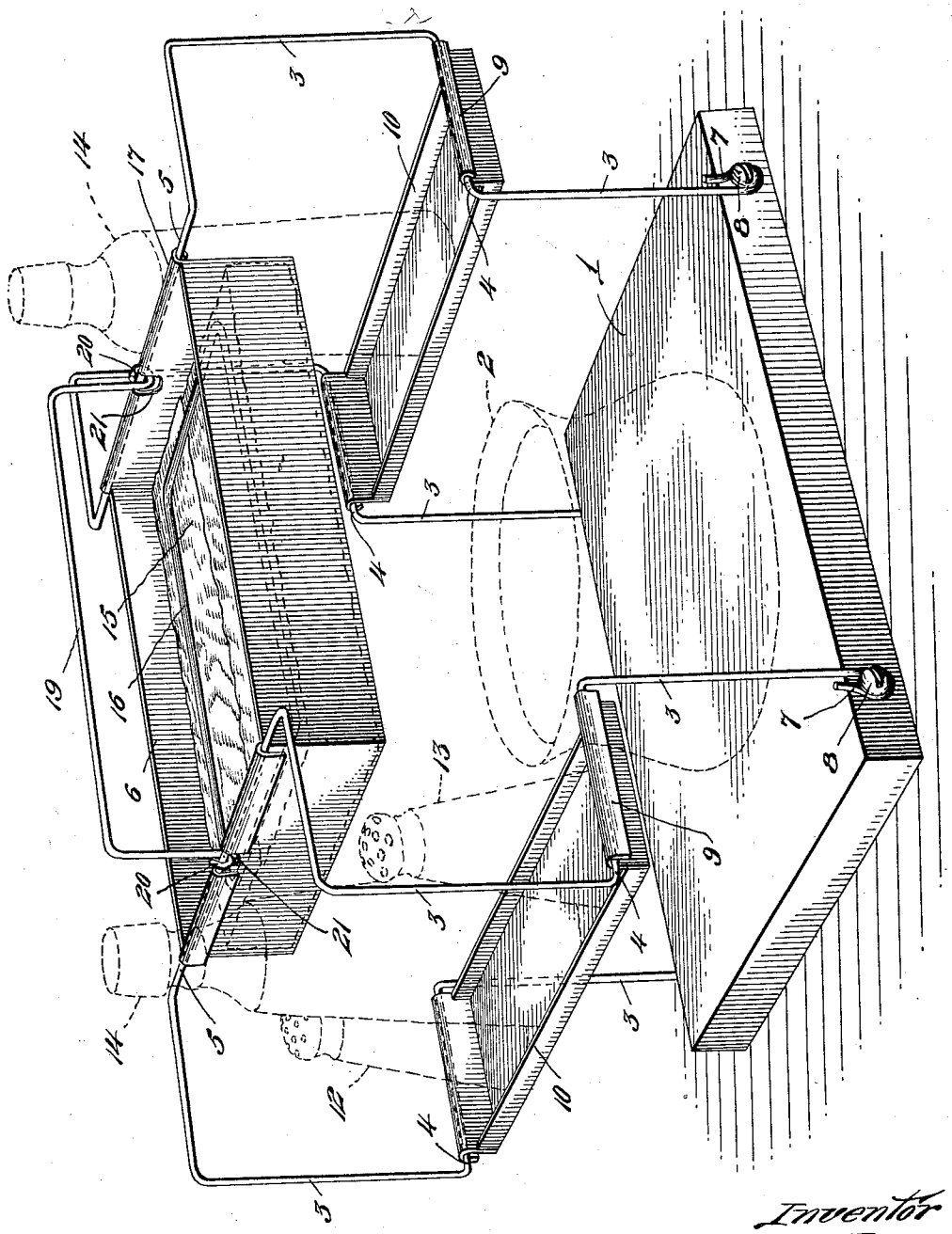
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DISPLAY-STAND HOLDER

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This invention relates to an improved display stand holder which is particularly adapted for use as a holder for table appliances generally, or for such articles of table furniture as are commonly placed upon tables in restaurants and public dining rooms.

One object of the invention is to provide a device of this character which has several compartments adapted to receive and support a plurality of different articles of table furniture, such as napkins, condiment holders, sugar bowl, etc.

Another object of the invention is the provision of a device of this character which may have either fixed or removable holders, and having supporting frames therefor so formed as to be capable of being folded into a small compass when the holders are removed from the frame, whereby the structure may be stored within a restricted space when not in use.

Other objects and advantages of the invention relate to various improved details of the structure and novel arrangements of the parts as will be more fully set forth in the detailed description to follow.

Referring to the accompanying drawings:

The figure is a perspective view of the invention illustrating the position of the several parts and showing in dotted lines the position of certain of the table appliances supported by several of the holder members which make up the structure.

In the embodiment of the invention illustrated herewith 1 designates a base member which may be of any desired size and shape, and which is adapted to rest upon any plane surface such as a table or lunch counter. The upper surface of the base member may be shaped to fit against the outer surface of a container 2 adapted to receive sugar or the like, or the container 2 may be positioned upon the plane upper face of the base member.

Oppositely positioned supporting frames 3 are carried by the base member 1 adjacent to the opposite ends thereof and are symmetrically arranged relative to each other. The supporting frames 3 may be formed of any suitable or desired material but in the present case they are shown as each being formed of a continuous wire which is bent to provide suitable horizontal off-set portions 4 intermediate the base 1 and the free end portion of each frame and an inturned end portion 5 to which one side of a central tray 6 is secured. The portions of each supporting frame which are secured to the base 1 may be in the form of loops 7, and a screw 8 or other securing device may be passed through each loop 7 and threaded within the base in such a manner as to firmly connect each supporting frame to the base and hold it against turning relative thereto. This method of securing the supporting frames to the base provides means for firmly securing the frames against turning movement relative to the base when the screws 8 are tightened and also provides means whereby the supporting frames 3 may be turned relative to the base upon loosening the screws 8, when it is desired to fold the supporting frames upon the base after the removal of the trays in order to store the structure in a limited space.

Each supporting frame 3 is preferably provided with off-set portions 4 intermediate the base 1 and the inturned end portion 5 of the frame, the off-set portions 4 of each frame being oppositely positioned relative to each other for supporting the opposite end portions 9 of end trays 10 which are spaced from the base member 1 and the central tray 6 in a horizontal plane located intermediate the base 1 and the central tray 6. The end trays 10 may be formed of any suitable or desired material, but I have shown them in the illustrated embodiment of the invention as formed of suitable thin metal, and so shaped as to be capable of holding one or more table appliances such as salt and pepper containers 12 and 13, or other condiment containers 14. The opposite end portions 9 of each end tray may be looped about the off-set portions 4 of the supporting frame as shown at the right in the figure to firmly secure the end tray to the supporting frame, or the end portions 9 of the trays may be formed to removably engage the off-set portion 4 of the supporting frame in such a manner as to permit the ready removal of each tray as shown at the left in the figure.

The central tray 6 may be formed of any suitable and desired material, but as shown is formed from thin metal, and may be made of such size and shape as to receive a plurality of napkins 15 which may be held against accidental removal from the tray by a suitable holding member 16.

Portions 17 of the opposite sides of the central tray 6 may be turned closely about the inturned ends 5 of the supporting frames, as shown in connection with the end tray at the right of the figure, or the portions 17 of the opposite sides of the central tray may be formed to removably engage over the inturned ends 5 of the supporting frames whereby the central tray 6 may be readily placed upon or removed from engagement with the inturned ends 5 of the supporting frames, as shown in connection with the end tray located at the left of the figure.

A bail member 19 may be provided having outturned ends 20 adapted to pass through openings 21 formed in the side portions 17 of the central tray, whereby the bail ends may be caused to engage the side portions 17 of the central tray and extend about the adjacent portions of the inturned ends 5 of the supporting frames for moving the display stand from place to place. The ends 20 of the bail may be bent closely about the adjacent portion of the inturned ends 5 of the frame, as illustrated by the end of the bail located at the right of the figure, or they may be formed to removably engage the inturned end portion of the supporting frame, as illustrated by the end of the bail at the left of the figure, when it is desired to have the part so connected as to permit their ready separation to provide a partially demountable structure.

It is to be understood that the supporting frame members may each be conveniently formed from a continuous wire or from any other suitable metal shape, and that the trays may be formed of any suitable material without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention.

While each of the trays may be removably attached to the oppositely positioned portions of the supporting frames or permanently secured thereto, as may be desired in practice, it is regarded as preferable that the parts be removably secured together in order to permit easy separation of the elements in order that the structure may be dismantled and stored within a small space when desired.

The structure may be formed also with the end trays 10 either permanently or removably secured to the off-set portions 4 of each frame, and with one side of the central tray 6 removably secured to the inturned end portion 5 of one supporting frame and the opposite side of said tray permanently secured to the inturned end portion 5 of the other supporting frame. In such case one end 20 of the bail 19, may be permanently secured to the inturned end 5 of one supporting frame, and the other end 20 removably secured to the other frame. With such a construction one side of the tray 6 and the corresponding end of the bail 19 may be detached from one supporting frame, and the supporting frames then folded over each other to form a compact arrangement of the structure for storing it within a limited space.

What I claim is:—

1. A display stand of the character described comprising a base, skeleton frame members secured to said base adjacent to the opposite ends thereof and each provided with intermediate oppositely positioned off-set portions and inturned end portions, a tray having side edges engaging the inturned end portions of said frames, and means overlying said tray and connecting the inturned end portions of said frames whereby the display stand may be moved from place to place.

2. A display stand comprising a base, supporting frames secured to opposite ends of said base, means carried by each frame for supporting a tray in spaced relation to said base, a tray carried by each supporting frame, and a tray having opposite sides thereof secured to oppositely positioned portions of said frames whereby said last named tray is supported in spaced relation to said base and said first named trays.

3. In a device of the character described, a base member, separate supporting frames secured to opposite ends of said base member and having oppositely positioned off-set portions located intermediate the ends thereof, a tray having opposite sides removably secured to portions of said frames, and trays located in off-set relation to the sides of said first named tray and having the end portions thereof removably secured to the off-set portions of one of said supporting frames.

4. A display stand of the character described comprising a base, skeleton frame members secured to said base adjacent to the opposite ends thereof and each provided with intermediate oppositely positioned off-set portions and inturned end portions, a tray having side edges engaging the inturned end portions of said frames, and trays carried by the oppositely positioned off-set portions of the frames and located in a plane intermediate said base and said first named tray.

In testimony whereof I have affixed my signature.

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