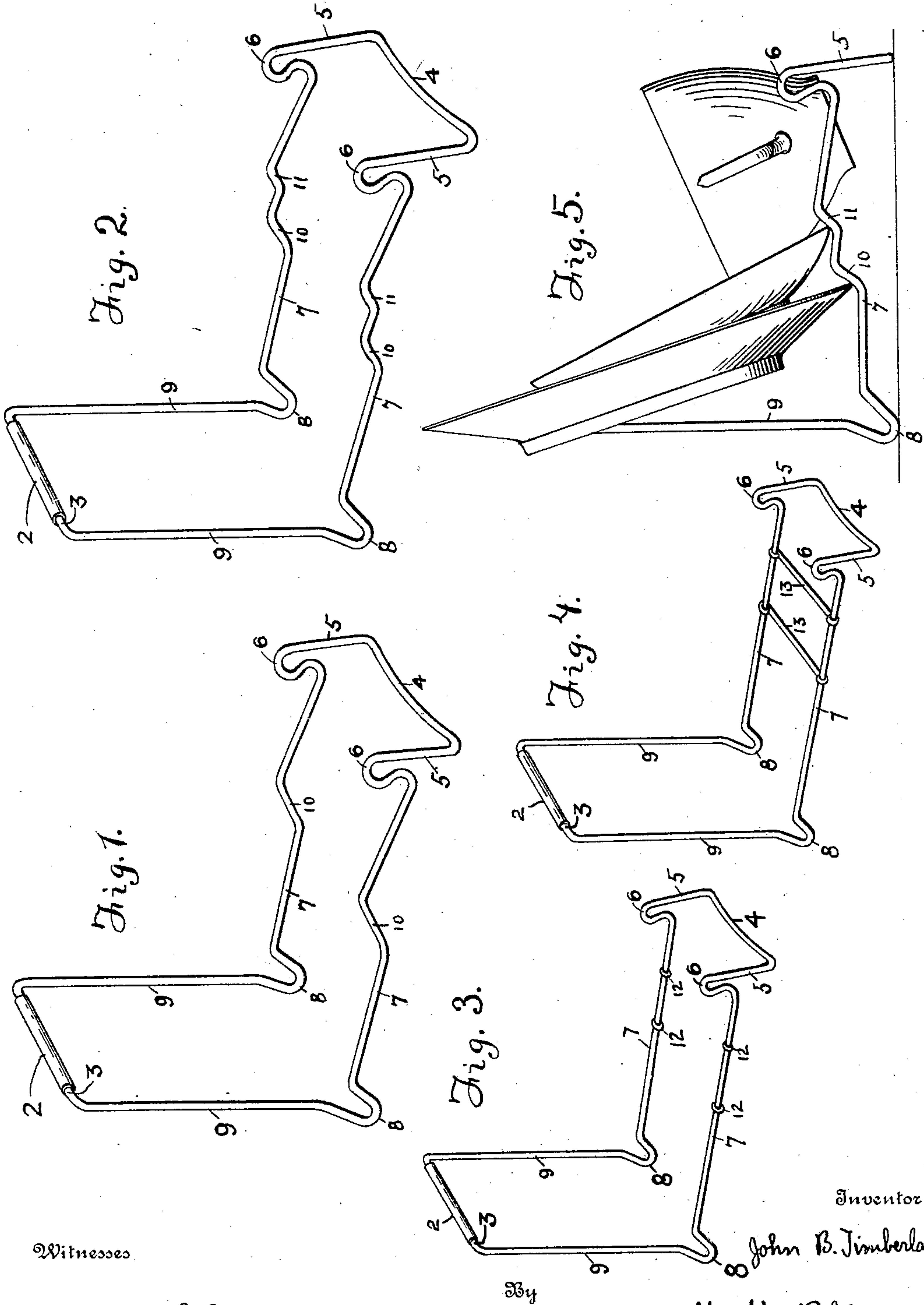


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN B. TIMBERLAKE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Jackson, in the county of Jackson and State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Display-Easels, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawing.

My invention relates to display easels for exhibition purposes; and has for its object to provide a frame which is especially adapted to hold articles of crockery, such as plates, cups, saucers, etc., etc., in such a position as to display them attractively.

In the drawings—Figure 1 shows an easel adapted to display a cup and a saucer. Fig. 2 shows a similar easel adapted to show three articles, a plate, a cup, and a saucer. Figs. 3 and 4 respectively, illustrate other forms of my invention. Fig. 5 shows the easel illustrated in Fig. 2 and a plate, a cup and a saucer arranged thereon.

Each of the several easels is preferably made of one continuous wire with its ends joined by a ferrule, 2, which may be located as illustrated in the drawings, or at any convenient point. The frame has two substantially parallel side members joined at their ends by the cross elements 3 and 4. The parallel side members are so shaped that each has a front vertical part 5, a loop 6, and longitudinal connecting sections 7, and a rear vertical part 9. This rear upright section 9 and the longitudinal section 7 are preferably joined by wire shaped to form the turn 8, which, with the forward leg 5, constitute supports for the easel. The longitudinal piece 7 is bent to form rests as shown at 10, 10 in Fig. 1, or at 10 and 11 in Fig. 2, these rests being designed to receive the lower edge of the plate or saucer displayed. The number of rests can be increased to three, four or more, according to the number of articles which the easel is designed to display.

Figs. 3 and 4 illustrate two other means of providing the lower supports for the plates or saucers. As shown in Fig. 3, small pieces of wire twisted or otherwise secured to the frame form stops 12, 12, which will fulfil the same purpose as the rests shown in Figs. 1 and 2; and as shown in Fig. 4 cross pieces 13, 13, attached to the side pieces 7, 7, in any suitable manner, serve the same end.

As shown in Fig. 5, a plate can be supported by the rests 10, 10, at its lower edge and inclined rearwardly against the uprights 9, 9 and the cross piece 3. In addition, a saucer can be placed in the rests 11, 11 with its upper portion resting against the plate. A cup can be supported by the front part of the rack or easel in front of the saucer, the loops 6, 6 serving to hold it in place and prevent it from slipping forward. It will be observed that front stops for the cup—the loops 6,—are located at a considerable distance in advance of the

stops or rests for the plate or saucer that lies immediately in the rear thereof, in order that there shall be ample space for the cup or other article of similar shape.

It will be observed that in the several illustrated embodiments of my invention the longitudinal side sections have a general inclination downward from front to rear. This permits of a more effective display of the articles, as it will be seen by reference to Fig. 5 that because of this inclination the saucer is elevated to a position nearer the center of the plate, and that the cup is likewise elevated to a position somewhat more central with reference to both plate and saucer than would otherwise be the case.

While I have illustrated and described in the drawing and specification of Letters Patent No. 814,573, granted to me March 6, 1906, an easel adapted to display a plate, cup and saucer, I have by my present invention produced an easel serving the same purpose and at the same time simpler in form, and correspondingly easier and cheaper of manufacture, by reason of the elimination of the circular cup rest *h*, and the twist *f*, illustrated in the drawings of the said Letters Patent No. 814,573.

What I claim is:

1. A display easel consisting of two side members joined by cross elements, each side member comprising a front supporting leg, a rear upright section, and a longitudinal connecting section, said connecting section being provided with a stop intermediate of its ends for a plate or plate-like article to be displayed, and approximately parallel extensions in advance of said stop to form a support for a cup or cup-like article.

2. A display easel consisting of two side members joined by cross elements, each side member comprising a front supporting leg, a rear upright section, and a longitudinal connecting section, said connecting section being provided with a stop intermediate of its ends for a plate or plate-like article to be displayed, and approximately parallel extensions in advance of said stop to form a support for a cup or cup-like article, and being further provided with a stop at its forward end to hold in place said cup or cup-like article.

3. A display easel consisting of two side members, joined by cross elements, each side member comprising a front supporting leg, a rear upright section, and a longitudinal connecting section, said connecting section having all its parts disposed approximately in one vertical plane and being provided with a stop intermediate of its end for a plate or plate-like article to be displayed, and being extended in advance of said stop to form a support for a cup or cup-like article.

4. A display easel having the rear upright sections 9, 9, the turns 8, 8, longitudinal connecting sections 7, 7, each of which is provided with a bend 10, the turns 6, 6, front supporting legs 5, 5, and the cross connecting pieces 2 and 4.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature, in presence of two witnesses.

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