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Fig. 3

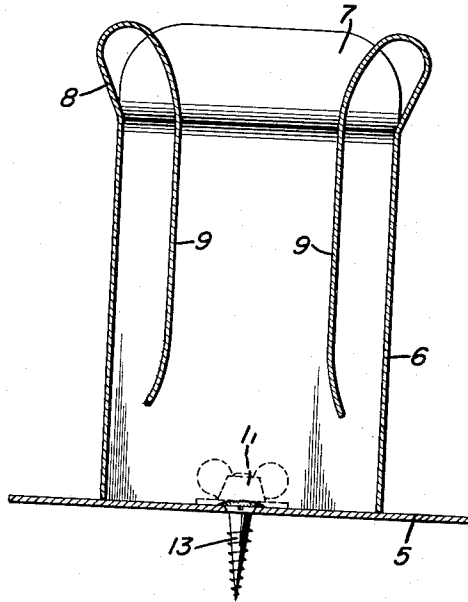


Fig. 1

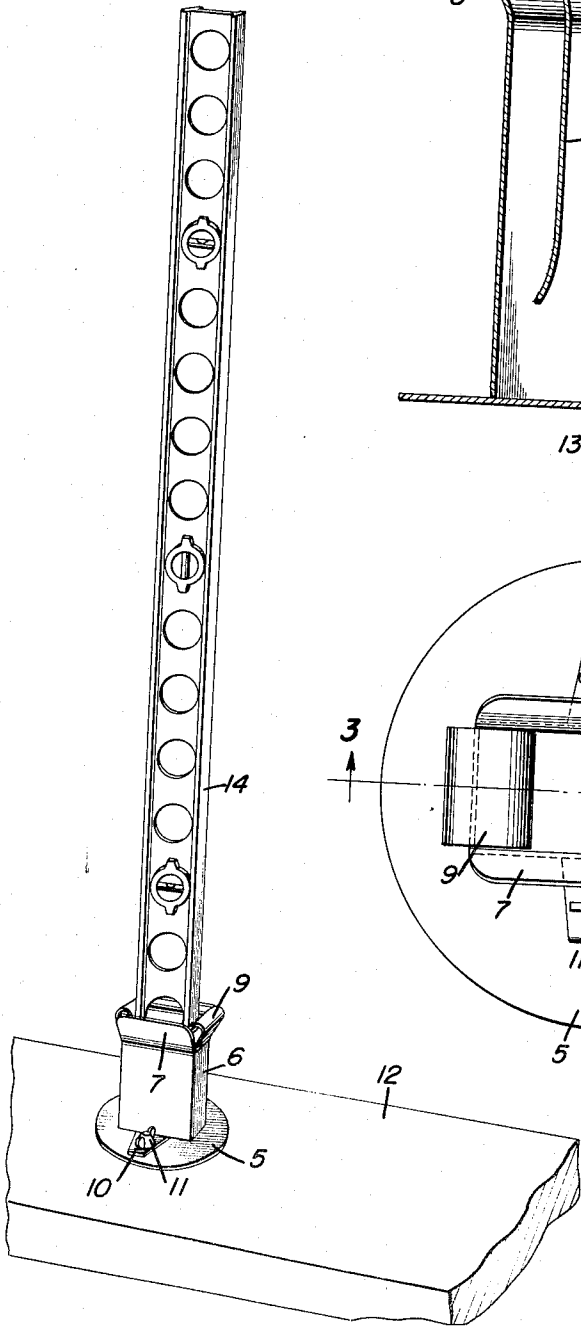
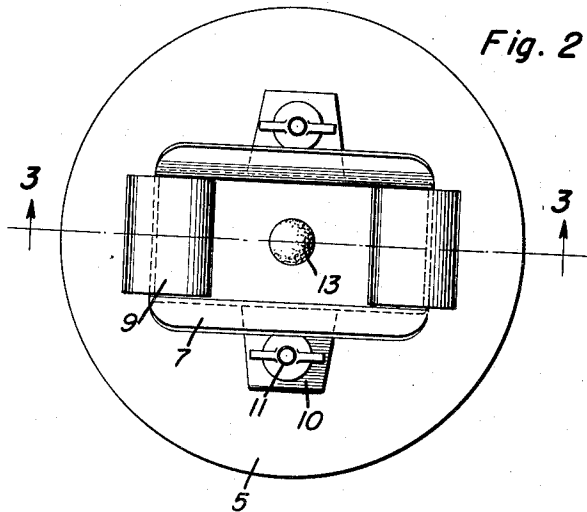


Fig. 2



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The present invention relates to new and useful improvements in holders for carpenters' levels to support the same in a convenient position within easy reach of a workman and to eliminate the usual practice of laying the level on a work bench where it might be damaged by other tools or material.

An important object of the invention is to provide a level holder constructed to support a level in an upright position for easily grasping the same for use.

A further object is to provide a device of this character of simple and practical construction, which is efficient and reliable in use, relatively inexpensive to manufacture and otherwise well adapted for the purposes for which the same is intended.

Other objects and advantages reside in the details of construction and operation as more fully hereinafter described and claimed, reference being had to the accompanying drawings forming part hereof, wherein like numerals refer to like parts throughout, and in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view;

Figure 2 is an enlarged top plan view; and,

Figure 3 is a vertical sectional view taken on a line 3-3 of Figure 2.

Referring now to the drawing in detail, wherein for the purpose of illustration I have disclosed a preferred embodiment of my invention, the numeral 5 designates a bottom plate on which a socket-like holder 6 is supported in an upright position.

Holder 6 is constructed of suitable light-weight metal and of rectangular shape in cross-section and is formed at the upper edges of a pair of its opposed walls with outwardly flared lips or flanges 7 and formed at the upper edges of its remaining opposed walls with outwardly flared flanges 8 having resilient fingers or jaws 9 extending downwardly inside the holder and spaced from the walls with which they are united.

The lower edges of a pair of the walls of the holder are formed with outwardly projecting attaching tongues 10 secured to plate 5 by bolts and wing nuts 11.

Plate 5 is secured at its center to a work bench or other suitable structure 12 by a wood screw 13 to support holder 6 in an upright position to receive one end of a spirit level 14 inserted down-

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wardly in the holder and which is firmly gripped by the resilient jaws or fingers 9 to hold the level in an upstanding position.

In view of the foregoing description taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings it is believed that a clear understanding of the device will be quite apparent to those skilled in this art. A more detailed description is accordingly deemed unnecessary.

It is to be understood, however, that even though there is herein shown and described as preferred embodiment of the invention the same is susceptible to certain changes fully comprehended by the spirit of the invention as herein described and the scope of the appended claim.

Having described the invention, what is claimed as new is:

A holder of the class described comprising a hollow relatively thin walled body of rectangular shape in cross-section and having an open top, attaching flanges projecting horizontally outwardly at the bottom of the body adapted for holding the same in an upright position on a supporting structure, a pair of outwardly flared flanges projecting upwardly from a pair of opposed walls of the body, and a pair of opposed resilient jaws integrally united with the upper edge of the remaining pair of opposed walls and positioned vertically internally of the body and having outwardly flared upper portions coacting with said outwardly flared flanges to guide an object downwardly into the body, said jaws being of a width substantially equal to the width of their united walls to exert a gripping action on the object throughout the entire width of the latter.

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