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Fig. 1

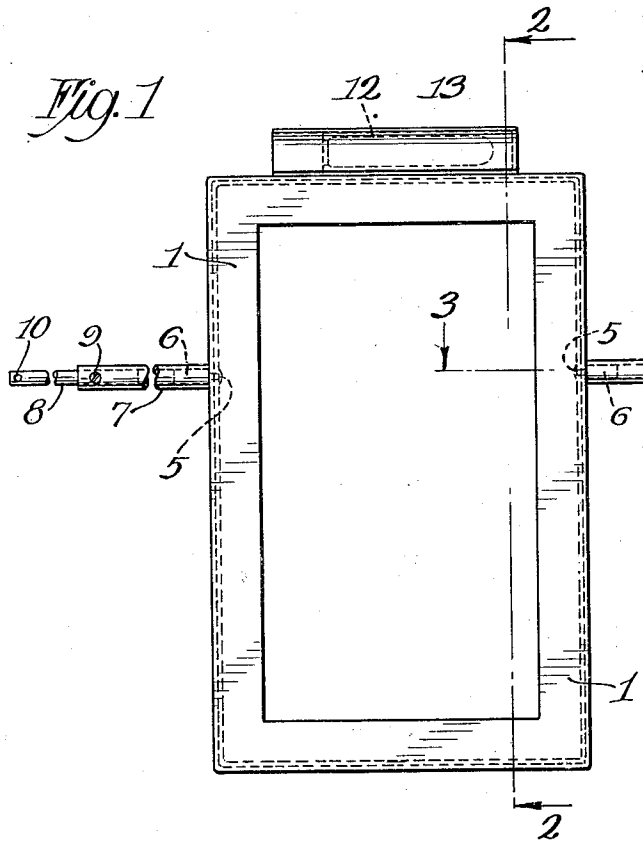


Fig. 2

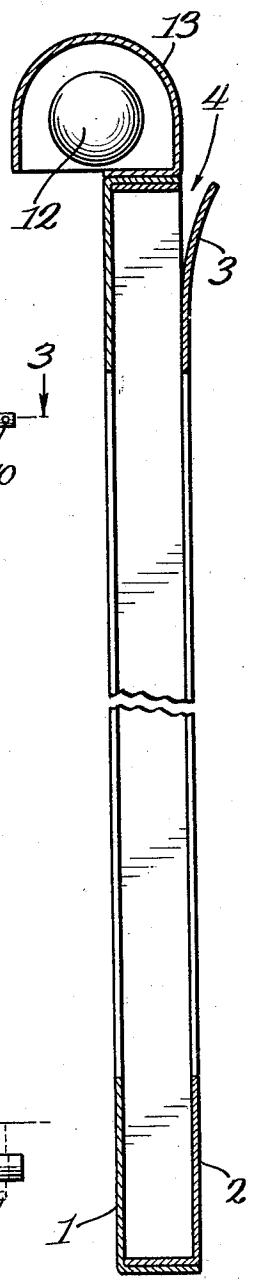
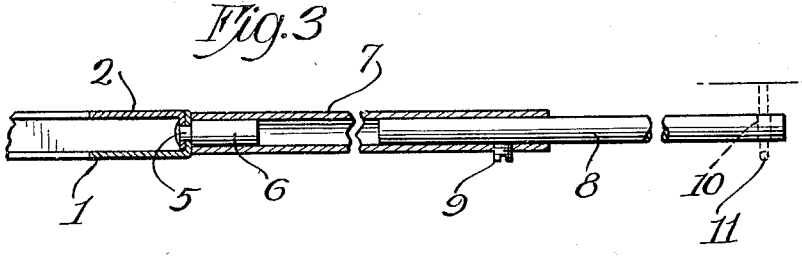


Fig. 3



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This invention relates to display frames for cards or signs or the like, such as those that are necessarily or desirably upon or near doors.

Generally stated, the object of the invention is to provide a novel and improved construction whereby a frame is provided, adapted to receive a card or sign, having adjustable means for securing the frame to doors of different widths.

Another object is to provide a frame of this kind having a relatively wide mouth at the back thereof, forming a comparatively wide slot through which the card or sign can be inserted into the frame, and easily withdrawn therefrom.

It is also an object to provide certain details and features of construction and combinations tending to increase the general efficiency and the desirability of a frame of this particular character.

To the foregoing and other useful ends, the invention consists in the matters hereinafter set forth and claimed, and shown in the accompanying drawings, in which,—

Fig. 1 is a front elevation of a frame embodying the principles of the invention, certain portions being shown broken away for convenience of illustration.

Fig. 2 is an enlarged vertical section on line 2—2 in Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is an enlarged horizontal detail section on line 3—3 in Fig. 1.

As thus illustrated, the invention comprises a rectangular metal frame body composed of a front portion 1 and a rear portion 2, the two portions being telescoped together to form a hollow frame, as shown. At the top of the section 2, a portion 3 of the back wall is bent outwardly as shown, thus providing a comparatively wide mouth or slot through which the card or sign can be inserted into the frame, and easily removed therefrom. The two sections can be held together in any suitable or desired manner.

The outer and front section 1 is provided with lateral projections in the form of rivets 5, which hold the two sections 1 and 2 together, and which provide cylindrical portions 6 to receive the tubes 7, as shown. Preferably, the tubes 7 are tightly fitted upon the cylindrical portions 6, so that the tubes are rigid with the frame. Rods 8 are slidable endwise in the tubes 7 and are adapted to be held in adjusted position by the set screws 9, in a manner that will be readily understood. The outer end portions of the rods 8 are provided with holes 10 through which screws or nails 11 can be inserted to mount the frame on a door or other support. In doing this, the lateral supports provided by the tubes 7 and the rods 8 are endwise adjustable in accordance with the width of the door or other support upon which the frame is to be mounted.

Preferably, an electric lamp 12 is mounted on the top of the front section 1, as shown, with a protruding hood 13 over the lamp, thereby to illuminate the front of the card or sign.

Obviously, the invention provides a simple and attractive device for mounting a card or sign upon or near a door, thus obviating the necessity of nailing or tacking the card or sign directly to the door or other support. In this way the card or sign can be removed, and another one can be substituted therefor, very easily, as the card or sign is easily pushed back in the frame and then pushed upwardly through the slot or mouth 4, when it is desired to remove the card or sign from the frame.

The construction is simple and economical to manufacture, and is at the same time attractive in appearance.

What I claim as my invention is:

1. A frame to receive a card or sign for display, as on doors or similar places, comprising a rectangular front section, a rectangular rear section telescoped within the front section, the upper portion of the rear wall of the rear section being bent outwardly to provide a top entrance slot for the card or sign, through which the card or sign can also be easily pushed upwardly and removed from the frame, side rivets for holding the two sections together, said rivets providing lateral projections, tubes on said lateral projections, rods slidable endwise in said tubes,

providing adjustable lateral supports for the frame, and means for holding the rods in adjusted position, each rod having provisions for attachment or support thereof on a door or other support, whereby the frame may be mounted upon doors or other supports of different widths.

2. A frame for cards or signs, such as those to be displayed on or near doors or in similar places, comprising a frame to receive the card or sign, and endwise extensible lateral supports for said frame, in horizontal alignment, each support comprising a plug having one end rigidly fixed on the side of the frame, and each support including a tube telescoped over and fixed on said plug, with a rod slidable in each tube, with means for mounting these supports in adjusted position on doors or other supports, whereby the frame may be mounted on doors or other supports of different widths.

3. A frame for cards or signs, such as those to be displayed on or near doors or in similar places, comprising a metal frame for the card or sign, the back of said frame having its upper portion bent outwardly to provide the top of the frame with a slot through which the card or sign may be inserted downwardly in the frame, and through which the card or sign may be pushed upwardly and removed, the top of the frame and the bottom and sides thereof being closed, whereby said slot is the only entrance for the card or sign, and means on the sides of the frame for supporting the frame with its back against a support, so that said slot is concealed.

4. A structure as specified in claim 3, said frame comprising two rectangular sections telescoped together, forming double walls for said top and bottom and sides, the inner and rear section having said rearwardly bent portion to provide said slot.

5. A frame for cards or signs, such as those to be displayed on or near doors or in similar places, comprising a metal frame for the card or sign, the back of said frame having its upper portion bent outwardly to provide the top of the frame with a slot through which the card or sign may be inserted downwardly in the frame, and through which the card or sign may be pushed upwardly and removed, the top of the frame and the bottom and sides thereof being closed, whereby said slot is the only entrance for the card or sign, said frame comprising two rectangular sections telescoped together, forming double walls for said top and bottom and sides, the inner and rear section having said rearwardly bent portion to provide said slot.

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