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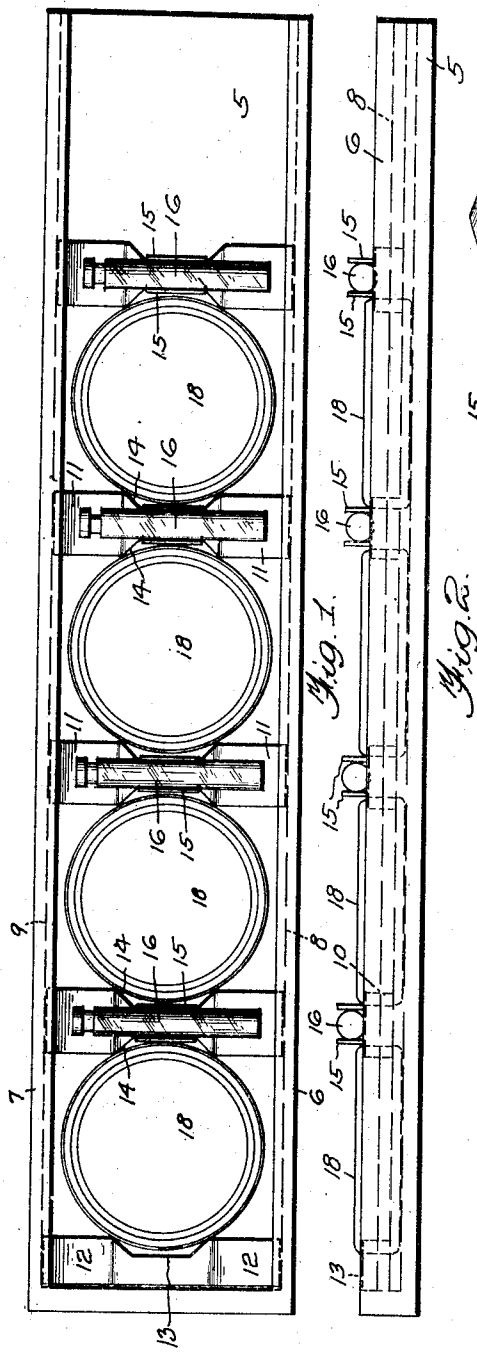


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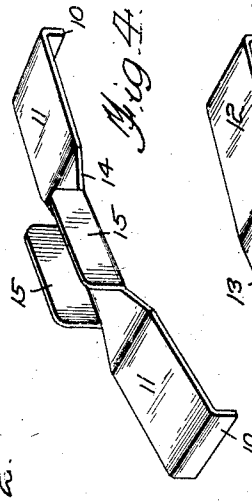


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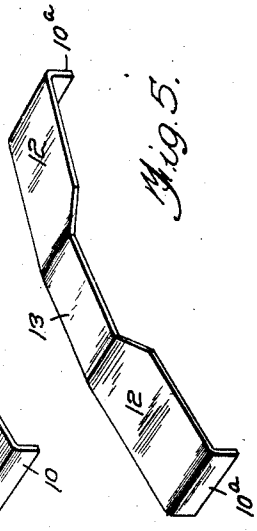


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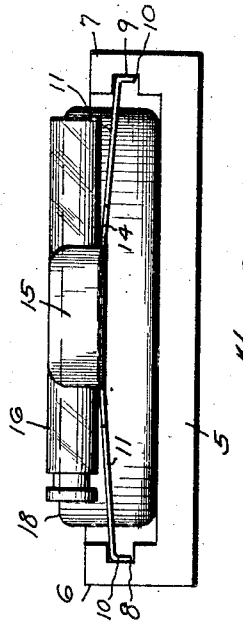


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This invention relates to a display rack for face powders and the like and it has for its object to provide a convenient article of this character having means for supporting and displaying the boxes of powder, and also having means for mounting, in conjunction with said boxes of powder, tubes for receiving samples of the powder contained in the various boxes, so that a prospective purchaser may inspect the shade of the powder without rendering it necessary to open the boxes of powder and thus destroy their salability.

Further objects and advantages of the invention will be set forth in the detailed description which follows:

In the accompanying drawing:

Fig. 1 is a plan view of a display rack constructed in accordance with the invention,

Fig. 2 is an edge elevation thereof,

Fig. 3 is a transverse, vertical sectional view upon line 3—3 of Fig. 2,

Fig. 4 is a perspective view of one of the combined spacing strips and tube supporting elements, and

Fig. 5 is a perspective view of one of the end spacing elements.

Like numerals designate corresponding parts in all of the figures of the drawing.

In the drawing, 5 designates a receptacle in the form of an elongated tray, said receptacle having the upstanding side walls 6 and 7 which are longitudinally channeled at 8 and 9 for the reception of the bent ends 10 of intermediate spacing strips 11 and bent ends 10^a of end spacing strips 12. The end spacing strips are notched out upon one edge, as indicated at 13, in Fig. 5, while the intermediate spacing strips are correspondingly notched, as indicated at 14, upon each of their edges. The intermediate spacing strips 11 are provided with integral upstanding ears 15 which frictionally engage and retain glass tubes 16, said tubes being intended to receive samples of the powder contained in the boxes with which said tubes are associated. The boxes of powder are indicated at 18 and are held in proper position, within the tray 5, by engaging within the notched out portions of the edges of the strips 11 and 12, in a manner which will be readily apparent from an inspection of the drawing. The bent ends 10 of the strips 11, and 10^a of the strips 12 have such frictional engagement in the channels or grooves 8 and 9, of the tray 5, as to cause these strips to remain in the position to which they may be moved. The slidable mounting for the strips, provided by this arrangement, renders it possible for the dealer to arrange said strips to suit the display which he desires to present.

Under present day practice, face powders are put up in dainty, highly ornamental and sometimes somewhat expensive packages or boxes and usually these boxes are sealed. Thus, it is not possible to open the boxes, to display the color of the contents to a prospective purchaser, without, in some measure, damaging the salability of the package. The present invention renders it possible to display, in conjunction with each box, a sample of the powder contained therein, thus rendering it unnecessary to open the package itself. At the same time, the attractive and dainty package is, itself, displayed to the prospective purchaser.

It is to be understood that the invention is not limited to the precise construction set forth but that it includes within its purview whatever changes fairly come within either the terms or the spirit of the appended claims.

Having described my invention, what I claim is:

1. The combination with a supporting tray adapted to receive packages of substances to be vended, of a plurality of spacing elements associated therewith and separating the several packages from each other and sample containing transparent elements carried by the spacing elements for the reception of samples of the substances carried in the several packages.

2. A device of the character described comprising a display tray having channeled side walls, said tray being adapted to receive packages of substances to be vended, spacing elements having their ends frictionally engaged in the channels of said side walls and dividing the tray into a plurality of compartments for the reception of the said packages, and transparent sample receiving elements carried by the spacing elements for the reception of samples of the substances carried by the packages.

3. A device of the character described comprising a display tray having channeled side walls, said tray being adapted to receive packages of substances to be vended spacing elements having their ends friction-

ally engaged in said channeled side walls and dividing the tray into a plurality of compartments for the reception of the said packages, and slidable in the channels thereof, transparent sample receiving elements, and friction elements upon the spacing elements adapted to engage said transparent elements.

4. A device of the character described comprising a tray-like receptacle, having its opposite side walls longitudinally grooved, a plurality of metallic, strip-like elements, having their ends bent and said bent ends being mounted for frictional sliding movement in the channels of the side walls, upstanding ears carried by said strips and transparent tubes, frictionally held between said ears and serving to receive samples, said strips being shaped at their edges to engage packages containing the materials to which the samples relate.

5. A device of the character described comprising a tray-like receptacle having upstanding side walls, which are channeled along their inner faces, a plurality of strips extending transversely of the tray and having their ends frictionally engaged in the channels of the side walls, said strips being notched upon their opposite edges and provided with upstanding ears, and transparent tubes held in place between said ears and extending longitudinally of the strips.

In testimony whereof he affixes his signature.

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