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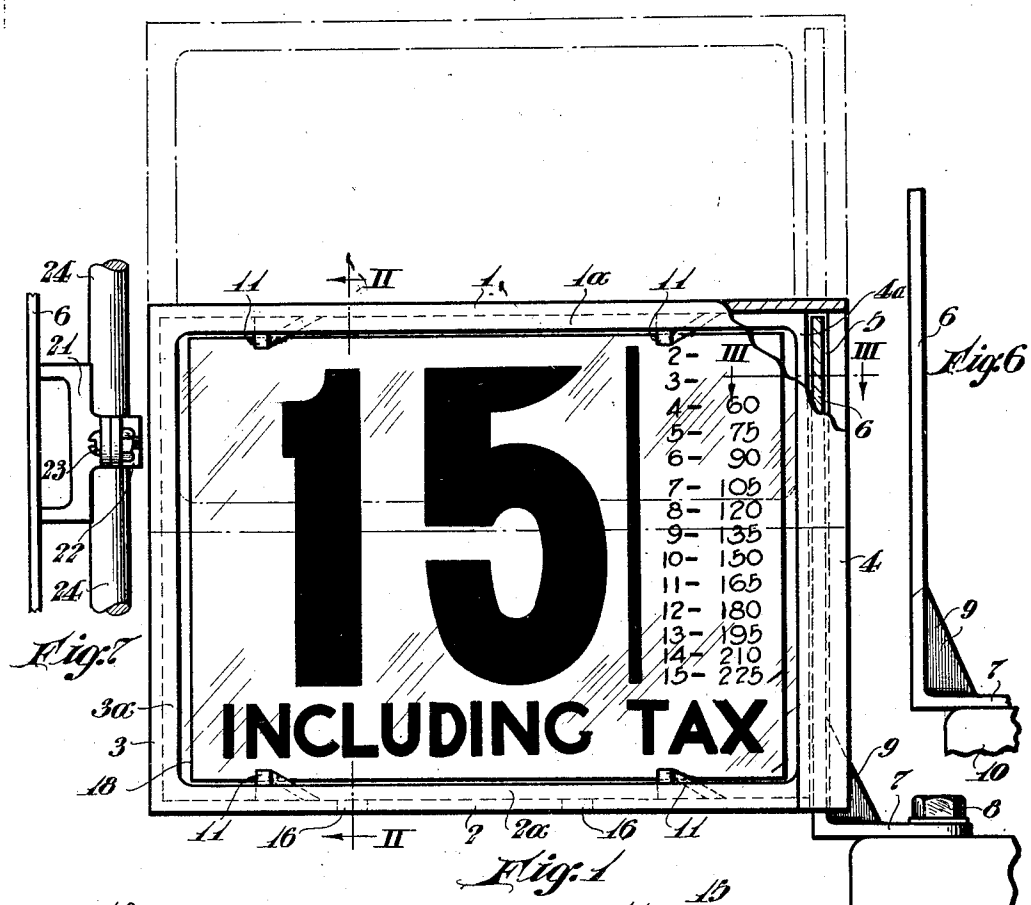


Fig. 1

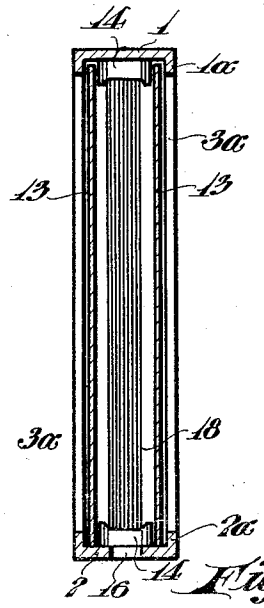


Fig. 2

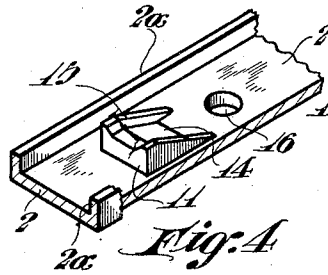


Fig. 4



Fig. 5

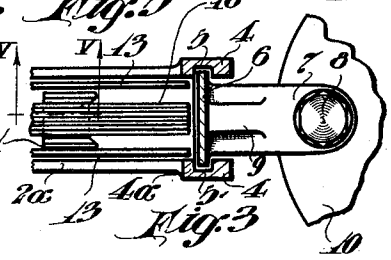


Fig. 3

Fig. 7

Fig. 6

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This invention relates to containers for holding and exhibiting price cards or the like, and is of especial utility for outdoors display of cards advertising the prices of commodities subject to frequent variation, for example, the price of gasoline sold at establishments commonly known as "filling stations".

An object of my invention is to provide a container for the purpose recited above, that shall be adapted to receive and hold a plurality of cards imprinted with various prices or other legends, to protect the same from the weather and to afford one in the vicinity of the exhibit a clear view of one or more of said cards, and particularly a container adapted to be readily removed from its supporting means for inspection or rearrangement of the contents or other purpose without subjecting the contents to exposure to rain or snow or the like.

My invention has for further objects such other advantages and improvements in construction and utility as may be found to obtain in the description and devices hereinafter set forth or claimed.

In order that my invention may clearly be set forth and understood, I now describe, with reference to the accompanying drawing, but without limiting myself to the specific details thereof a preferred form in which it may be embodied. In this drawing,

Figure 1 is a view, partly in elevation and partly in vertical cross section, of a container constructed in accordance with my invention; together with a support therefor;

Figs. 2 and 3 are vertical and horizontal sectional views of the device shown in Fig. 1, taken along the lines II—II and III—III, respectively, of Fig. 1;

Fig. 4 is a perspective view of a portion of the device shown in Fig. 1, parts being cut away;

Fig. 5 is a vertical sectional view of a portion of the device shown in Figs. 1 to 4, inclusive, being taken along the line V—V of Fig. 3;

Fig. 6 is an elevational view of the support shown in Figs. 1 and 3; being shown separately from the remainder of the devices; and

Fig. 7 is a similar view of an alternate form of support, parts being cut away.

Similar characters of reference designate the same parts in each of the views of the drawing.

As shown in the drawing, and more particularly Figs. 1, 2 and 3 thereof, the container of my invention is comprised principally of a casing of metal or other suitable material having the outlines of a parallelepiped, and bounded by a top 1 and a bottom 2, connected at one end by an end piece 3 and at the other by a pair of vertical strips 4.

The strips 4 are provided with vertical slots or grooves 5 extending from the bottom of the casing to the top 1 and adapted to receive a vertical closure element 6, also shown in Fig. 6, having an extension 7 at right angles thereto and adapted to be secured by a suitable fastener 8 to whatever object is most conveniently located for supporting and displaying the container and its contents. A flange or fillet 9 may be provided between the vertical element 6 and the horizontal element 7, for the purpose of strengthening the support, for example a portion of pump casing 10.

It will be obvious from the drawing, and more particularly Fig. 1 thereof that the grooves 5 are terminated by the top 1 of the casing 1, so that upon placing the grooves 5 in engagement with the closure element 6, the casing may be lowered until the top of the element 6 strikes the top 1 of the casing, in which position the casing remains supported by the closure element 6. The casing may be withdrawn at will by simply lifting it until the closure element 6 is free of the grooves 5.

The top 1, bottom 2, and piece 3 and vertical strips 4 are provided with flanges 1*a*, 2*a*, 3*a*, and 4*a*, respectively, located along the open sides of the casing. The top 1 and bottom piece 2 are further provided with a plurality of bridge members 11 of which the sides adjacent to the flanges 1*a* and 2*a* respectively are separated from the latter a sufficient distance to provide for the free in-

troduction of glass panes 13, through which a view may be had of the contents of the casing from both sides of the container.

In the preferred instance shown in the drawing, the glass panes 13 are not rigidly fastened to the case but are more or less loosely retained in the case by means of the closure element 6. However, the panes 16 may be more rigidly secured if so desired.

The bridges 11 are provided with ramps 14 facing the end of the casing having the closure 6, and both the bridges 12 proper and the ramps 14 are provided with inclined raised portions 15.

The bottom 2 is preferably provided with a suitable plurality of openings or holes 16, for the purpose of permitting any moisture condensed within the casing to drain.

In use, the casing is removed from the closure and support 6 and a suitable number of cards 18 are inserted therein, being guided into position between the bridges 11 by the ramps 14 and raised portions 15. In this position the cards 18 are in view through the glass panes 13, and are supported at a slight distance from the panes 13 and the bottom 2, so that the cards will not be brought into contact with any moisture adhering to the inner sides of the panes 13 or lying on the bottom 2. The casing is then replaced in the manner indicated hereinabove.

In the specific form of the device shown in the drawing, in which two glass panes 13, on opposite sides of the casing, are employed, it is usual to insert a duplicate series of cards 18 within the casing, or a single card having similar displays on each side thereof, so that the exhibit may be viewed from both sides.

However, only one pane 13 may be provided for, the opposite side being blank, in which case no duplicate display is necessary.

For rearrangement or replacement of the cards 18, the casing may be withdrawn and replaced as before, and in inclement weather may be carried indoors or to a sheltered position for the rearranging or replacing operation.

In Fig. 7 I have shown an alternate form of support, comprising a clamp consisting of a member 21 attached to the closure element 6 and a corresponding member 22 adapted to be fastened thereto by a suitable fastener 23 to secure the device against a rod 24 or the like.

It will be obvious that my invention is capable of modification with respect to the several details thereof without departing from the spirit of my invention. My invention is therefore not limited to the specific details given hereinabove by way of illustrative example, but is to be construed as of the scope of the claims hereinafter made.

I claim:

1. In a display device, a casing adapted to receive a plurality of display cards, said casing having transparent sides adjacent to the outer faces of said cards and an open end for inserting and withdrawing said cards, a recess within said open end, and a combined closure and support member adapted to be received into said recess.

2. In a display device, a casing adapted to receive a plurality of display cards, said casing having transparent sides adjacent to the outer faces of said cards and an open end for inserting and withdrawing said cards, a recess within said open end, a support member adapted to be received into said recess, and means for limiting the travel of said member within said recess in a position in which said opening is closed by said member.

3. In a display device, a casing adapted to receive a plurality of display cards, said casing having transparent sides adjacent to the outer faces of said cards and an open end for inserting and withdrawing said cards, a vertical recess in said open end and a vertical support member adapted to be introduced into said recess and serving when so introduced as a closure for said open end.

4. A card holder of the character described, comprising a rectangular frame provided with an elongated opening at one end and provided with a groove at each side of the opening, a stationarily held closure adapted to enter said grooves and close the opening when the frame is applied to the closure.

5. A card holder of the character described, comprising a frame provided with an opening at one side, and a stationarily and vertically held closure adapted to support the frame and close said opening when the frame is applied to the closure, said frame having an extension adapted to cover the top of said closure when said frame is thus applied.

6. A card holder of the character described, comprising a frame provided with an opening at one side, and a stationarily and vertically held closure adapted to support the frame and close said opening when the frame is applied to the closure, said frame having an extension adapted to cover the top of said closure and to serve as a stop to hold said frame in the applied position.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name this 23rd day of June 1930.

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