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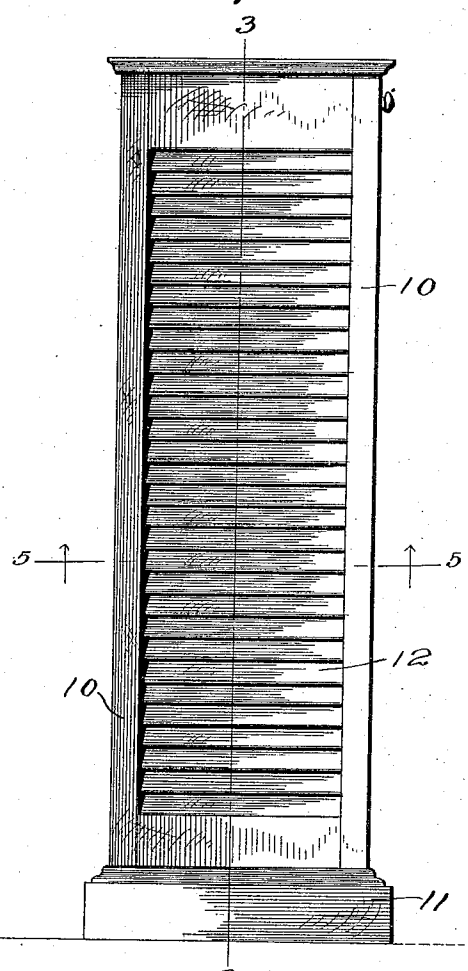


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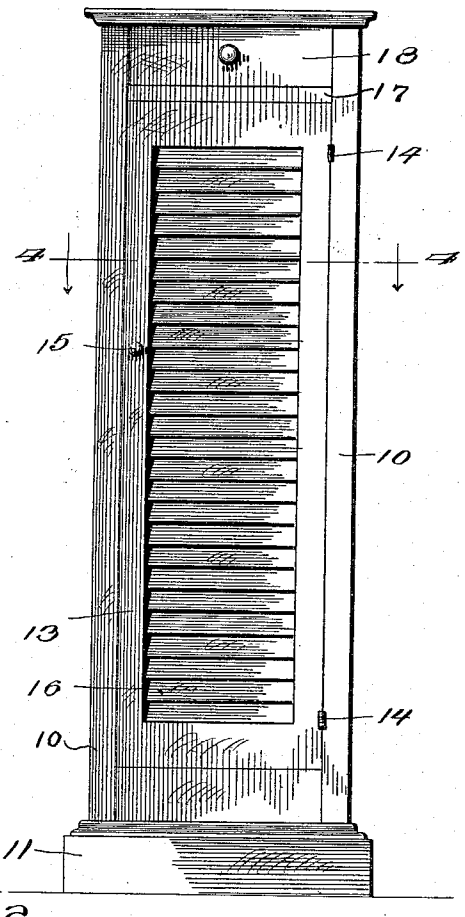
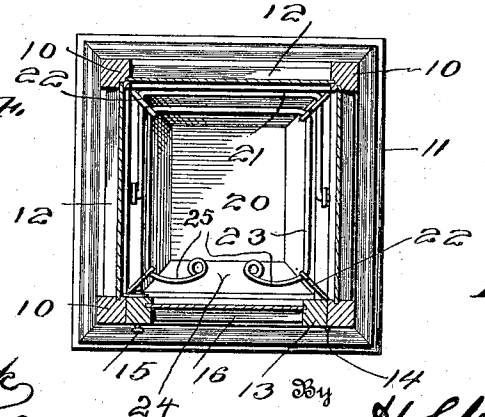


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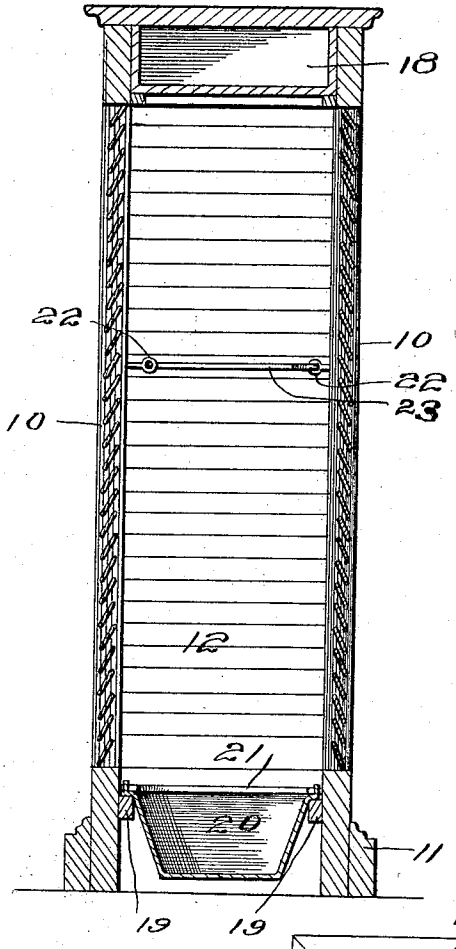


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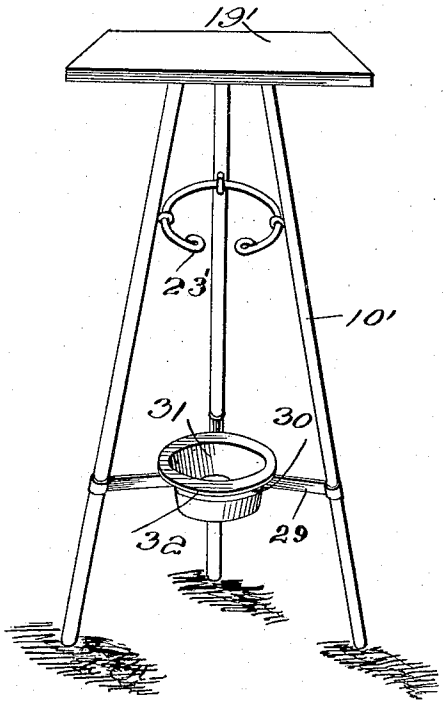
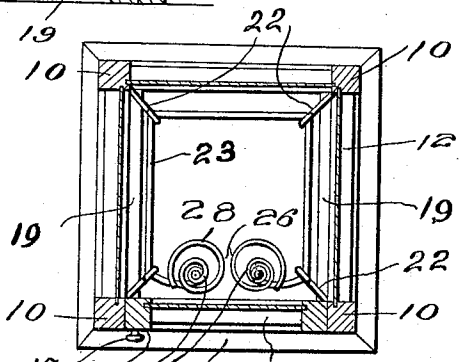


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, PETER A. FAIR, a citizen of the United States, residing at Helena, in the county of Lewis and Clark and State of Montana, have invented new and useful Improvements in Umbrella-Stands, of which the following is a specification.

The invention has for an object to provide a means for disposing of umbrellas, particularly in refined domestic establishments, in such a manner that they will not obtrude upon the view, and yet will be located conveniently within the entrance to the house.

It is a particular object to provide a suitable cabinet for this purpose which will be useful also in other ways.

It is a further purpose to provide for the accommodation and removal of the water draining from umbrellas, and to also allow complete drying of the umbrellas while contained in the cabinet.

A further aim is to give an improved construction of receiver for umbrellas which will not require the umbrellas to be lifted to an objectionable height, as is required in the ordinary umbrella stand.

Additional objects and advantages will appear, some of which will be apparent from the following description, and from the drawings, in which,

Figure 1 is a side view of a device constructed in accordance with my invention. Fig. 2 is a front view. Fig. 3 is a vertical sectional view. Fig. 4 is a cross section. Fig. 5 is a similar view showing a modification. Fig. 6 shows a modification of the supporting structure.

There is illustrated a cabinet, in the present case rectangular in cross section, and comprising four uprights 10, having an ornamental base 11 built around their lower parts and having a suitable lattice work 12 therebetween on three sides of the cabinet, while a suitable door 13 is mounted between the two uprights at the fourth or front side. The door is hinged in any customary manner, as at 14, and is provided with a latch operated by the knob 15 at its swinging side. The door is also latticed as at 16. This lattice work may be of any form suitable for the purpose, but as shown, comprises the arrangement of spaced slats usually found in window blinds. Above the door a transom piece 17 is fixed, and mounted slidably in the cabinet over this there is a drawer 18, and a suitable table top is fixed on the top of the cabinet. The drawer may be used to hold cards, and the top to support a tray, the device thus serving as a reception table.

A suitable ledge 19 is formed within the cabinet spaced a short distance above the bottom on two sides, and set thereon is a receptacle 20, adapted to receive the ferrules of umbrellas and retain any water which may drip therefrom. A bail 21 is pivoted centrally of the receptacle, by which it may be lifted and removed through the doorway. The bail should of course be so formed that it will not fall beyond the sides of the receptacle, but preferably lies alined with the inner edge thereof when not in use.

Intermediately of the height of the cabinet a series of screw eyes 22 are engaged in the uprights 10 within the cabinet, and supported in these there is a fender 23, comprising a piece of wire conforming to the shape of the cabinet, being supported by the screw eyes in spaced relation with the side elements of the cabinet, whereby liability of warping of the parts is minimized. This fender terminates at each side of the door, its opposite end portions projecting slightly across the doorway, but stopping short of each other, and leaving a suitable space 24 therebetween through which an umbrella may be introduced laterally.

In order to introduce an umbrella in the device the door is opened, the ferrule of the umbrella presented in the receptacle 20 and the upper portion pressed inwardly between the projecting ends or arms 25 of the fender 23. It will be apparent that umbrellas may thus be introduced and removed with great facility, obviating the necessity for lifting the umbrellas high in the air, as customary with the ordinary umbrella jar or the like, while at the same time the umbrellas are held with all requisite security and functions otherwise required.

It will be readily appreciated that the cabinet may be formed of metal if desired, and while the rack 23 would not then be essential to prevent warping, it would be desirable to preserve the metal from abrasion and corrosion.

In Fig. 5 there is shown a modification of the rack in which the end portions 26 are formed with such a curve and so close together that an umbrella may be forced

therebetween, and will be held yieldably against withdrawal. In the formation of this device a small helix 27 extending upwardly, is first formed, and then an enlarged eccentric coil 28 on each end of the rack, these large coils being spaced an inch or so from each other, and being adapted to move inwardly or outwardly with great ease when an umbrella is pressed therebetween. The rack may be formed of a suitable resilient wire, preferably of a non-corrosive metal, although this is not essential.

In Fig. 6 there is shown a table and rack combined built on the same principle as the above described device, the uprights being formed as ornamental table legs 10′, supporting a table top 19′ of conventional pattern. Braces 29 are extended inwardly from the legs adjacent their lower ends, connected to an annulus 30, which thus forms a part of the bracing means. A suitable receptacle 31 is provided, having a lip 32 to set over the annulus for support of the receptacle. A rack 23′ is supported intermediately of the height of the table in a suitable manner, the rack being constructed in the same manner as the one before described.

What is claimed:

A combined table and umbrella rack comprising a table element, supporting uprights therefor, screen work between the uprights at certain sides to form a cabinet, a door between two of the uprights, a drip receptacle carried between the uprights the distance between the receptacle and table element being greater than the length of an umbrella, and a rack member within the cabinet and spaced from the sides and door having a lateral access opening presented toward the door for the purposes described.

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

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