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ADVERTISING CARD RACK.

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Fig. 1.

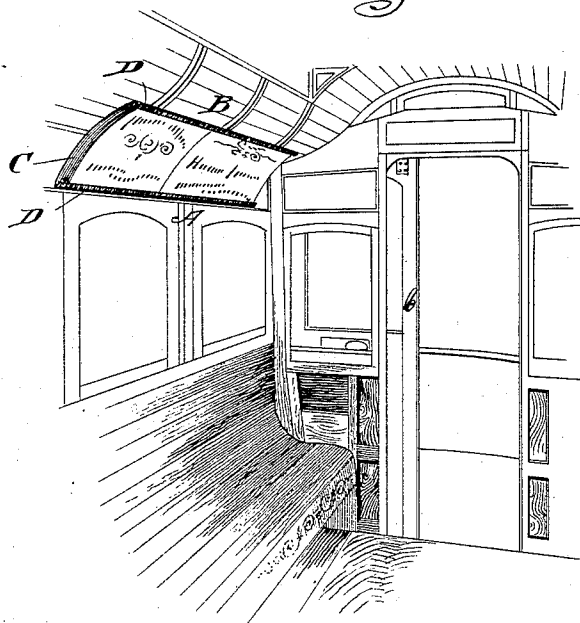


Fig. 2.

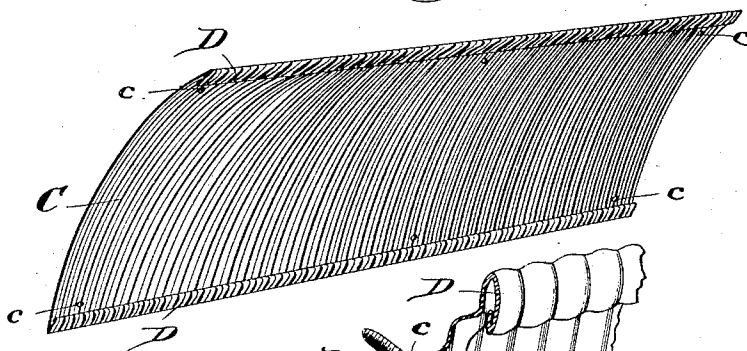
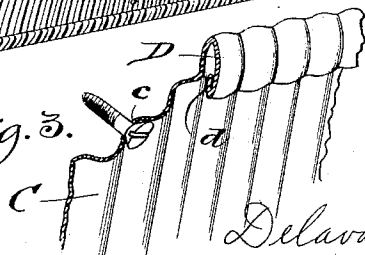


Fig. 3.



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ADVERTISING-CARD RACK.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DELAVAN S. FOOTE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Advertising-Card Racks, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a rack to hold advertising-cards and which is adapted to be secured in a vehicle or room across the angle formed by the junction of the roof with the side walls, the rack being provided with integral lips or flanges to retain the cards in place.

The object of the invention is to cheapen the construction and enhance the utility and appearance of the rack, to render it easy to be secured in place and adapt it to the insertion and removal of the cards with ease, and to securely hold them in place.

In carrying out my invention I construct the rack from a plate or sheet of metal, papier-maché, or similar workable material which will not check or warp, and crimped or corrugated transversely and bent in the arc of a circle transversely of the body and having its edges turned outwardly or toward the convex side thereof to form marginal lips or flanges, behind which the edges of the cards are inserted, the body of the card being pressed against the convex body of the rack, whereby its accidental removal is obviated. This rack has perforations through its body in front of the edges of the flanges or lips, and through these perforations screws or other securing appliances are passed into the walls of the car or room. The rack may be made the full length of the car or room in which it is to be secured, or may be made up of a number of sections having their ends connected or abutting.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the interior of one corner of a car or coach and showing the rack in place and holding cards therein, and Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the rack detached. Fig. 3 is a detail view in perspective of the rack.

A represents the side wall of a car, and B the deck-roof.

The rack is made from a sheet of material that will not warp, and preferably of metal, having the convexly-bent body C and the integral marginal lips or flanges D, the edges of which are preferably inturned, as shown at *d*, to form a neater finish and prevent obstruction in placing the cards. The plate is crimped transversely, as shown, the crimping serving to strengthen the rack and also to improve its appearance. The integral lips or flanges also strengthen the edges of the rack and form a neat finish or molding; but, if desired, separate strips of molding may be secured upon or adjacent to these inturned edges. When the rack is made of metal, these lips or flanges may be opened or closed at will to adapt them to the ready insertion and removal of the cards and securely hold the cards against movement, and also for use with cards of varying thickness.

The cards may be of any length desired and are readily inserted by first slipping one edge of the card behind one of the lips or flanges, either at the top or bottom, and then by bending the card outwardly at its middle the opposite edge may be inserted behind the opposite lip or flange and then the card pressed back at its middle, so as to lie snugly against the convex face of the rack, as seen in Fig. 1.

To enable the rack to be readily secured in place, its body C is provided with perforations *c*, which are preferably formed in the hollows or troughs of the corrugations and in front of the lips or flanges. The holes may be punched as the rack is put up, and when the rack is of metal the burr formed in punching may be made to penetrate the wood and assist to hold the rack in position. Screws or similar fastening appliances are inserted through these perforations into the wall or roof of the car or room, and the heads of the fastenings rest in the hollows of the corrugations, so as not to obstruct the ready insertion of the cards. The retaining lips or flanges having the in-

turned portions *d* hug closely the edges of the cards and prevent their accidental withdrawal.

I claim--

- 5 An advertising-rack adapted to be secured to the walls of vehicles or rooms and to hold cards, consisting of a plate or sheet of material crimped and curved transversely of its

body, and having integral marginal lips or flanges to retain the cards and apertures for the passage of fastenings, substantially as described.

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