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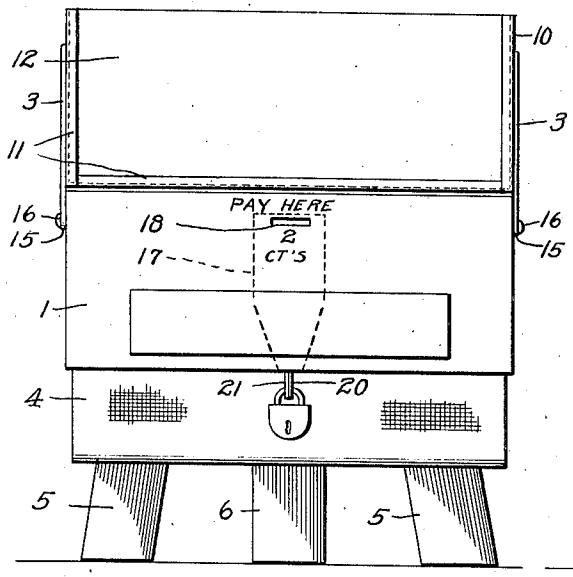


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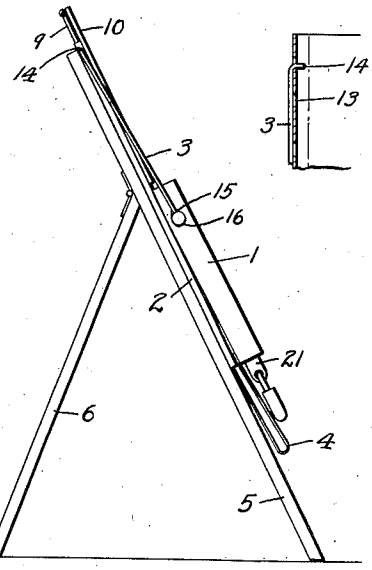


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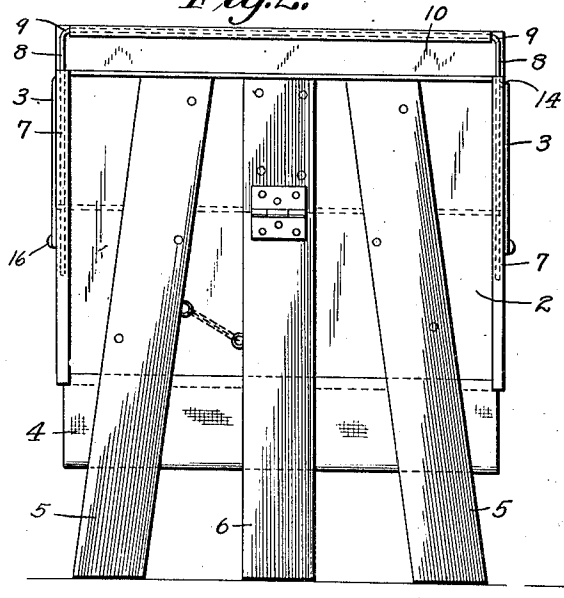


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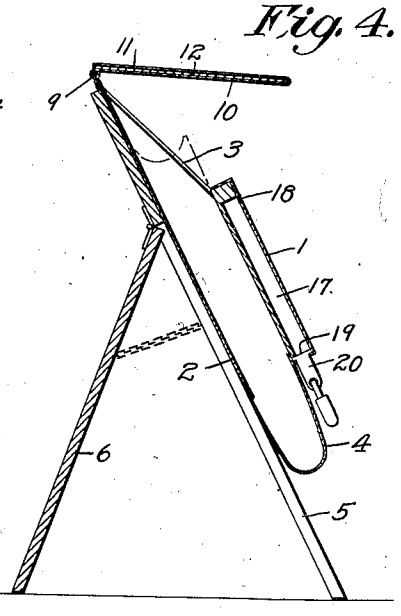
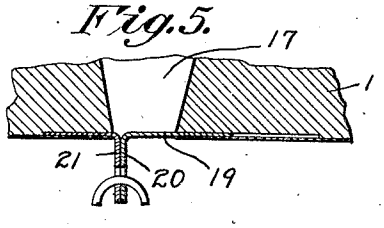


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The invention relates to a silent salesman rack for the sale of newspapers, magazines and the like.

The object of the present invention is to provide a simple, practical and efficient silent salesman rack adapted to be arranged at various points for the sale of newspapers, magazines or the like, and equipped with means for firmly clamping and securely holding a plurality of newspapers or magazines to prevent the same from being blown away or otherwise accidentally displaced and capable of readily releasing the papers or other contents to permit the same to be removed by purchasers one at a time.

A further object of the invention is to provide a rack of this character equipped with means for receiving coins and adapted to enable the coins deposited in it to be securely locked to prevent surreptitious removal of the same.

Another object of the invention is to provide a silent salesman rack adapted to conveniently expose the name of a newspaper or other periodical and equipped also with means for the display of a card or sheet containing advertising or other matter.

It is also an object of the invention to enable the means for supporting such advertising display to be conveniently arranged for forming either a support for such advertising matter or a cover or top for the rack to protect the contents of the same from the weather.

With these and other objects in view the invention consists in the construction and novel combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings and pointed out in the claims hereto appended, it being understood that various changes in the form, proportion and minor details of construction, within the scope of the claims, may be resorted to without departing from the spirit or sacrificing any of the advantages of the invention.

In the drawings, in which like characters of reference designate corresponding parts in the several views:—

Figure 1 is a front elevation of a silent salesman rack, constructed in accordance with this invention, the hinged top section being arranged for the display of an advertising card.

Figure 2 is a rear elevation of the rack.

Figure 3 is an end elevation of the same.

Figure 4 is a central vertical sectional view of the hinged top section, being arranged to protect the contents of the rack.

Figure 5 is a detail sectional view taken longitudinally of the front wall, illustrating the means for closing and locking the coin compartment.

Fig. 6 is a detail showing the connection of member 3 with member 13.

In the accompanying drawing, in which is illustrated the preferred embodiment of the invention, the silent salesman rack comprises in its construction front and rear walls 1 and 2, relatively movable toward and from each other to clamp and securely hold the contents of the rack and connected at their upper portions by end links 3 and at their lower edges by a flexible bottom member 4, which is suitably secured to the front and rear walls of the rack and which receive and support the contents of the rack, whereby the weight of the contents will assist in maintaining the front and rear walls of the rack firmly in clamping engagement with the contents to prevent the contents from being blown away or otherwise accidentally displaced while the rack is in use. The flexible material which connects the lowermost ends of the rigid front and rear walls sags beneath the same to form a trough whereby when the trough is loaded with papers, magazines or the like, the said walls will contact with and clamp the load. This will enable the rack to safely retain its contents at exposed places in windy weather. The front and rear walls may be constructed of any suitable material, either wood or metal, or a combination of both being preferably employed and the bottom section, which is shown as a heavy fabric may be of any flexible material, either metal or fabric, which will permit the front and rear walls to have the said relative movement toward and from each other to vary the capacity of the rack and to enable the contents to be automatically clamped between the front and rear walls thereof.

The rear wall is shown constructed of sheet metal and is provided with spaced rigid legs

5 and a central hinged leg 6 to form an easel for supporting the rack in an upright position for use and the said rear section is provided at its ends with vertical tubular guide beads 7 for the reception of arms 8 of a pintle rod 9 on which a hinged top section 10 is mounted. The pintle rod is constructed of suitable material and the terminal portions thereof are bent at right angles to form the arms 8 to slide in the guide beads. This will enable the hinged portion of the top section to be raised and lowered so that the top section may be arranged either flat against the front face of the rear section or at an angle thereto and project over the front section to form a top or cover for the rack. The hinged top section is provided at the bottom and end edges with marginal flanges 11 which form grooves or ears for the reception of an advertising card 12 and the front or outer face of the hinged section is adapted to have printed, or otherwise marked thereon, the name of a newspaper, magazine or other periodical.

The side beads 7 of the rear section are provided at their upper portion with spaced perforations 13 for the reception of terminal engaging portions 14 of the links and the front or outer ends of the links are preferably provided with eyes 15 to receive pivots 16, but any other suitable means may be employed for pivoting the front ends of the links to the front wall. The front wall is preferably constructed of wood and metal and is provided with a central coin compartment 17 and it has a coin slot 18 at the upper end thereof to receive the coins and it is designed to have printed, or otherwise marked, adjacent the coin slot the price of the newspaper or other contents of the rack. The front wall is provided at the lower portion with an opening for the discharge of the coins, the walls of the coin compartment being preferably tapered, as shown, and a sliding closure 19 is preferably employed and is provided with a lug or ear 20 having an opening and adapted to receive the shackle or a padlock or other fastening means for securing it to a fixed lug or ear 21. The coin slot may be arranged at any other convenient point, such as the top of the front wall if desired. Instead of mounting the rack on the easel means may be provided such as a eye or opening for hanging the rack upon a suitable support. The papers or other contents may be readily removed as an upward pull on the front or outermost paper will tend to swing the front wall outward and upwardly and relieve the paper of the clamping action or pressure of the device. As soon as the paper is removed from the rack the front wall will automatically return to its clamping position and again securely hold the contents of the rack.

What is claimed is:

1. A rack of the class described, comprising a rigid rear wall, a rigid front wall, swinging means connecting the tops of the said walls at each end thereof, and flexible material connecting the lowermost ends of the said walls and sagging beneath the same to form a trough, whereby when said trough is loaded the said walls will contact with and clamp the load.

2. A rack of the class described, comprising a rigid rear wall, a rigid front wall, a swinging link pivotally connected at its ends to the front and rear walls at the upper portions of the same at each end thereof and flexible material connecting the lowermost ends of the said walls and sagging beneath the same to form a trough, whereby when said trough is loaded the said walls will contact with and clamp the load.

3. A rack of the class described comprising a rigid rear wall, a rigid front wall, swinging links pivotally connected at their ends to the front and rear walls at the upper portions of the same at the ends thereof and said rear wall having means for connecting the links to it at different points, and flexible material connecting the lowermost ends of the said walls and sagging beneath the same to form a trough, whereby when said trough is loaded the said walls will contact with and clamp the load.

4. A rack of the class described, comprising a rigid rear wall, a rigid front wall, swinging means connecting the tops of the said walls at each end thereof, flexible material connecting the lowermost ends of the said walls and sagging beneath the same to form a trough, whereby when said trough is loaded the said walls will contact with and clamp the load, and a top section hinged to the rear section and adapted to be arranged either as a cover or as an upright support for displaying advertising matter.

5. A rack of the class described, comprising a rigid rear wall, a rigid front wall, swinging means connecting the tops of the said walls at each end thereof, flexible material connecting the lowermost ends of the said walls and sagging beneath the same to form a trough, whereby when said trough is loaded the said walls will contact with and clamp the load, and a top section hinged to the rear section and adapted to be arranged either as a cover or as an upright support for displaying advertising matter, said top section being provided at its side edges and bottom or free edge with flanges forming grooves to receive a display card.

6. A rack of the class described, including a rear wall provided at its side edges with guides, relatively movable front walls, a flexible bottom member connecting the lower portion of the said walls and supporting the contents of the rack, movable means con-

necting the upper portions of the said walls. and a top section provided with a pintle having arms slidable in said guides.

7. A rack of the class described, including a rear wall provided at its side edges with guides, a relatively movable front wall, a flexible bottom member connecting the lower portion of the said walls to support the contents of the rack, swinging links pivoted to said guides and to the front wall, and a top section provided with a pintle having arms slidable in the guides.

In testimony whereof I have affixed my signature.

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