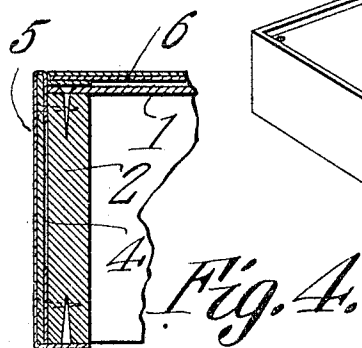
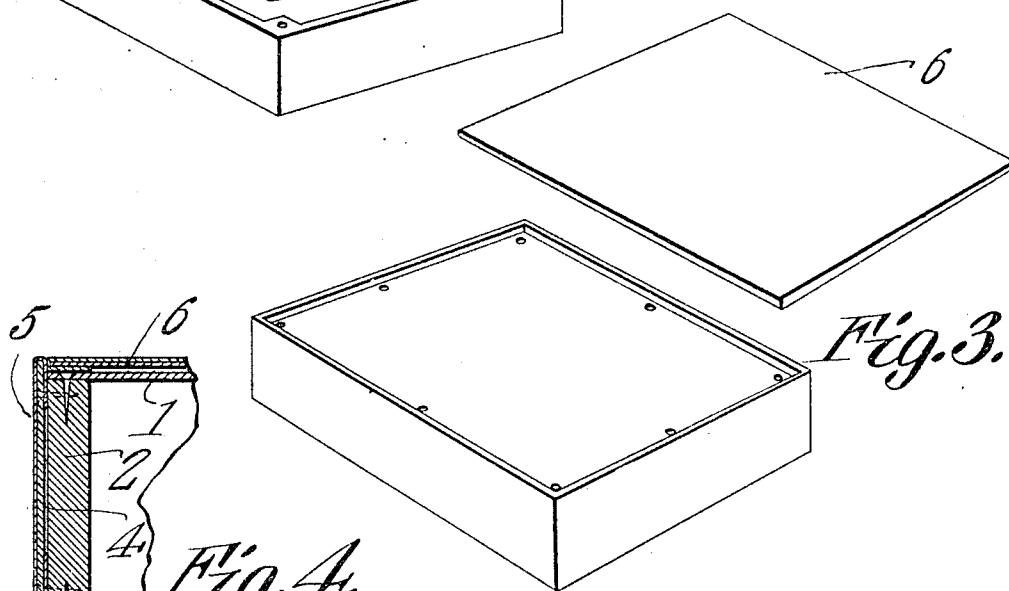
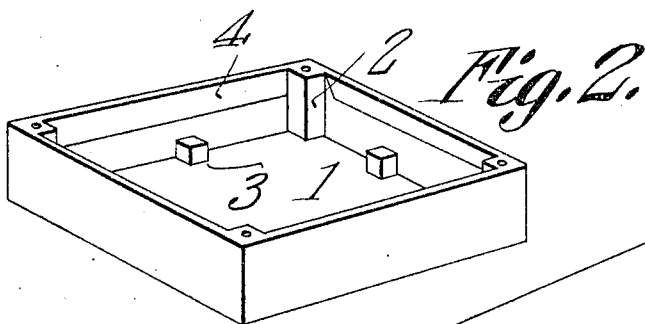
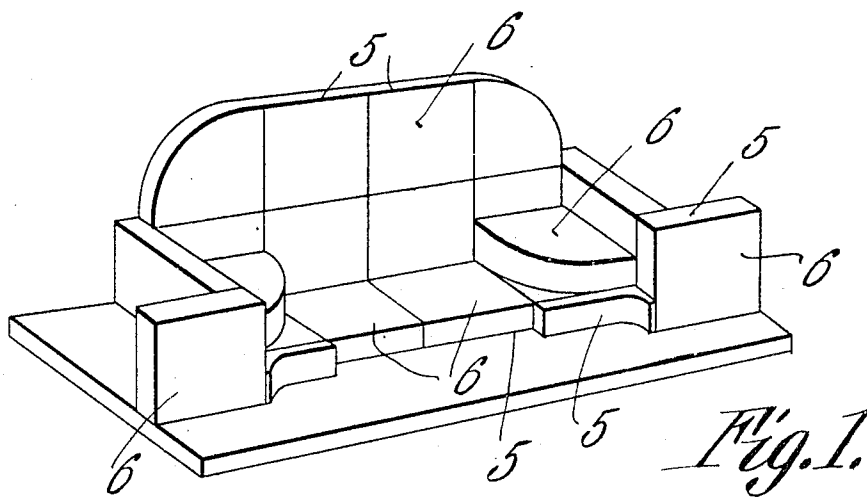


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ELBERT C. RHODES, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Window Displaying Device, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to display stands and its object is to provide a sectional device of this character particularly designed for use by jewelers and the like for displaying merchandise in show windows, counters, etc.

In order to get the desired effect, it has been customary to pile boxes within show windows and counters and to cover them with velvet or the like so as to present a stepped or uneven surface on which the articles can be displayed. Such an arrangement has been objectionable because of the difficulty in properly assembling the boxes so as to get the desired effects, and because of the difficulty in maintaining the velvet or other fabric in the desired position upon the boxes.

One of the objects of the present invention is to provide a display stand made up of sections each of which is in the form of a box covered with velvet or other suitable material, the various boxes being of different shapes and sizes whereby they may be assembled in any desired relation so as to form various artistic structures on which jewelry or the like may be placed.

Another object is to provide a box or unit having a removable top held in place in a novel manner.

With this and other objects in view, the invention consists of certain novel details of construction and combinations of parts hereinafter more fully described and pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings the preferred form of the invention has been shown.

In said drawings, Figure 1. is a perspective view of a display stand embodying the present improvements. Fig. 2. is a perspective view of one of the units inverted. Fig. 3. is a perspective view of one of said units with the top elevated thereabove. Fig. 4. is an enlarged section through one end portion of one of the said units.

Referring to the figures by characters of reference, 1 designates the top of a box or unit, the corners of said box being nailed onto the ends of corner blocks 2, while

intermediate blocks 3, are also similarly secured to the said top at the edges thereof. The walls 4, of said unit are nailed to the corner blocks and also to the intermediate blocks, and these walls are covered with velvet or any other suitable material such as indicated at 5, the said material being folded over the edges so as to entirely conceal said walls from the outside. The top edges of the walls 4, project above the top 1, a distance substantially equal to the thickness of a cover 6, said cover being designed to fit snugly upon the top and between and against the walls, and being covered with a material similar to that upon the walls, this material extending over the edges of the cover 6. When said cover is seated upon the top 1, the material thereon will bind against the material 5 on the walls 4, and thus frictionally hold said cover against accidental displacement, it being necessary, in order to remove the cover, to insert a thin blade or the like between the walls and the cover so as to enable said cover to be pried upwardly.

As has heretofore been stated it is designed to provide a number of units having different shapes and of different sizes, it being possible to assemble the units in any desired relation, so as to form or build up display stands of various designs.

All of the units of the display stand are covered in the manner described and will be found advantageous, not only because of their interchangeability, but also because of the ease with which they can be cleaned. It has been found advantageous to construct these units as shown in Figs. 2 and 3, because it is thus possible to nail the top of the unit onto the corner blocks and then cover the nails by means of the cover 6.

Various changes can of course be made in the construction and arrangement of the parts without departing from the spirit or sacrificing any of the advantages of the invention.

What is claimed is:—

1. A display stand consisting of a number of interchangeable box like units, each consisting of a top, corner blocks secured thereto, walls secured to said blocks and extending beyond the upper surface of the top, and a cover seated upon the top and between the walls, said walls and cover being provided with coverings of finishing material.

2. A display stand consisting of a number

of units, each formed of a top, corner and side blocks secured to the top, walls secured to the blocks, and each having a covering of finishing material wrapped thereon and secured thereto, the said walls projecting above the top to form a seat, and a cover removably mounted upon the top and between the walls and having a finishing material thereon for concealing the cover and for friction-

ally engaging the material on the walls to hold the cover against displacement.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own, I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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