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Fig. 1.

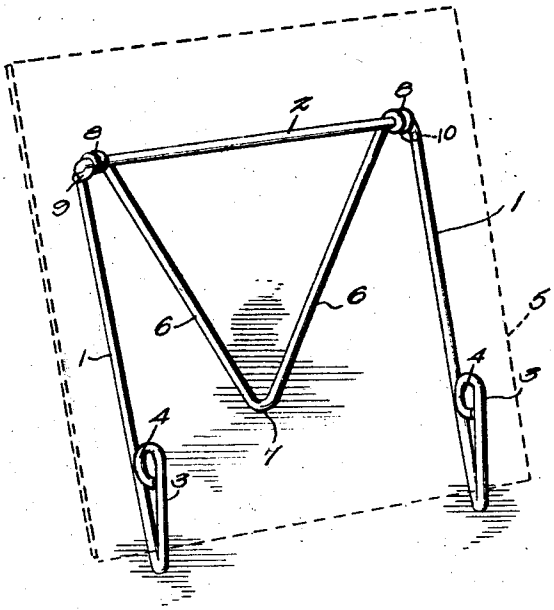


Fig. 2.

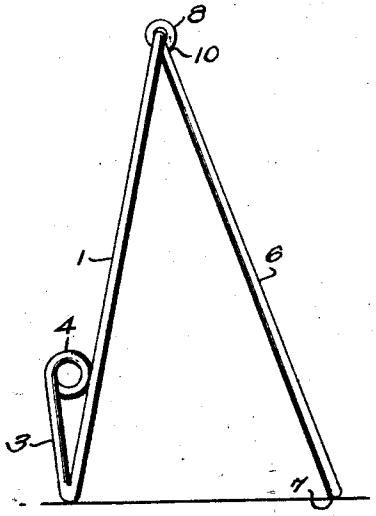
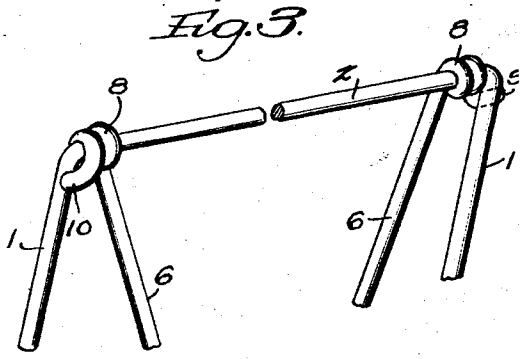


Fig. 3.



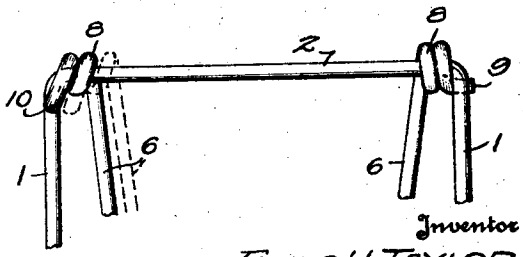


Fig. 4.

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This invention relates to card holders and more particularly to card holders of the easel type.

An object of the invention is to provide a card holder formed of wire or simlar material having means for locking the supporting member at a desired angle to the stand.

More specifically I provide a stand formed of an inverted U-shaped piece of wire having clips at the bottom of each leg to hold a card, and a substantially V-shaped supporting member having coils formed on the outer ends of its arms to pivotally connect the supporting member to the stand. The ends of the coils are disposed at angles to engage opposite sides of the arms of the stand when the supporting member is at the desired angle to the stand to positively retain the parts in adjusted position.

In the accompanying drawings, I have shown one embodiment of the invention. In this showing,

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the device in operative position, a card being indicated in dotted lines,

Figure 2 is a side elevation,

Figure 3 is a perspective view of the upper portion of the stand on an enlarged scale, and,

Figure 4 is a rear elevation showing the stand and supporting member collapsed and arranged in the same plane.

Referring to the drawings the holder comprises a stand formed of wire and consisting of a pair of arms 1 connected at their upper ends by means of a transverse member 2. The lower ends of the arms are extended upwardly at an angle as at 3 and the upper ends of these angular extensions are provided with coils 4 adapted to normally contact with the arms so that when a card is inserted as indicated at 5 in dotted lines in Figure 1 of the drawings the card will be clamped between the coils 4 and the arms 1. The stand is adapted to be supported in the angular position shown in Figure 2 of the drawings by means of a supporting member which is hinged to the stand to permit it to be collapsed to the position shown in Figure 4 of the drawings. As shown, the supporting member is substantially V-shaped and consists of a pair of arms 6 connected by a loop 7 at the bottom which is adapted to rest on the surface. The upper ends of these arms are provided with coils 8 which are dapted to surround the transverse arm 2 of the stand to pivotally or hingedly connect the two members. One of the coils is provided with a lateral extension 9 which is arranged in front of the adjacent arm of the stand as shown in dotted lines in Figures 3 and 4 of the drawings. The other coil is provided with an end portion 10 which, when in operative position, is adapted to engage the rear side of the other arm 1. The supporting member is provided with sufficient resiliency to normally retain the arms 6 in an open or spread position so that the end 10 of the coil which serves as a stop will assume the position shown behind the arm 1 when the stand is arranged at the proper angle. At this time the locking extension 9 of the other coil is in contact with the front face or side of the other arm so that the stand and supporting member are locked and retained at the desired angle to each other. To release the supporting member it is merely necessary to move the arm inwardly as indicated in dotted lines in Figure 4 of the drawings and disengage the stop 10 from the arm 1. The supporting member is then free to revolve toward the stand to permit the card holder or easel to be collapsed.

It is to be understood that the form of my invention herewith shown and described is to be taken as a preferred example of the same and that various changes in the shape, size, and arrangement of parts may be resorted to without departing from the spirit of the invention or the scope of the subjoined claims.

I claim:

1. In a device of the character described, a stand, a support having a pair of ends hinged to said stand, a locking member carried by one end of said support and adapted to engage one side of said stand, and a stop member carried by the other end of said support and adapted to engage the other side of said stand when the latter and said support are arranged at a predetermined angle to each other, one of said members being movable independently of the other member to release it from said stand to permit the latter and said support to swing to positions in a common plane.

2. In a device of the character described, a stand including a pair of arms and a cross member, a support, a pair of hinge

members carried by said support and connected to the cross member of said stand, one of said hinge members being provided with a lateral extension adapted to engage one side of one of the arms of said stand when the latter and said support are arranged at a predetermined angle to each other, the other of said hinge members being provided with a laterally projecting portion forming a stop adapted to engage the opposite side of the other arm of said stand, said support being formed of flexible material whereby it may be flexed to move said stop inwardly beyond the adjacent arm of said stand to permit the latter and said support to swing to positions in a common plane.

3. In a device of the character described, a stand comprising an inverted substantially U-shaped wire member, and a supporting member comprising a substantially V-shaped member adapted to be arranged at an angle to said stand, the ends of the arms of said V-shaped member being coiled and adapted to fit around the wire forming said stand, one of said coils being provided with locking means adapted to engage one side of said stand, and the other of said coils being provided with a stop adapted to engage the opposite side of said stand, the arm of the supporting member carrying the coil having the stop being resilient whereby the arm can be flexed to permit the stop to be moved into and out of stand engaging position.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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