

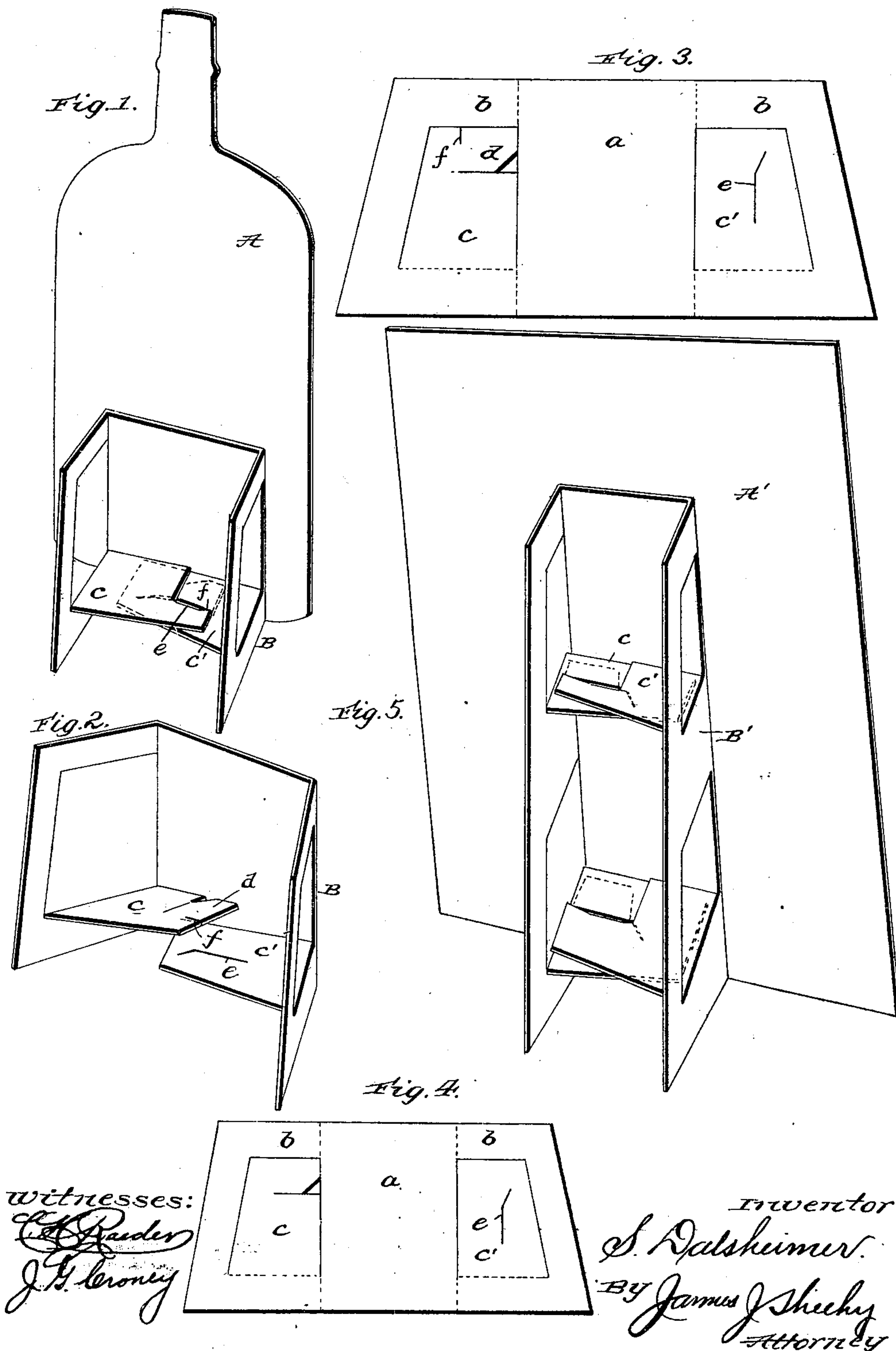
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SIMON DALSHIMER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, have invented new and useful Improvements in Supports for Cards and Like Articles, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to that class of supports for cards and like articles which are affixed to the backs of the cards and are calculated to be folded against the same when not in use, so as to permit of a large number of the cards being packed in a small space.

It has for its general object to provide such a support susceptible of being formed in one piece of cardboard or similar material and one embodying means for securing it in its operative position and adapted in such position to hold a card perpendicular to the base on which it is placed, and thereby increase the semblance when the card is shaped and embellished to represent a bottle or other article.

With the foregoing in view the invention will be fully understood from the following description and claims when taken in conjunction with the annexed drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a card made in the shape of a bottle and equipped with my improved support. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the support removed. Fig. 3 is a plan view illustrating the manner in which a blank of cardboard is cut to form the support. Fig. 4 is a similar view, on a reduced scale, of a blank cut in a slightly-different manner. Fig. 5 is a perspective view of a large card equipped with a modified construction of support.

Referring by letter to said drawings, and more particularly to Figs. 1 to 3 thereof, A is a card or like article, and B is my improved support which is designed to be connected to the back of the card by adhesive or other suitable means. This support is formed by cutting and bending a piece of cardboard, as indicated by full lines and dotted lines, respectively, in Fig. 3, and it comprises an intermediate or body portion *a*, wings *b*, and arms *c c'*. The body portion *a* is arranged against and connected to the card A in such

position that its lower edge and the lower edges of the wings *b* are flush with the lower edge or end of the card. When it is desired to store the card or pack the same for shipment, the wings *b* are folded inwardly upon the intermediate portion or body *a*, so as to take up but a minimum amount of space. When, on the other hand, the card is to be displayed, the wings are turned outwardly into a position at right angles or approximately right angles to the body *a* and the arms *c c'* are turned from their initial positions in said wings inwardly into a horizontal position and are superposed, as shown in Fig. 1. Said arms *c c'* are secured in such horizontal position by passing a tongue *d* on the former into a slit *e* of the latter, and they are thereby enabled to securely hold the wings *b* in their operative positions.

In order to lessen the liability of the arms *c c'* being casually disconnected, the former is provided with a slit *f*. This slit *f* when the tongue *d* of arm *c* is passed into the slit *e* of arm *c'* permits of the said tongue being bent slightly downward, so that its heel abuts against one wall of the slit *e*. In consequence of this, casual removal of the tongue *d* from the slit *e* is effectually prevented, and hence there is no liability of the arms *c c'* being casually disconnected.

While the slit *f* is preferable for the reasons stated, it is not essential to the successful operation of the support, and when desirable the support may be shown without it, as shown in Fig. 4.

As will be readily appreciated from the foregoing, my improved support is very cheap and simple, is readily applicable to a card, and is calculated to hold a card in a position perpendicular or approximately perpendicular to the base on which it is placed and prevent it toppling over forward. This latter is an important advantage, since when the card is shaped and embellished to represent a bottle or other article its perpendicular position increases the semblance.

By virtue of the arms *c c'* being cut from the wings *b* said arms may be made very wide and strong, and when they are bent inwardly, superposed, and interlocked, as shown, they constitute what may be properly termed a

"two-ply" brace, which is very rigid and is calculated to securely hold the wings *b* in proper operative position.

In Fig. 5 I have shown a large and comparatively heavy card *A'* equipped with a comparatively high support *B'*. This support *B'* is similar to the support *B*, except that it comprises two instead of one pair of arms *c c'*.

When desirable, my improved support may be placed on the market as an article of manufacture to be affixed to various articles that it is desired to support.

As will be readily observed by reference to Figs. 1 and 5, the arms *c c'* are so arranged that when they are bent inwardly their inner edges bear against the face of the body *a*. This is advantageous, because it adds to the strength and stability of the support.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

1. A foldable support for cards and like articles, formed in one piece of flexible material and comprising a body designed to be secured to the back of a card or like article, wings at opposite ends of the body, and arms cut from and adapted to be bent at right angles to the wings; said arms being sufficiently long to permit of their superposition, and one of them having a tongue and the other a slit to receive said tongue, substantially as specified.

2. A foldable support for cards and like articles, formed in one piece of flexible material and comprising a body designed to be secured to the back of a card or like article, wings at opposite ends of the body, and arms cut from and adapted to be bent at right angles to the

wings; said arms being sufficiently long to permit of their superposition, and one of the said arms having a slit *e* and the other having a tongue *d* to enter said slit and also having a slit *f* whereby the heel of the tongue is enabled to abut against one wall of the slit *e*, substantially as specified.

3. The combination of a card, and a foldable support formed in one piece of flexible material and comprising a body secured to the back of the card, wings at opposite ends of the body adapted to assume positions at right angles or approximately right angles to the card, and arms cut from and adapted to be bent inwardly at right angles to the wings and superposed; one of said arms having a tongue and the other a slit to receive said tongue, substantially as specified.

4. A foldable support for cards and like articles, formed in one piece of flexible material and comprising a body designed to be secured to the back of a card or like article, wings at opposite ends of the body, and arms cut from and adapted to be bent inwardly at an angle to the wings; said arms being so arranged as to permit of their superposition and enable them to bear at their inner edges against the face of the body and being provided with means whereby they may be interlocked, substantially as specified.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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