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DISPLAY STAND

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Fig. 1

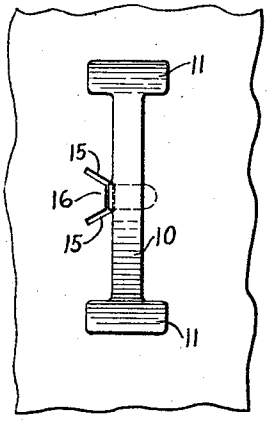


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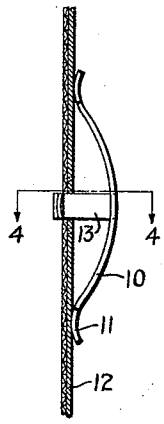


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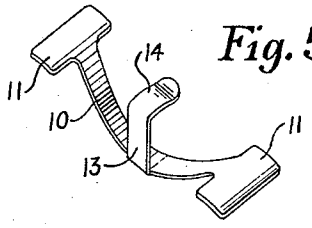


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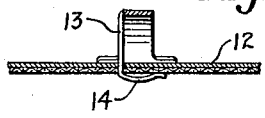
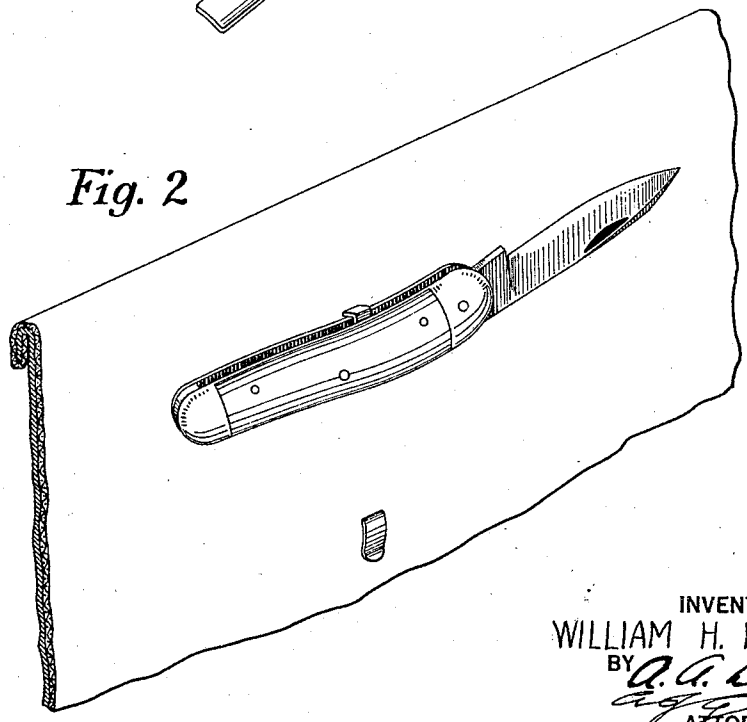


Fig. 2



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DISPLAY STAND.

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This invention relates to display boards or stands, and especially to a device for holding articles such as articles of cutlery, jewelry, etc., upon the face of a display board, the holding means itself being substantially concealed and engaging the article displayed in such a way that it does not conceal any part of the article or detract from the appearance of the article. The holding devices for securing articles to display boards, which are in more common use, consist of bands of rubber or elastic tape which encircle the body of the article. Such devices are of an undesirable appearance, and are liable thru deterioration of the elastic material. Different types of metallic holders have been proposed from time to time, but have been abandoned either because they are too cumbersome for practical use, fail to securely hold the articles in place, or are too complicated and expensive for practical application.

The present invention contemplates a securing device comprising a single metallic element which, while it is readily detached from the display board when desired, is, nevertheless, so secured in the display board that accidental detachment therefrom is prevented. The invention further contemplates a holding device adapted to securely hold the article but to engage it in such a way that the device itself is practically concealed or is very inconspicuous.

In the drawings:

Fig. 1 is a fragmentary rear view of a display board equipped with a holding device made in accordance with the present invention.

Fig. 2 is a fragmentary perspective showing the front of the display board and a pocket knife held thereon by the device of the invention.

Fig. 3 is a fragmentary sectional elevation of a display board provided with the holding device of the invention.

Fig. 4 is a horizontal section on the line 4—4 of Fig. 3.

Fig. 5 is a perspective of the holding device removed from the display board.

The holding device comprises a yoke or bow of spring metal 10 provided at its ends with transversely enlarged heads 11 which are adapted to rest against the rear side of the display board 12. The heads 11 are transversely curved as clearly shown in Figs. 3 and 4 to permit of ready movement with respect to the display board when the bow spring 10 is flattened in the manipulation of the device. Integral with the member 10 and extending from its middle portion is an arm 13 which passes thru a slot in the display board and terminates in a finger 14 which rests against the face of the display board. The finger 14 may be transversely curved, as illustrated in Fig. 4, the tip thereof being preferably turned out to avoid damaging the face of the board and facilitate placing articles thereunder. The slot in the display board thru which the arm 13 extends preferably connects at its ends with slot 15 arranged at an angle thereto, to provide a section of material 16 in the display board which may be deflected out of the plane of the board for facilitating the insertion of the finger 14. The display board may be made of metal and covered with a suitable ornamental fabric or other material.

When the article holder is not in use it is retained in place by the engagement of a finger 14 with the face of the display board, said finger being drawn into contact with the display board face by the tension of the bow spring 10. When an article is to be placed under the finger 14, said finger is moved outward by pressing upon the spring 10, the article is put in place and the spring 10 is released. The tension of the spring thereafter serves to retain the article securely. The finger 14, while adapted to engage a variety of articles is inconspicuous, and may often be substantially concealed. When, for example, a pocket knife is to be displayed, the handle of the knife is laid flat against the board and the finger 14 passes into the adjacent blade containing recess and engages the side of said recess. The only part of the holding device visible is a short section of the arm 13 and no part of the knife is obscured.

The device, however, is manifestly useful in connection with many different articles, likewise the specific embodiment of the invention, which has been selected for the purpose of illustration, is susceptible of many modifications all falling within the scope of the appended claims.

I claim:

1. A device for holding articles upon a display board comprising a yoke of spring metal provided at its ends with enlarged and suitably curved end pieces adapted to bear against the back of the display board while

the mid-portion of the yoke is spaced from the display board and having an arm rigidly secured to and extending from said yoke at a point substantially midway between its ends, said arm being adapted to pass thru a slot in the display board, a finger extending transversely from the free end of said arm and adapted to engage and retain articles upon the face of said board.

2. In combination with a display board, a holding device comprising an arcuate strip of spring metal adapted to bear at its ends upon the back of said board, an arm rigidly secured to said device at a point substantially midway between its ends and terminating in a transversely extending finger, a slot in said display board adapted to receive said arm, other slots in said board extending at an angle to the ends of the first mentioned slot whereby a tongue is formed in the board which may be deflected to permit the insertion of said finger and said arm.

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