purpose of preventing newspapers from getting wet.

A further object is to provide a device of this character embodying a supporting frame which may be supported upon the body by straps or the like and a textile cover engaging over the frame and protecting the newspapers, and a further object is to provide a device of this kind with means for supporting the newspapers, which means are retractile as the newspapers are disposed of.

A further object is to provide a very simple, cheaply made, and light device of this character which will involve very little extra weight, which may be supported by straps or otherwise upon the body of the vender and from which papers may be readily removed as wanted.

Our invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings wherein:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of our newspaper holding device in applied position;

Fig. 2 is a front elevation of the supporting frame, the canvas cover being cut away;

Fig. 3 is a side elevation of the structure shown in Figure 2;

Figure 4 is a fragmentary top plan view of the structure shown in Figure 2.

Referring to these drawings and particularly to Figure 2 it will be seen that the frame of this holder or carrier is formed of wire of any suitable size and strength, the wire being bent to form an approximately rectangular frame 10 having the upper cross bar 11 and the lower cross bar 12 and the vertical members 13. Extending from the ends of the lower cross bar 12 are forwardly extending members 14 which are angularly bent at their ends as at 15 for the purpose of holding the cover, to be later described, expanded. From the cross bar 12 inward of the upright portions 13, vertical members 16 extend downward and then are angularly bent outward or laterally as at 17.

A lower frame comprising a longitudinal bar 18 having angularly bent portions 19

and 20 is attached to the vertical member 16, as shown in Figure 3, so as to distend and expand the lower portion of the cover. Extending parallel to each of the portions 16 is a vertical rod 21 having outwardly projecting lugs 22 slidingly and rotatably mounted upon the upright portion 16. The lower ends of these members 21 are angularly bent as at 23 and upwardly angled as at 24, at their extremities for the support of newspapers.

A contractile spring 25 is attached at its ends to the vertical members 21 and the contraction of this spring tends to rotate these members 21 to a position to carry the arms 23 inward and rearward. Springs 26 are attached, for instance, to the cross bar 12 and act to urge the shafts 21, as they may be termed, upward.

Extending over the frame is a cover 27 of duck canvas, waterproof fabric, or like material, this cover being preferably attached to the upper cross bar 10 and extending downward and rearwardly over the inwardly curved portions 15 of the frame and extending downwardly and forward over the cross bar 12 and over the newspapers which are supported upon the arms 23. This frame is held out laterally by the portions 14 and 19.

In the use of this device the front of the cover 27 is lifted up and newspapers are disposed upon the arms 23, one after another. The spring 25 acts to turn the arms 23 so that the upwardly turned portions 24 bear against the outside face of the outer paper. In delivering the paper, the vender has to lift up on the forward paper so that it may escape the upwardly turned ends 24. The spring 25 acts, of course, to rotate the shafts 21 so that the arms 23, as soon as one paper is delivered, swing inward to carry the ends 24 against the next paper and so on until all of the papers have been delivered.

It will be seen that with this device newspapers may be vended in rainy weather without the newspapers being exposed to the rain. Furthermore, the newspapers may be pulled out from the carrier or holder one by one and that the newspapers remaining within the carrier or holder will be held in compact form by the arms 23 and the upwardly turned ends 24. Preferably the

spring 26 will be used for causing the shaft 21 to move upward so that the newspapers will be fully protected by the canvas cover and yet permit the shafts 21 and the arms 23 to be drawn downward for the ready positioning of the newspapers upon the arms 23.

While we have illustrated a frame which is thoroughly effective for the purpose intended, we do not wish to be limited to this as many changes might be made in the details of this frame construction without departing from the spirit of the invention as defined in the appended claims.

We claim:—

1. A newspaper protector and carrying device comprising a supporting frame substantially disposed in one plane and adapted to be disposed against a body and having a length greater than the length of the newspapers to be carried, said supporting frame having an outwardly projecting member having a length substantially equal to that of the frame, newspaper supporting means extending downward from the supporting frame and then outward below said member and upon which the papers may rest, and a cover extending downward from the top of the frame all around the same and having its front extending over said outwardly projecting member.

2. A newspaper protecting and carrying device comprising a supporting frame, a cover therefor, and newspaper supporting means extending downward from the supporting frame and having arms extending outward therefrom, the cover extending over said arms, said arms being swingably mounted upon the supporting frame for movement in a horizontal plane, and resilient means urging the said arms toward each other and inward.

3. A newspaper protecting and carrying device comprising a supporting frame, a cover therefor, and newspaper supporting means extending downward from the supporting frame and having arms extending outward therefrom, the cover extending over said arms, said arms being swingably mounted upon the supporting frame for movement in a horizontal plane, and resilient means urging the said arms toward each other and inward, each of said arms having an upwardly turned extremity.

4. A newspaper carrier and protector comprising a main frame, a cover of flexible material extending over the main frame and down around the sides thereof, the main frame having depending portions, shaft swingably mounted upon said depending

portions, each shaft at its lower end having an outwardly extending arm with the upwardly extending extremity upon which the newspapers may be disposed, and resilient means urging said arms toward each other and inward.

5. A newspaper carrier and protector comprising a main frame, a cover of flexible material extending over the main frame and down around the sides thereof, the main frame having depending portions, shafts swingably mounted upon said depending portions, each shaft at its lower end having an outwardly extending arm with the upwardly extending extremity upon which the newspapers may be disposed, resilient means urging said arms toward each other and inward, and means resiliently supporting said arms against vertical depression.

6. A newspaper carrier and protector of the character described comprising a main frame, a cover therefor and extending over the frame and downward around the sides thereof, the main frame including vertical depending portions, shafts extending parallel to the depending portions and having apertured lugs through which the depending portions pass whereby said shafts are mounted for swinging movement, each shaft at its lower end having an outwardly extending arm with an upwardly extending extremity and a contractile spring stretched across the space between the two shafts and connecting the same and resisting outward swinging movement of the arms and urging said arms inward and toward each other.

7. A newspaper protector and carrier comprising a front vertically disposed rectangular frame having depending portions angularly bent at their lower ends, horizontally and rearwardly extending portions forming part of the main frame, a lower frame attached to the depending portions below the lower cross bar of the rectangular frame, shafts disposed parallel to said depending portions and having apertured lugs through which the depending portions pass, each of said shafts having an arm at its lower end with an angular extremity, resilient means urging said shafts in a direction to carry the arms inward and toward each other, and a cover attached to the upper bar of the first named frame and extending downward and outward over said arms.

In testimony whereof we hereunto affix our signatures.

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