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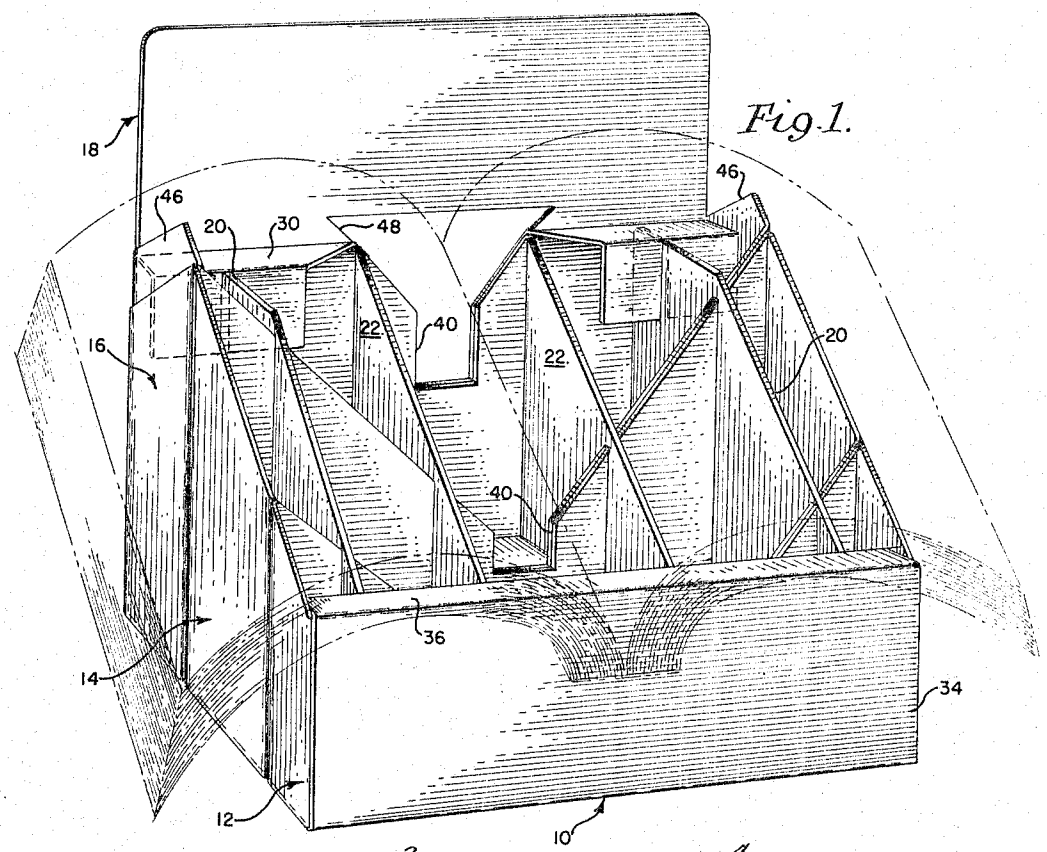
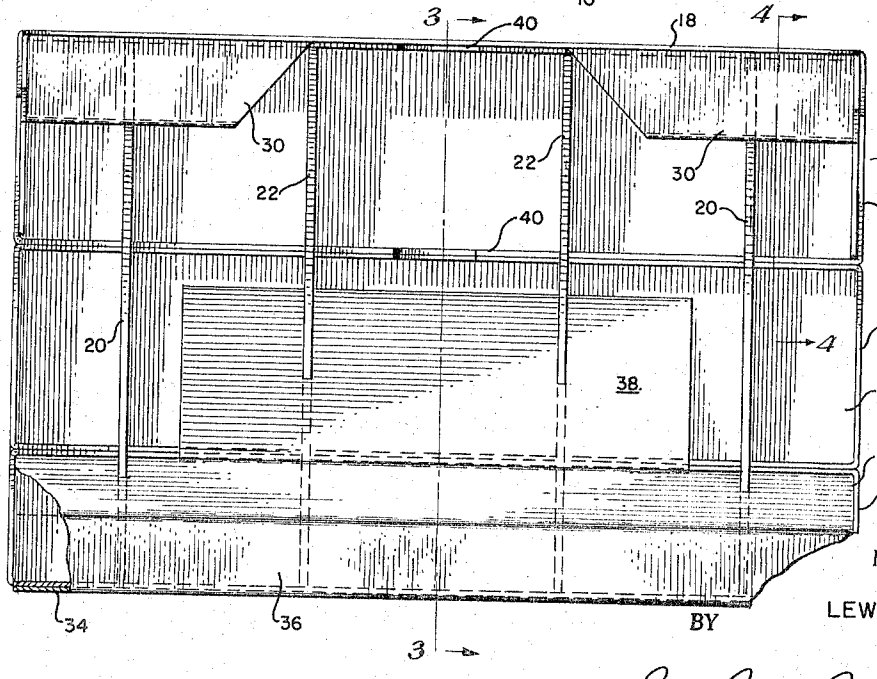


Fig. 2.



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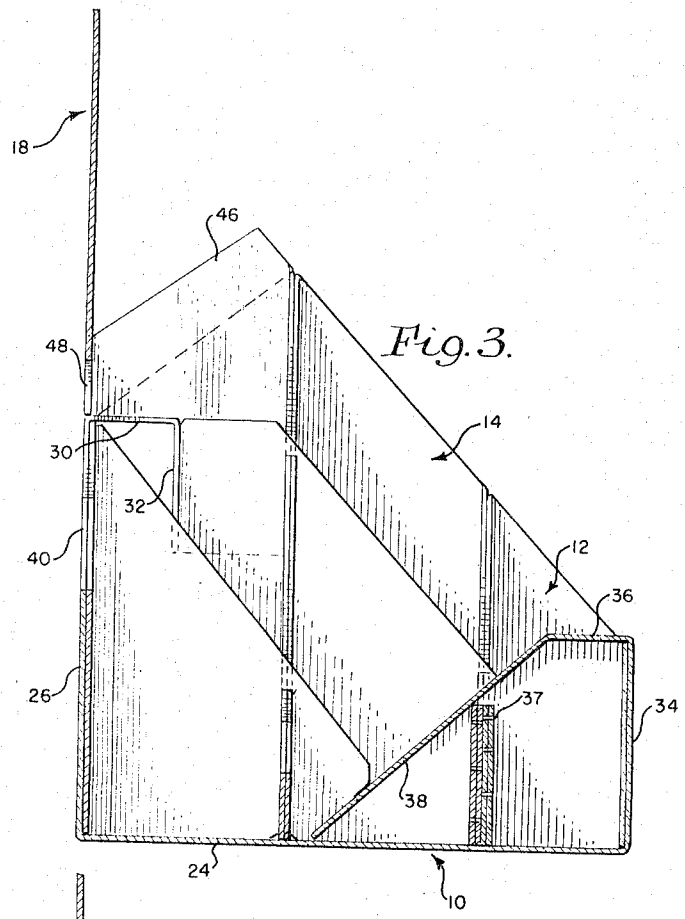


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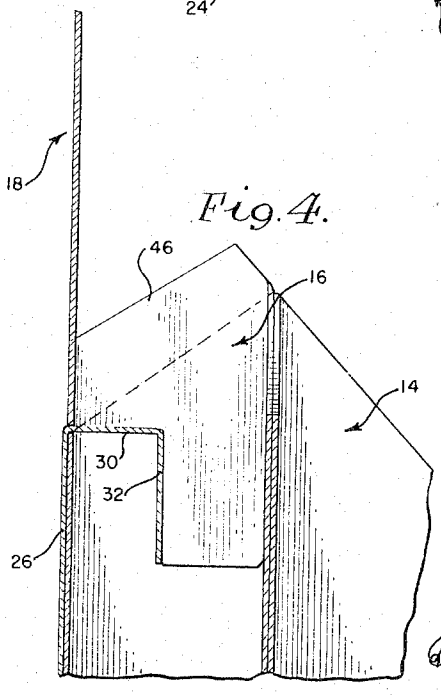


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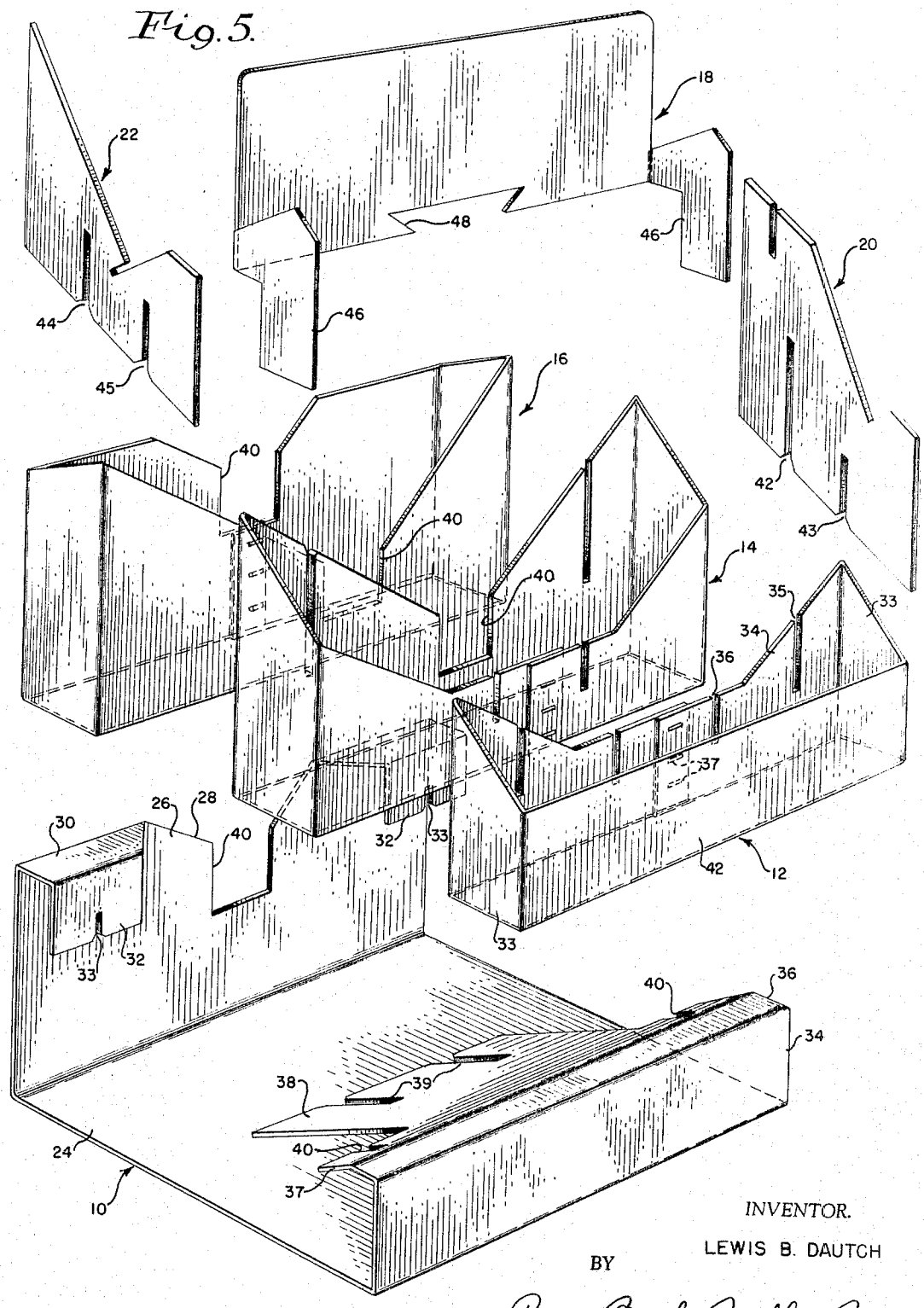
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Fig. 5.



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This invention relates to holding racks; and more particularly to a novel and improved "quick-set-up" type stand for cradling large books or the like so that the contents thereof may be readily scanned by manually moving the pages or leaves thereof from side to side. Still more specifically, the invention has for its primary object to provide an improved rack device, adapted to be shipped in knocked-down form, and supplied to wallpaper sales outlets for setting up on sales counters or the like for receiving in cradled form therein a wallpaper sample book; whereby customers may with improved ease and facility open the sample books and selectively view the leaves or pages thereof for comparison and pattern selection purposes. Other still more specific objects of the invention will appear from the following specification of one example of the invention, and the accompanying drawing wherein:

FIG. 1 is a front-top perspective view of one form of display rack of the invention in "set-up" form, showing how a wallpaper sample book or the like may be disposed thereon for viewing purposes;

FIG. 2 is an enlarged scale plan view thereof;

FIGS. 3, 4 are sectional views taken as suggested along lines 3—3 and 4—4 respectively, of FIG. 2; and

FIG. 5 is a perspective composite view showing the parts of the holding rack of the invention, in disassembled relation with the major components thereof shown in relatively disposed form.

As shown by way of example by the drawing herewith, the invention may be embodied in a structure fabricated entirely of sheet-like hard paper, plastic, metal, or wood panel parts, or the like. The parts are all cut or stamped or formed or otherwise shaped to include slots therein, adapting them to be interconnected by slide-fitting displacements of contiguous parts relative to one another. Thus, as shown in FIG. 5, the device may be designed to include five major component parts, comprising a base member designated generally **10**; a front abutment member **12**; a center abutment **14**; a rear abutment **16**, and a back board portion **18**. To assemble the device into operative form as shown in FIG. 1, a pair of internal partition members **20** and a pair of partition members **22** (only one of each being shown in FIG. 5) are provided.

The base member **10** includes a flat bottom panel **24**, a rear wall **26** bifurcated as indicated at **28** (FIG. 5) and formed at its top edge with a pair of flanges **30—30** leading forwardly into integrally formed downturned tabs **32—32**. The tabs are vertically slotted as shown at **33**. At its front end the base member **10** is formed with an upstanding front wall **34** leading with a rearwardly directly horizontal ledge portion **36** terminating in a shoulder **37** leading to a reduced width downwardly inclined ramp portion **38** which is slotted as indicated at **39—39**. The shoulder portion **37** is slotted as shown at **40—40**.

The front abutment member **12** is of box-like form, open at top and bottom and comprising a front wall portion **42**, side walls **33—33**, and a back wall **34** slotted as indicated at **35—35** and at **36—36**. The member **12** is conveniently fabricated by simply bending a piece of hard paper, plastic, metal or the like into the box-like form shown, and then stapling it together as shown at **37** (FIG. 5). The abutment members **14**, **16** are generally constructed as in the manner of abutment **12**, and it will be noted that the rear wall portions of abutments **12**, **14**, **16** are all recessed to provide dihedral shaped upper edge surfaces arranged to complement the outspread contours of the cover and back portions of a wallpaper sample book when resting in cradled relation thereon. Note also that the abutments **14**, **16** and the rear wall portion of the base plate **10** are rectangularly recessed as indicated at **40** to accommodate in vertically slip-fitted relation therein, the bound front edge of a wallpaper sample book, when folded into closed position.

The base plate **10** and the abutments **12**, **14**, **16** are thus adapted to be relatively nested as shown in FIG. 1 by moving them into assembled relation as suggested by FIG. 5. The partition members **20**, **20** and **22**, **22** are then pressed into interlocking positions, thereby holding the parts in the condition shown in FIG. 1; the partitions being slotted as shown at **42**, **43**, **44**, **45** (FIG. 5) for this purpose; the back board **18** is then press-fitted down into assembled relation; the board **18** being provided with integral side legs **46** for this purpose, and the device is thereby completed to provide an extremely rugged and strong, yet light-weight, rack for display of wallpaper sample books or the like. Note that the back board **18** is keystone-notched as shown at **48** to enable a sample book or the like to be disposed in opened condition on the rack as shown by broken lines in FIG. 1 while the bottom edge of the book is resting against the ramp portion **38**.

Thus, it will of course be appreciated that the invention provides a relatively inexpensive rack device for holding large books or the like in opened, wide-spread, position; whereby the leaves thereof may be easily turned and disposed flatwise for convenient viewing thereof. The book is supported by the rack device in forwardly pitched attitude thereby disposing the book leaves at a convenient angle for viewing from forwardly thereof and slightly thereabove; while at the same time being firmly centered on the rack against sidewise displacements, and against any possibility of the book sliding forwardly off the rack. It will of course be understood that the rack parts may be made of any suitable material of sheet or plate-like form such as heavy cardboard or the like; and that although only one specific form of the invention has been shown and described by way of example herein, various changes may be made therein without departing from the spirit of the invention and the scope of the appended claims.

I claim:

1. A book holding rack comprising a plurality of edgewise standing plate-like members interfitted and interconnected in parallel-transverse relationships by means of slot formations whereby intersecting plates are disposed in slip-fitted interconnected relation, the upper ends of said plates being cut to define a forwardly pitched valley-shaped profile comprising the upper edge portions of said plate members thereby providing dihedrally opposed land formations adapted to support in outspread lying relation thereon the front and back cover portions of a book, the upper edges of the plate members in the region of intersection of the bottom apex of the valley-shaped profile being downwardly notched to receive in slip-fitting relation therein the back binding portion of the book, said rack having at its front upper edge portion a ledge device projecting vertically above said land formation profiles whereby to hold the book against downward and forward sliding movements.

2. A book holding rack comprising a plurality of edgewise upright standing sheet-like members interconnected in transverse relationships, the upper ends of said members being shaped to define a forwardly pitched valley-shaped profile comprising the upper edge portions of said members thereby providing dihedrally opposed support

formations adapted to support the out-spread front and back cover portions of a book, said rack having a ledge device projecting vertically above said support formation profiles at the front of said rack whereby to hold the book against downward and forward sliding movements.

3. A book holding rack comprising a plurality of vertically standing sheet-like members comprising parallel disposed front and back members and parallel side members and intermediate members therebetween interconnected to provide an open top and bottom type box formation, the upper ends of said members being shaped to a forwardly pitched valley-shaped profile comprising the upper edge portions of said members thereby providing dihedrally opposed support devices adapted to support in out-spread lying relation thereon the cover portions of a book, the upper edges of the members in the region of intersection of the bottom apex of the valley-shaped profile being downwardly notched to receive in slip-fitting relation therein the back binding portion of the book, said front member including at its front upper edge portion a ledge device projecting vertically above said profile whereby to hold the book against downward and forward sliding movements.

4. A book holding rack comprising a plurality of edgewise standing plate-like members comprising front, back and intermediate parallel disposed members and opposite side and intermediate parallel disposed members interfitted and interconnected in parallel-transverse relationships by means of slot formations therein whereby intersecting members are disposed in slip-fitted interconnected relation, the upper ends of said members being shaped to a forwardly pitched valley-shaped profile comprising the upper edge portions of said members thereby providing dihedrally opposed support formations adapted to support in outspread lying relation thereon the front and back cover portions of a book, the upper edges of the members in the region of intersection of the bottom apex of the valley-shaped profile being downwardly notched to receive in slip-fitting relation therein the back binding portion of the book, said front member having at its upper edge a portion projecting vertically above said profile whereby to hold the book against downward and forward sliding movements.

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