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Fig. 2.

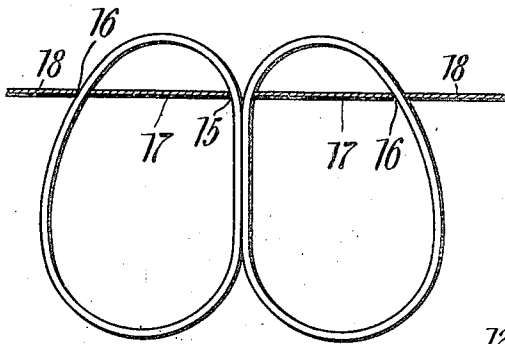


Fig. 1.

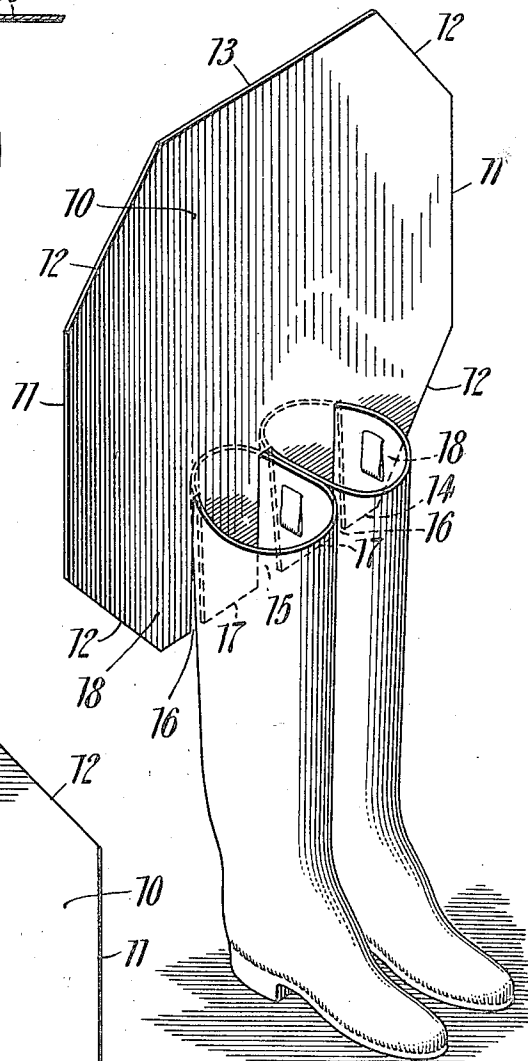


Fig. 4.

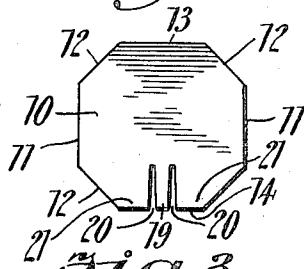
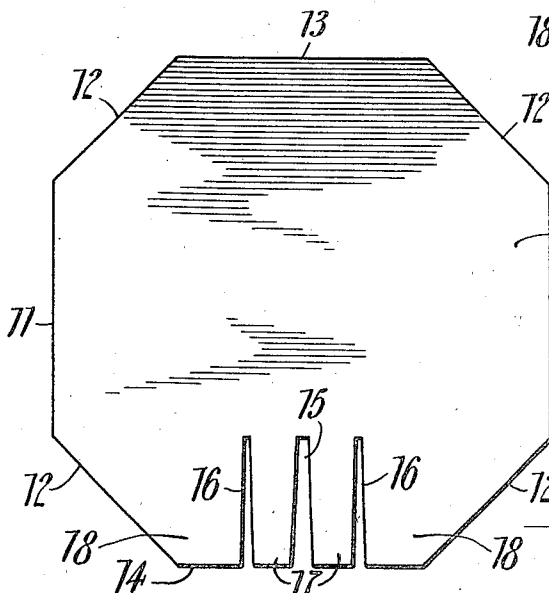


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM L. HOPKINS, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Roslyn, in the county of Nassau and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Display Devices, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to display devices, and particularly to that type thereof adapted to be disposed directly upon the articles to which inscriptions borne by the devices in some way relate, the object being to produce a flat, upstanding display device engageable with one or more hollow articles of like nature, irrespective of their cross section, arranged in proximity. Another object is to provide such display devices in forms easily and economically manufactured from flat sheet material by merely die cutting or stamping blanks therefrom, without bending, seaming, folding or otherwise treating the blank.

To these purposes my improvements comprise features hereinafter described in their preferred embodiments and illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing one embodiment of the device and illustrating its application to a pair of boots. Fig. 2 is a transverse sectional view of the same, the section being taken in the plane of the boot tops. Fig. 3 is a plan view of the blank. Fig. 4 is a similar plan view of a blank adapted for engagement with a single article. Figs. 1 and 3 are approximately to one scale, Fig. 2 is to a larger scale, and Fig. 4 is to a smaller scale. Although the device as shown is represented as being applied to the upper or leg portions of a pair of top boots it will be readily understood that adaptations of the device may be applied to a single article or to any number within its scope, and is applicable to any hollow cylindrical or other form of hollow article or articles with equally satisfying results. The outline of the blank may be plain or fancifully formed, as preferred, and the material selected such as is appropriate for the purpose.

As shown, blank 10 is octagonal, its opposed longer side edges 11 being joined by the angular corner edges 12 with the top and bottom edges 13 and 14, respectively. If the device is to engage a pair of arti-

cles, such as the top boots illustrated, the blank will be incised along its central vertical plane, from the bottom edge 14 to produce an open recess 15, its edges tapering convergently towards the center of the blank and extending inwardly a length suitable for the purpose it is to perform, the width of the recess at its narrow, uppermost end being substantially equivalent to the combined thickness of the juxtaposed walls of the articles it will be engaged with, as the legs of the boots shown. At equal distances from center recess 15 are other similar tapering recesses 16 terminating in the same transverse plane, but being of lesser width as suited to receive a single wall of the article. Between recesses 15 and 16 are feet 17 proportioned to fit the space between opposed walls of the article at some point, not necessarily at the center, and beyond the recesses 16 are other feet 18 bounded by the outline of the blank.

The modified device shown in Fig. 4 is suited to engage with a single article and to that end is provided with single central foot 19 formed by recesses 20 which space said foot laterally from feet 21, the latter being adapted to contact with the exterior of the article, while the central foot enters the space between the walls of the same.

From the foregoing it will be apparent that display devices of the type described may be engaged with any reasonable number of articles by providing the requisite number of feet and properly proportioning the same.

It will also be understood that if the engaging feet and recesses be suitably shaped, the display blank is held erect and not easily prone to disruption or dismounting by ordinary occurrences to which it may be subjected when in use.

I claim:

1. In a display device for top-boots or the like the combination of a member of sheet material having a plurality of down-reaching feet arranged in a lateral row, the opposite end feet of said row being adapted for engagement with the opposite out-facing walls respectively of the boot-legs, the intermediate feet being adapted for entry within said boot-legs respectively, the distance between said opposite end feet being less than the greatest transverse width of the legs engaged thereby and the width of said

intermediate feet being less respectively than the greatest width of the leg engaged thereby.

2. In a display device for a pair of top-
5 boots or the like a member of sheet material having four downwardly reaching feet, the opposite end feet being adapted for engagement with the opposite outfacing walls respectively of the two boot-legs and the
10 two intermediate feet being adapted for entry within said boot-legs respectively, the distance between said end feet being less than the aggregate transverse width of the pair of boot-legs.

15 3. In a display device for a pair of top-boots or the like a member of sheet material having four downwardly reaching feet, the opposite end feet being adapted for engagement with the opposite outfacing walls re-
20 spectively of the two boot-legs, the two intermediate feet being adapted for entry within said boot-legs respectively, the dis-

tance between said end feet being less than the aggregate transverse width of the pair of boot-legs, and the space between said two
25 intermediate legs being greater than the space between each of said intermediate legs and its adjacent end leg.

4. In a display device for hollow articles standing on end the combination of a mem-
30 ber of sheet material having a plurality of downreaching feet arranged in a lateral row, the opposite end feet being adapted for engagement with the opposite outfacing
35 walls respectively of the articles on which the device is erected, those feet intermediate said end feet being adapted for entry into said articles respectively and each having a
40 width less than the greatest width of the article into which it is entered.

In witness whereof, I hereby affix my signature this 14th day of March, 1922.

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