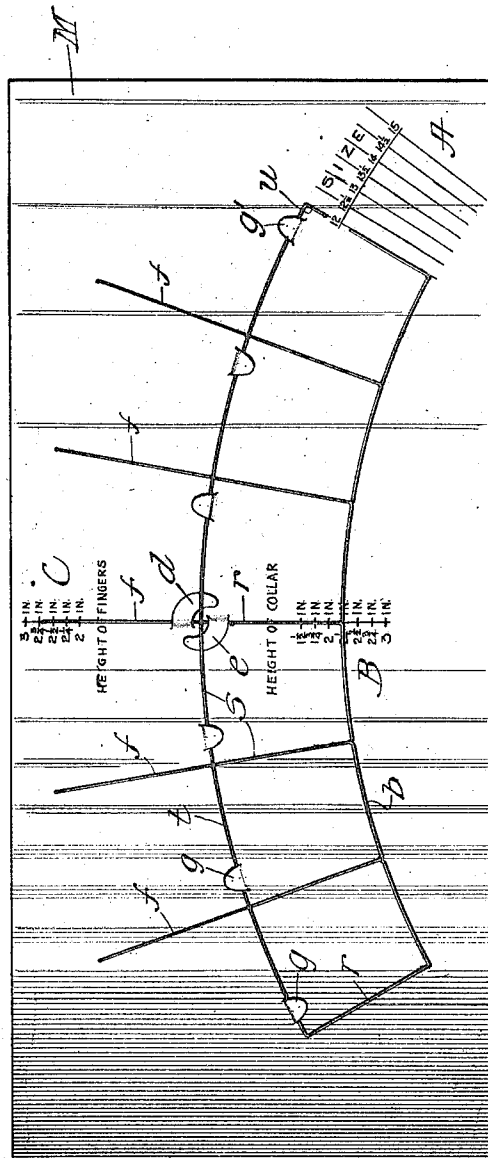


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES G. JOHNSTON, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Evanston, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Stock-Mounts, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to stock mounts, particularly adaptable for supporting stock articles which vary in size and other dimensions.

Consider, for example, collar supports which are used a great deal at the present time and which consist of a skeleton frame of wire or the like to which the collar material is sewed or otherwise secured. These supports are usually mounted in flat condition on cards. The supports are of course of different sizes as to length, height, etc., and the practice heretofore has been to provide a special mounting card for each size. The same is true in connection with other articles of wearing apparel, fittings, trimmings, or the like, and the practice is quite expensive as well as inconvenient.

The object of my invention is therefore to provide for mounting articles of varying sizes and dimensions on mounts of uniform construction; to provide efficient means for securing the articles to the mount; and to provide scales or legends at desired locations on the card for cooperating with the article mounted thereon to indicate the sizes, dimensions, and other information. An important feature of the invention is to provide securing means for enabling an article to be readily applied to the card or taken therefrom, and rigidly secured in such manner with reference to the scales, dimensions or other indications on the card to give accurate information in connection with the supported article. This is particularly desirable where the articles supported are flexible or of easily bent or displaced material, such as collar supports.

In order to illustrate the purpose and features of my invention I will describe it in connection with a collar support, and on the accompanying drawing the figure shows a card with a collar support of well known shape and construction mounted thereon.

The card M shown is rectangular and may be of paper, paper-board, or other suitable material. The collar support S shown is bent up of wire in the ordinary manner and

comprises the top *t*, the base *b*, the transverse stays or ribs *r*, and the fingers *f* forming continuations of the stays above the top *t*. Collar stays like that shown are manufactured in different dimensions. The base *b* is of different length, the height of the collar measured by the length of the stays varies, and the length of the fingers *f* also varies.

In accordance with my invention I print or otherwise apply to the card the scales or dimension indicating legends A, B and C, for indicating respectively the base size, collar height and finger height. The collar support is preferably secured to the mouth along its top *t* and rigidly anchored at the center of the top. As supports of different dimensions are then applied to the card, one end thereof will cooperate with the indication legends A, the base *b* will cooperate with the indications B placed adjacent the center of this base line, and the end of the middle finger will cooperate with the indications C so that the various points of the collar support will overlie certain scale markings of the indications to enable the dimensions to be readily and accurately read. Thus the mounts can be all alike and the different sizes of articles can be mounted thereon and their dimensions accurately and quickly determined.

I have shown one arrangement for rigidly securing the article to the mount. For rigidly anchoring the collar support at the center of its top *t*, arcuate tongues *d* and *e* extending in opposite directions are punched or formed by piercing or stamping the mount, and for supporting the top and other points tongue or clip sections *g* are formed by cutting or punching the mount. When a collar support is to be applied to the mount the tongues *e* and *d* are manipulated and the central rib or stay *r* brought into place below the base of the lower tongue *e* and the middle finger *f* is brought into position below the base of the upper tongue *d*. The ends of the tongues are then slipped under the top *t* adjacent the middle rib and finger and the center of the top *t* is then rigidly interlocked with the tongues and is securely anchored against displacement in vertical or horizontal direction. The top *t* at either side of its anchored center point is then slipped underneath the tongues or clips *g* which as shown are provided between the ribs and fingers. Preferably alternate

tongues or clips extend in opposite directions so that when the top *t* is inserted the collar support will be prevented from rotational displacement and the ends also prevented from longitudinal and vertical displacement.

With the above arrangement for securing the collar support to the mount the upper end of the middle finger *f* will overlie the scale C representing inches and fractions thereof for indicating the height of the fingers from the top *t*. The center of the base *b* will overlie the scale B representing inches and fractions thereof for indicating the height of the collar support, that is, the distance between the top *t* and base *b* at the center rib *r*. The right end of the collar support will overlie the scale A representing inches and fractions thereof, for indicating the size or length. As indicated on the mount the supported collar support has a size or length of twelve inches, a height of two and one-fourth inches, and a finger length of two and three-fourths inches. If a smaller collar were secured to the mount its several dimensions would be accurately indicated on the scales. Thus anybody can immediately and accurately determine the dimensions of any mounted article by reading the various scales.

The collar support shown applied to the mount is formed of wire which will readily bend and whose lower corners or ends of the base might readily become displaced through handling of the mounts, and for this reason I have shown the scale A applied adjacent the upper outer corner *u*, this corner being close to the end clip *g'* and more securely anchored to the mount against displacement than the lower outer corner of the collar support. When the collar support is applied to the mount the outer upper corner *u* being thus rigidly held in place will cooperate accurately with the scale lines to assure accurate and correct reading. Should the central part of the base or middle finger become displaced from the scales B and C, the middle rib and the middle finger can be easily pressed against the card in registration with the respective scales so that accurate reading can be taken. The same is true at the end of the collar support in connection with the scale A.

Although my improved mount is particularly adaptable for receiving such articles as collar supports it is equally adaptable

for receiving and for gaging other wearing apparel articles, fittings, trimmings, or the like, or needles or other appliances which vary in size.

I do not desire to be limited to the particular construction and arrangement of mount shown as changes and modifications are no doubt possible which would still come within the scope of the invention. I claim as follows:

1. A mount for supporting stock articles which vary in size, said mount being in the form of a card or plate provided with means adaptable for individually securing to the mount articles of different size, and provided also with a scale so positioned thereon with reference to the securing means that when articles of different size are applied to the securing means each will cooperate with the scale to give indication of the size of the article.

2. A mount for supporting stock articles which come in different sizes, said mount being in the form of a card or plate having tongues formed integral therewith and arranged to individually receive such articles of different size and being provided with scale indications so positioned with reference to the receiving tongues that when an article is secured in place by such tongues it will cooperate with the scale indications to designate the article size.

3. A mount for collar supports in the form of a card or plate having tongues positioned to receive individually collar supports of different sizes and to secure them rigidly in place and having dimension indications positioned at various parts thereof to cooperate with the respective points of the mounted support to give indication of the support dimensions at such points.

4. A mount for skeleton frame collar supports which come in different sizes, said mount being in the form of a card or plate provided with tongues adapted to receive a support at the central point thereof and to interlock therewith to secure it in place, said mount having also size indications thereon so positioned with relation to the securing means that corresponding points of the mounted collar support will indicate thereon the size of the support at such points.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 12th day of Nov., A. D., 1915.

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