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Fig 1

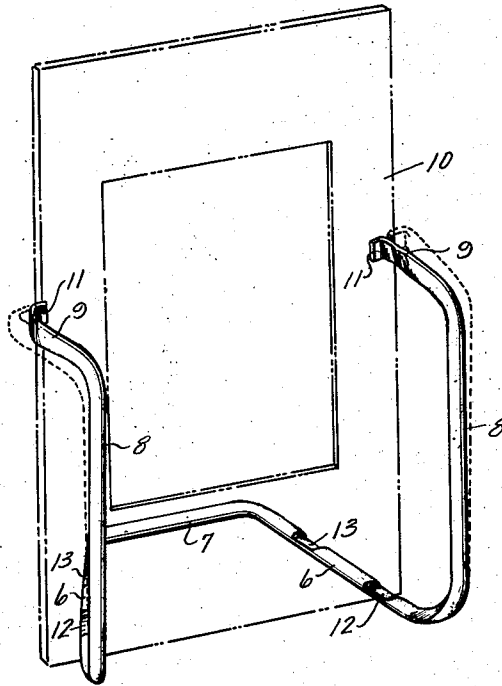


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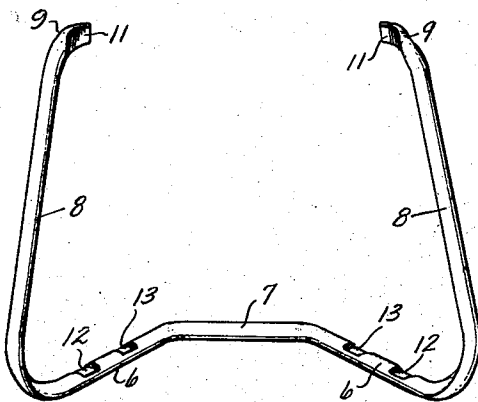
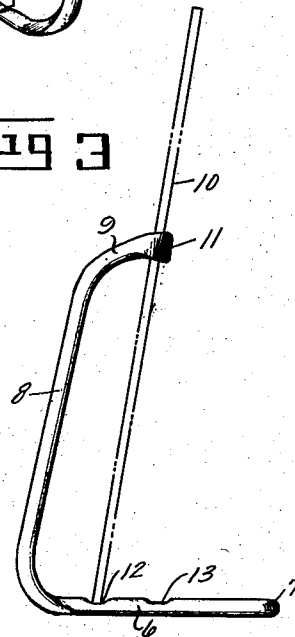


Fig 3



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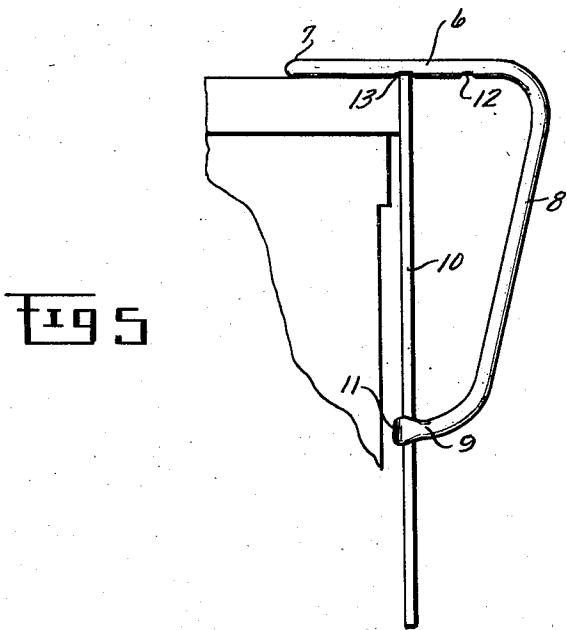
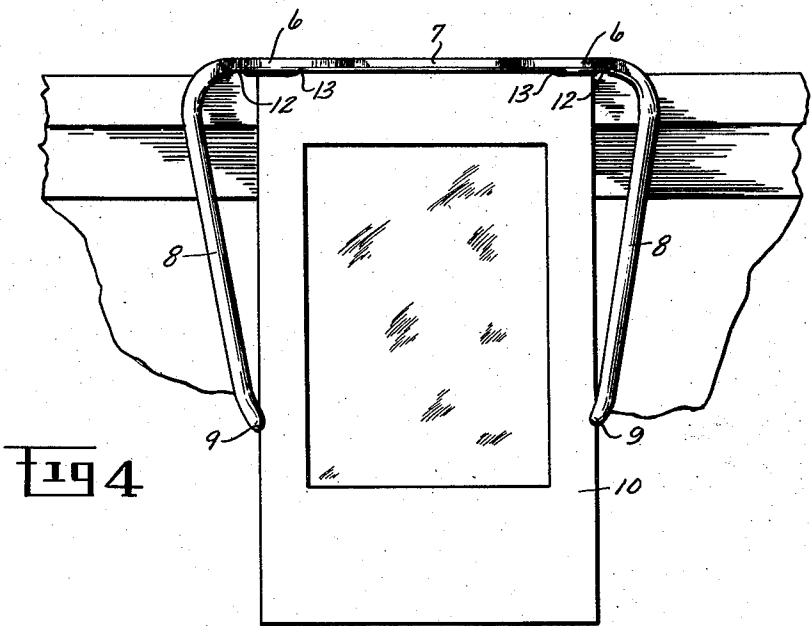
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This invention relates to a holder for a card or similar structure, such as a flat mounting for a picture.

One object of the invention is to provide such a holder which is simple in construction and ornamental in appearance.

A further object of the invention is to provide such a holder which has supporting engagement with the card at a plurality of points to firmly support the same, and which will not mar or otherwise injure the card.

A further object of the invention is to provide such a holder having yieldable parts which grip the card between them and adapt the holder to cards of different sizes.

A further object of the invention is to provide such a holder which may be supported in an upright position on a flat surface or may be suspended in an inverted position and will support the card right side up in either position of the holder.

A further object of the invention is to provide a holder which is of light weight, of ample strength and of inexpensive construction.

A further object of the invention is to provide a holder which may be formed from a single section of rod or the like.

Other objects of the invention may appear as the holder is described in detail.

In the accompanying drawings Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the holder in an upright position; Fig. 2 is a front elevation of the holder; Fig. 3 is a side elevation of the holder; Fig. 4 is a front elevation of the holder suspended from an elevated structure, with a card in the holder; and Fig. 5 is a side elevation of the holder positioned as shown in Fig. 4.

In these drawings I have illustrated one embodiment of the invention and have shown the holder as formed from a single section of round rod, or tubing, bent to the desired shape, but it is to be understood that the holder may be formed in various ways from any suitable material, in one or more pieces, without departing from the spirit of the invention.

The holder is of a skeletonized construction and comprises a supporting structure or base including substantially horizontal fore and aft members 6 connected one with the other at their rear ends, as by a cross member 7. Arms 8 extend upwardly from the forward ends of the base members and are provided at their upper ends with parts 9 to engage the respective lateral edges of a card 10 and firmly support the same with the lower edge of the card resting on the base. Pref-

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erably the card engaging portions of the holder are yieldable so that they will firmly grip the card and will accommodate themselves to cards differing more or less in width.

In the particular construction here illustrated the holder is formed from a single section of rod, which may be tubular if desired. In the present instance the holder is formed of metal rod capable of taking a high finish and is formed by bending the rod to the desired shape. However, the holder may be formed of any suitable material and is not necessarily formed by bending. As here shown the end portions of the rod are bent forwardly to form the transverse member of the base and diverge slightly forwardly from the cross member, the forward ends of the base member being preferably spaced apart a distance slightly less than the width of the card to be supported so that the lower edge of the card can rest thereon. The end portions of the rod are then bent upwardly at the forward ends of the fore and aft base members to form the upright arms 8, the bend being preferably on a fairly long radius to provide well rounded corners between the base members and the upright arms. The arms preferably diverge slightly in an upward direction and are inclined rearwardly at a slight angle to the vertical. The upper ends of the arms are bent rearwardly on a relatively long radius to form the card engaging parts 9. In the present arrangement the rear end portions of the parts 9 are flattened and bent laterally, as shown at 11, to engage the rear surface of the card and thus firmly hold the same on the holder. The stock from which the holder is formed is preferably of a resilient character so that the arms can yield laterally to enable the same to be sprung about the edges of the card and to firmly grip the latter. It is preferable that the base members should be provided with two pairs of recesses, 12 and 13, either pair of which may receive the lower edge of the card to support the latter in the desired position with relation to the perpendicular. The card engaging parts 9 extend slightly to the rear of the recesses 12 so as to support the card at a slight inclination to the vertical, and the recesses 13 are directly below the parts 9.

The base being substantially horizontal may be supported on any suitable surface to support the card in an upwardly extending position, or the base may be engaged over an elevated structure, such as a mantel or a shelf, so that the arms will extend downwardly and thus suspend the card from the elevated structure, as

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shown in Figs. 4 and 5. When so suspended the card is, of course, reversed in the holder so that it will be right side up, and the upper edge of the card may be seated in either pair of recesses in the base members. When the card is seated in the forward recesses 12 the rear recesses 13 may be engaged with a thin edged structure to firmly retain the holder on the latter.

Thus it will be seen that I have provided a very simple ornamental holder which may be supported on a horizontal surface or suspended from an elevated structure and which will support a card or like article in a position to properly display the same when the holder is supported in either manner. The construction is not only of an ornamental character but is such that the device can be very quickly and easily formed at low cost. Its resiliency enables it to firmly support the card in either position and it has ample strength to prevent injury or distortion in ordinary handling.

While I have shown and described one embodiment of my invention I wish it to be understood that I do not desire to be limited to the details thereof as various modifications may occur to a person skilled in the art.

Having now fully described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:

1. A card holder comprising a base including fore and aft members and an elongate transverse member connecting the rear ends of said fore and aft members and spacing the same a sub-

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stantially distance one from the other, arms extending upwardly from the forward ends of the respective fore and aft members, and other members extending rearwardly from the upper ends of the respective upwardly extending arms and having at their rear ends card engaging parts, said rearwardly extending members being laterally yieldable and adapted to grip a card between them.

2. A card holder comprising a single section of small diameter resilient rod stock to provide an elongate base member, laterally spaced base members extending forwardly from the respective ends of said elongate member, arms extending upwardly from the forward ends of said forwardly extending members, and members extending rearwardly from the upper ends of said arms, said rearwardly extending members having at their rear ends parts to engage and yieldably grip the edges of a card inserted between them.

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