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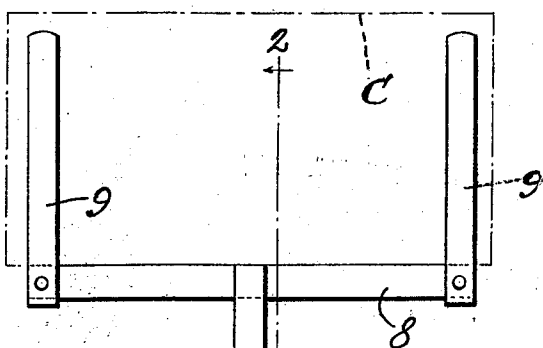


Fig. 1.

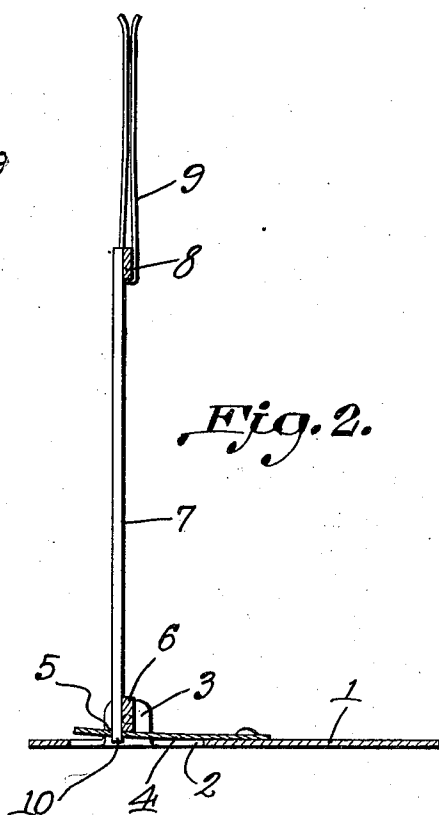


Fig. 2.

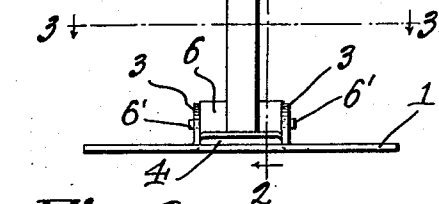


Fig. 3.

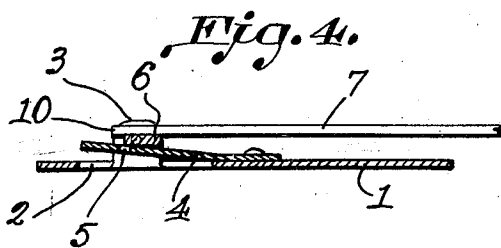
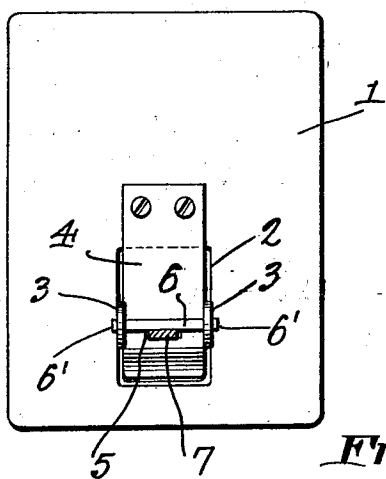


Fig. 4.

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This invention relates to a holder for displaying price cards, menu cards, etc., one of the objects being to provide a simple, compact and efficient device of this character which, when not in use, can be folded into compact form so that it can be easily placed in a package of merchandise for transportation and can be conveniently stored.

10 A further object is to provide a device of this character having means for locking it extended for use so that the holder will not accidentally collapse.

With the foregoing and other objects in view which will appear as the description proceeds, the invention resides in the combination and arrangement of parts and in the details of construction hereinafter described and claimed, it being understood that changes in the precise embodiment of the invention herein disclosed may be made within the scope of what is claimed, without departing from the spirit of the invention.

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

In said drawings,

Figure 1 is a front elevation of the rack.

Figure 2 is a section on line 2—2, Figure 1.

Figure 3 is a section on line 3—3, Figure 1.

30 Figure 4 is a section through a portion of the holder showing the same folded.

Referring to the figures by characters of reference 1 designates a base plate provided with an opening 2, a portion of the metal removed from this opening being bent upwardly to provide opposed ears 3. A spring tongue 4 is riveted or otherwise attached at one end to the plate 1 or, if preferred, can be made integral therewith in which event the tongue would be made mainly of the metal removed in the formation of the opening 4. An opening 5 is provided in the tongue near its free end.

45 A cross strip 6 is interposed between the ears and has studs 6' projecting from its ends mounted for rotation within the ears. To this strip 6 is attached a standard 7 and the outer end of the standard has a cross strip 8 secured thereto. This strip may be provided, at each end, with an elongated clip 9, the two clips being parallel so as to engage the end portions of a card inserted therebetween. In Figure 1 a card has been indicated at C by broken lines. The lower

end of the standard projects beyond or outwardly from the cross strip 6 and is so proportioned as to be insertible into the opening 5 in the tongue 4.

When the holder is not in use the standard 7 will be supported substantially parallel with the base plate 1, it being held in such a position by contact of the spring 4 with the strip 3 as shown in Figure 4. Thus the device can be compactly stored in a bundle of merchandise or in any small space of sufficient proportions. The use of this folding device will also prevent cards from being bent when laid on a counter or shelf.

When it is desired to use the holder it is merely necessary to swing the standard or strip 7 away from the plate 1. This will cause the projecting end 10 of the standard to press against the spring tongue 6 and push it downwardly until the end 10 arrives above the opening 5 at which time the tongue will swing up into engagement with the end 10 and thus lock the standard in raised position as shown particularly in Figure 2.

By providing the aperture 2 in the base plate 1 it is possible to mount the spring 4 flat upon the base plate, the opening providing sufficient clearance to permit not only reception of the projecting end 10 of the strip 8 but also to permit depression of the spring into the opening 2 to move it clear of the end 10 and to permit said end to properly depress the spring when the strip 7 is swung to upright position. Thus a very compact structure is possible, said structure being adapted to lie practically flat and thus occupy a very small space.

What is claimed is:

A device of the class described including a flat plate having an aperture, ears at opposite sides of the aperture and upstanding from the plate, said ears being formed of material removed in the formation of the aperture, a spring secured at one end flat upon the plate and having its other end portion extending partly across the aperture and between the ears, a cross strip journaled in the ears, said cross strip being angular in cross section, a standard secured to and movable with the cross strip, card holding means carried by one end of the standard, the other end of said standard being projected beyond the cross strip, there being an aperture in that portion of the spring over-

hanging the opening in the base plate, said spring constituting means for holding the cross strip in either of two positions, the aperture in the spring being adapted to receive the projecting end of the standard to fasten said standard in an upstanding position relative to the plate, said spring being

depressible into the opening in the plate to release the standard.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing 10 as my own, I have hereto affixed my signature.

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