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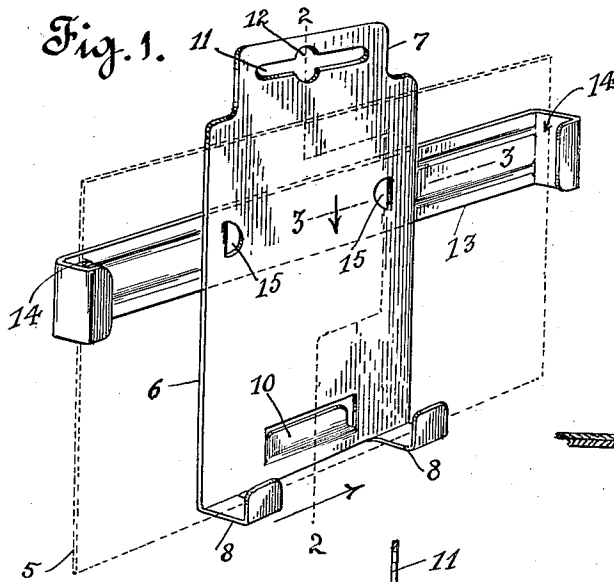
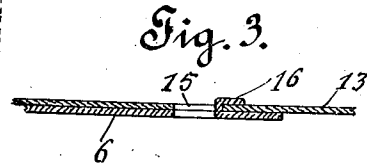
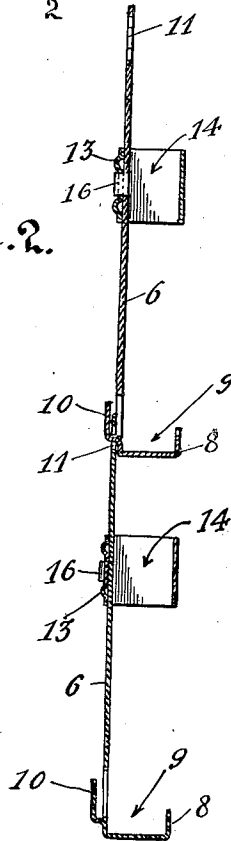


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ROBERT B. FERGUSON, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city of Los Angeles, county of Los Angeles, State of California, have invented new and useful Improvements in Display-Frames, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a frame formed from metallic strips for holding magazines, post cards and other like materials; and the object thereof is to produce a skeleton frame that will support such articles so as to display as large a surface thereof as possible.

A further object is to produce such frames with a minimum amount of material so constructed that the holders will interlock with a maximum amount of rigidity so that any desired number may be interlocked and hung from a single point of support on the wall or other support.

I accomplish these objects by the frame described herein and illustrated in the accompanying drawings in which,

Figure 1 is a perspective of my improved display frame. Fig. 2 is a section on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1 with a section of a like frame on the same line, interlocked with the first frame. Fig. 3 is a fragmentary section on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1.

In the drawings I have illustrated my display frame as adapted for holding illustrated post cards, one of which is shown in dotted lines in Fig. 1, in position in the frame, but by changing the size thereof, it is equally well adapted for holding magazines and other articles of like character.

My display frame is formed of the vertical member 6 which is preferably formed from a strip of sheet metal of the requisite weight to give sufficient stability to the frame to support such articles as may be desired to be displayed therein and of a width as desired for the completed frame. It is provided with a neck 7 and with legs 8. The legs are first turned at right angles to the body and then a second turn is made therein so that the outer portions of the legs lie parallel to and in front of the body portion as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, and form bottom pockets 9. The legs form the support for the bottom of the article which is to be displayed in the frame and project on the front side of the body. Near the bottom of the body and extending transversely and

swaged therefrom to project from the back of the vertical member, is the interlocking catch 10, which is adapted to receive and retain and support the next lower frame when a number of frames are interlocked. In the neck of the vertical member is a slot 11, which is of a length and width sufficient to pass over the interlocking catch 10 as best shown in Fig. 2. The center of this slot is enlarged as best shown at 12 in Fig. 1, so as to permit the frame to be hung upon a nail or screw projecting from a vertical support. At a sufficient distance above the legs of the vertical member and preferably upon the back thereof is secured a transverse member 13 which has the outer ends thereof bent first at right angles forwardly and then toward each other so as to lie in a plane parallel with the main body of the transverse member, thereby forming side pockets 14 in which the side edges of the displayed article are received. The transverse member is provided with slots or apertures 15 there-through through which are passed uniting catches 16, which catches are swaged from the vertical member and are then passed through the slots in the transverse member and bent down upon the back thereof as best shown in Fig. 3, thereby uniting the transverse to the vertical member, and completing the frame.

By this construction a cheap and rigid and efficient display frame is provided with a minimum amount of material, and a minimum amount of cost.

It will be observed that the legs of one member are stamped from a sheet of metal at the side of the neck of another member so that no material is wasted. It will also be observed that the interlocking catch is swaged out of the body of the vertical member near the bottom thereof at a point where such swaging does not weaken the frame, and that as it projects from the back of the vertical member when in use, it leaves a smooth front surface so that the articles displayed in the frame are not injured. It will also be observed that the uniting catches are swaged out of the vertical member and pass through the transverse member and are bent so as to firmly hold the transverse member, so that no extra material is required for uniting the members into the complete frame. As the interlocking catch projects from the back of the vertical mem-

ber, only a sufficient distance to receive the neck of another frame and as the transverse member is secured upon the back of the vertical member by the uniting catches which are integral with the vertical member, a comparatively smooth back is provided. The long slot in the neck and the long interlocking catch which is received therein when several frames are united, hold the depending lower frames much more rigidly than would be the case if the same were narrower.

Having described my invention what I claim is;

15 1. A display frame composed of a plurality of members, each member comprising a vertical member having bottom pockets at the lower end projecting from the front side thereof; an interlocking catch projecting from the back thereof intermediate and slightly above the bottom pocket, said vertical member having a transverse slot therein near the top thereof, the transverse slot of one member being adapted to receive and retain the interlocking catch of the next

member; and a transverse member secured to the back of the vertical member, and having the outer ends bent to form side pockets.

2. In a display frame composed of a plurality of similar units or members, a unit member comprising a body portion formed of a strip of sheet metal having at the top thereof a neck with a transverse slot therein and at the bottom legs bent to form bottom pockets, said body also having a portion swaged therefrom near the bottom thereof to project rearwardly and then upwardly to form an interlocking catch adapted to pass into and be retained in the slot of the neck of another unit; and a transverse member secured to said body member, the ends of the transverse member being bent to form side pockets.

In witness that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto subscribed my name this 17th day of February, 1910.

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