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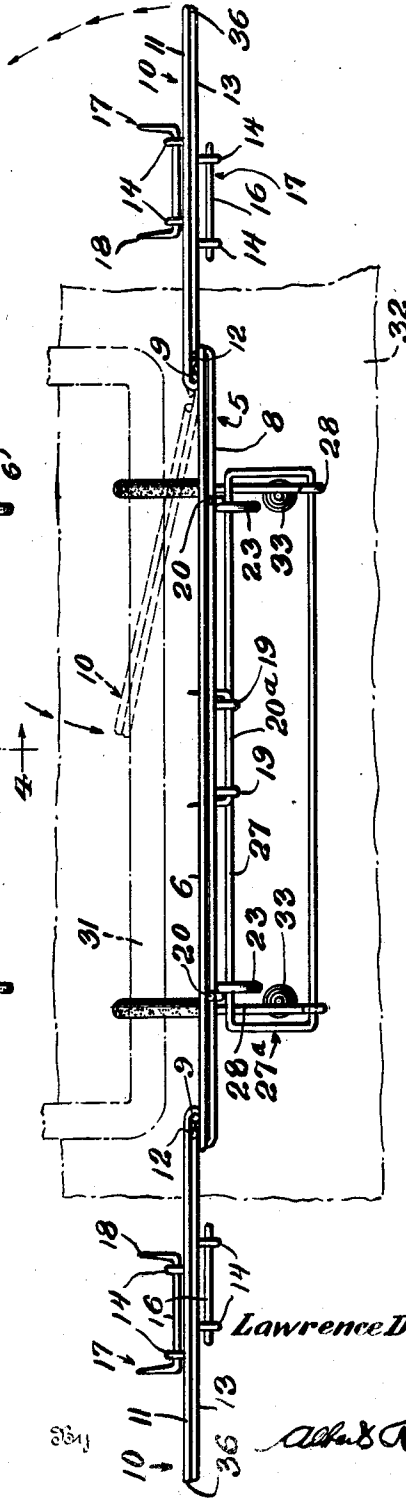


Fig. 2.

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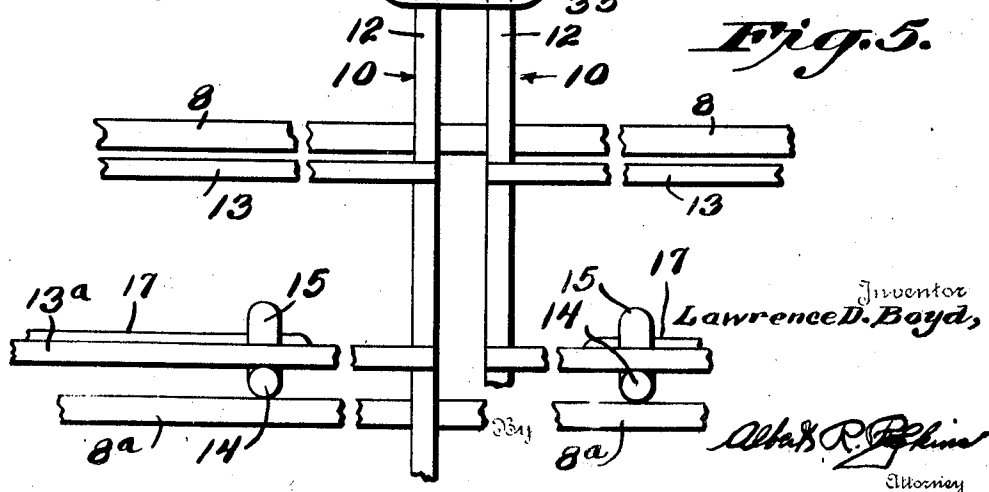
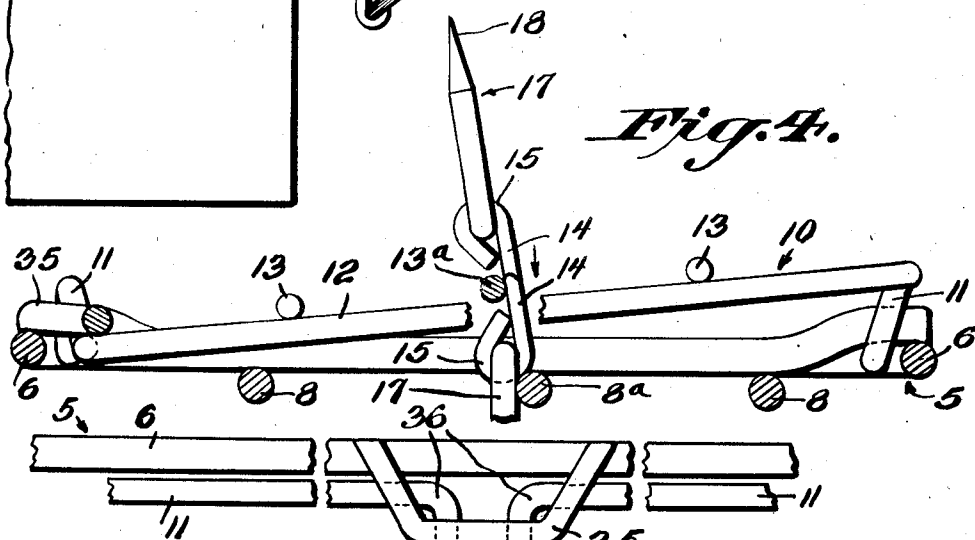
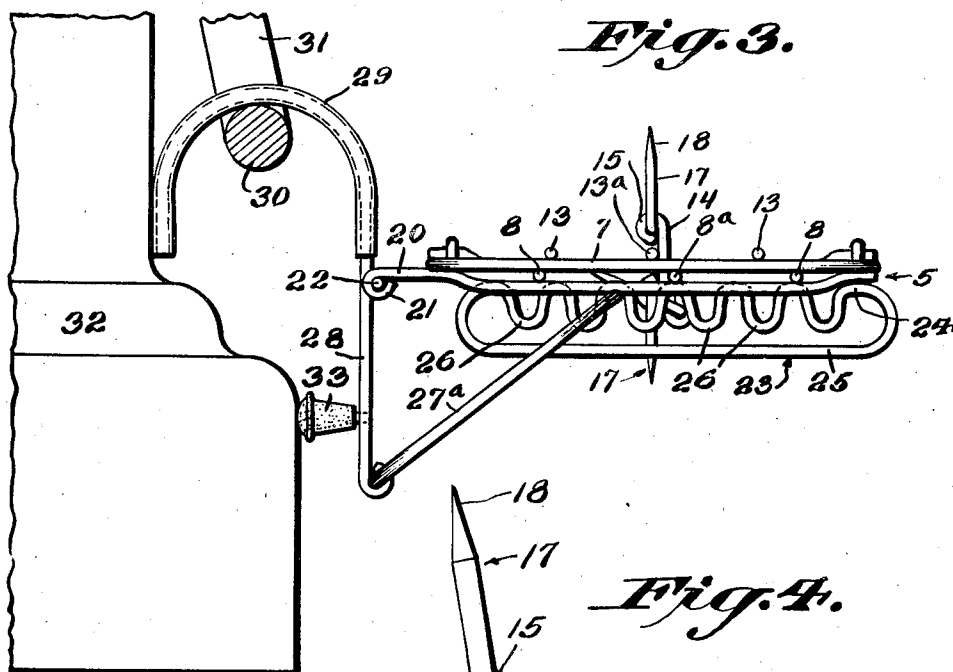
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My invention relates to improvements in display devices and more particularly to display racks for attachment to caskets and the like for displaying floral decorations.

One of the principal objects of my invention is to provide a display rack equipped with adjustable decks whereby to increase or decrease the supporting area of the rack to accommodate floral pieces of different sizes and to support them in a manner to present an attractive and pleasing appearance.

Another object of my invention is to provide a device of above described character equipped with means for reliably latching the decks together when in folded position.

A further object of my invention is to provide a device of the above described character equipped with means for easily attaching the rack to a casket or the like and having additional means whereby the rack may be readily adjusted to a desired supporting position relative to the casket.

A still further object of my invention is to provide a device of the above described character which is simple in construction, durable in use, efficient in operation and economical in manufacture.

Other objects and advantages will be apparent from the following description, appended claims and annexed drawings.

Referring to the drawings, wherein like reference characters designate like parts throughout the several views:

Figure 1 is a top plan view of my invention, illustrating the decks in extended position in full lines and in folded position in dotted lines;

Figure 2 is a front elevation of the device illustrated in Figure 1;

Figure 3 is an enlarged end elevation of the device illustrating the same attached to a section of a casket;

Figure 4 is an enlarged detailed sectional view taken on the line 4—4 of Figure 1; and

Figure 5 is a detail top plan view of Figure 4.

In practicing my invention, I employ a main frame section or deck 5 formed with outer longitudinally extending bars 6 connected together at the ends thereof with integrally fashioned transversely extended bars 7. The main deck is also provided with a plurality of spaced longitudinally extending bars 8 including an intermediate bar 8a and which are interposed between the outer bars 6 and have ends secured to the bars 7.

Secured to the main deck 5 and extending parallel with and spaced inwardly of the bars 7 are pivot rods 9 to which are pivoted auxiliary

frame sections or decks 10 adapted to be hinged lengthwise of the main deck to increase the supporting area of the device as shown in Figures 1 and 2.

The auxiliary decks are of a like construction and each is formed with longitudinally extending outer bars 11 connected together by transverse end bars 12. The ends of the bars 11, adjacent the pivot ends thereof extend beyond the adjacent bars 12 and are fashioned with looped sections embracing the pivot rods 9 and coact with the latter to pivot the auxiliary decks thereto in a manner whereby the bars 11 overlie the bars 7 when the auxiliary decks 10 are in extended position as clearly illustrated in Figures 1 and 2 of the drawings. Secured to the underfaces of the bars 12 of the respective auxiliary decks 10 and extending between said bars 12 are a plurality of longitudinally extending bars 13 including an intermediate bar 13a for each deck 10.

Each of the bars 13a has secured thereto pairs of upwardly and downwardly extending hinge members 14, each having a loop section 15 through which are journaled horizontally extending sections 16 of rod 17. The ends of said rods 17 are right-angularly disposed relative to the horizontally extending sections and said ends are pointed as at 18 for penetrating floral pieces positioned on the auxiliary decks whereby to secure said pieces in adjusted position thereon. Likewise secured to the intermediate bar 8a of the deck 5 is a similar pair of hinge members 19 in which is journaled a rod 20a having angularly disposed pointed ends whereby to secure a floral piece in adjusted position on the main deck.

Secured to the underface of the deck 5, between the ends thereof, are a pair of transversely extending support members 20 fashioned at the inner ends with loop sections 21 in which is journaled a longitudinally extending shaft 22. Connected to the members 20 and coextending therewith are elongated loops 23 constructed of a length of wire and fashioned with upper and lower portions 24 and 25 respectively. The upper portions 24 are fashioned with convolutions forming spaced projections 26 for receiving therebetween the upper longitudinally extending section 27 of a bail 27a. The lower longitudinally extending section of said bail is pivotally connected to the lower ends of upwardly extending 50 attaching members 28 which are fixed to the shaft 22 and fashioned to form hooks 29 equipped with rubber protective casings. Said hooks are positioned over the horizontally extending portion 30 of a casket handle 31 connected to a

casket 32. Secured to the attaching members 28, adjacent the lower ends thereof, are rubber bumpers 33 engaging the lower section of the casket and coacting with the free ends of the hooks 29 to maintain the decks spaced relative to said casket.

Obviously, by adjusting the upper section 27 of the bail between various projections 26, the decks may be adjusted relative to the casket. Furthermore, it is to be distinctly understood that while I have shown the device as being supported from a casket handle, the hooks 29 may engage over the upper edge of the casket or over the raised lid thereof without departing from the spirit or scope of the invention.

Secured to the outer bar 6, adjacent to the shaft 22, is a keeper 35 extending inwardly of the deck 5 and overlying and engaging corners 36 of the decks 10 when in folded position whereby said decks are securely latched to and overlie the deck 5 as clearly illustrated in Figures 3, 4 and 5.

The loop section 15 of one of the hinge members 14, on each deck 10, is adapted to engage the bar 8a of the deck 5 and serve to maintain the corners 36 of the decks 10 in latched and underlying engagement with the keeper 35 to prevent accidental dislodgement of the decks 10 from the folded positions thereof. From the foregoing, it will be apparent that the members 14 coact with the bars 8a and keeper 35 to maintain the decks in folded positions.

Having thus described my invention I claim:

1. A floral display rack comprising, a main deck, auxiliary decks having outer and inner corners and the latter hinged to said main deck to dispose said auxiliary decks in extended positions with respect to said main deck to increase the supporting area of said rack, attaching members connected to said main deck whereby to secure said decks to a casket, means connected to said members and adjustably secured to said main deck for effecting adjustment of the main deck relative to said members, and a keeper carried by said main deck and overlying the outer corners of said auxiliary decks when in folded position to maintain said auxiliary decks latched to said main deck.

2. A floral display rack comprising, a main deck, auxiliary decks hinged to said main deck to dispose said auxiliary decks in extended positions with respect to said main deck to increase the supporting area of said rack, attaching members connected to said main deck whereby to secure said decks to a casket, means connected to said members and adjustably secured to said main deck for effecting adjustment of the main deck relative to said members, a keeper carried by said main deck and overlying portions of said auxiliary decks when in folded position to maintain said auxiliary decks latched to said main deck, a bar

carried by said main deck, and depending members carried by said auxiliary decks and coacting with said bar for maintaining said portions in latched engagement with said keeper to preclude accidental dislodgement of said auxiliary decks from said main deck when said auxiliary decks are in said folded position.

3. A floral display rack comprising, a main deck, auxiliary decks hinged to said main deck to dispose said auxiliary decks in extended positions with respect to said main deck to increase the supporting area of said rack, attaching members connected to said main deck whereby to secure said decks to a casket, means connected to said members and adjustably secured to said main deck for effecting adjustment of the latter relative to said members, a keeper carried by said main deck and overlying portions of said auxiliary decks when in folded position to maintain said auxiliary decks latched to said main deck, each of said decks fashioned with longitudinally extending bars including an intermediate bar, hinge members secured to said intermediate bars and equipped with adjustable prongs for securing floral pieces in adjusted positions on said decks, a hinge member on an intermediate bar of each auxiliary deck coacting with the intermediate bar of the main deck for maintaining said portions in latched engagement with said keeper to preclude accidental dislodgement of said auxiliary decks from said main deck when said auxiliary decks are in said folded position.

4. In a device of the character described, a rack adapted to support floral pieces in display positions and provided with main and extensible sections, said extensible sections coacting with said main section to increase the supporting area of said rack when in extended positions, a latching device secured to said rack and coacting with said sections to latch the latter together to form a compact unitary device, and members carried by said sections and coacting together to maintain said extensible sections in latched condition with said device against accidental dislodgement.

5. In a device of the character described, a rack adapted to support floral pieces in display positions and provided with main and extensible sections, said extensible sections coacting with said main section to increase the supporting area of said rack when in extended positions, a latching device rigidly secured to said main section and coacting with said extensible sections to secure the latter latched to said main section to form a compact unitary device, and members rigidly fixed to said extensible sections and engaging said main section for maintaining said extensible sections in latched condition with said latching device against accidental dislodgement.

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