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Fig 1.

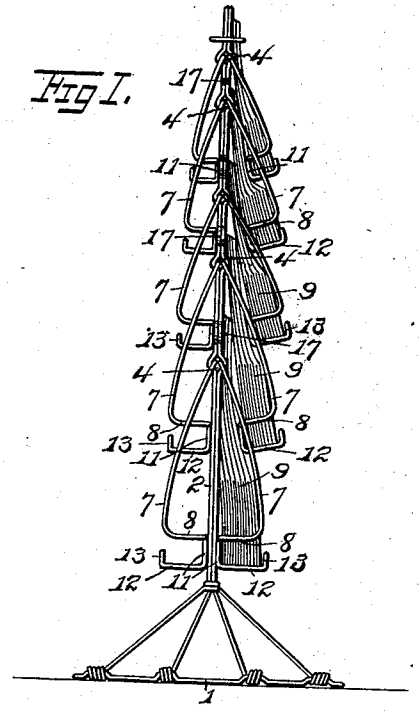


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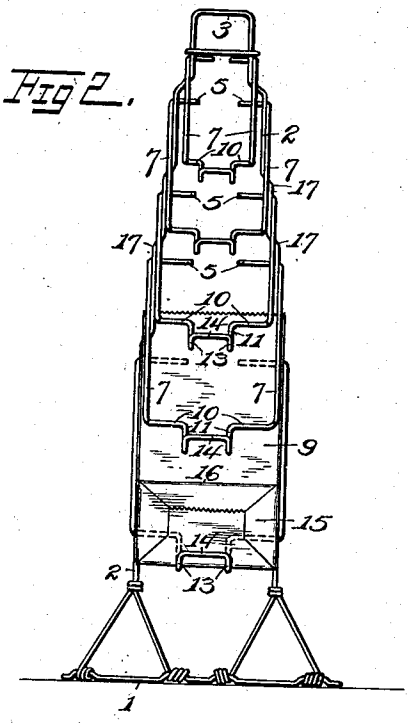


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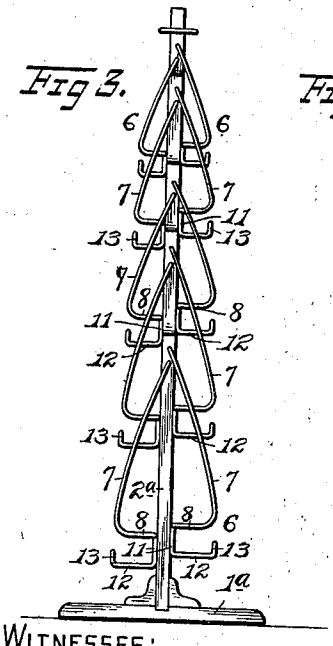


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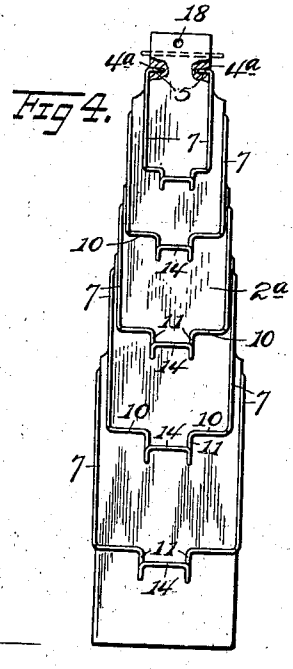


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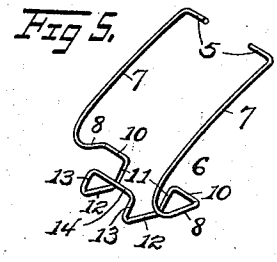
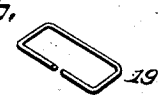


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWARD M. SUTTON, a citizen of the United States of America, and resident of Wellsburg, county of Brooke, and State of West Virginia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bag-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to new and useful improvements in bag-holders, and more particularly to a stand for holding paper bags; and it has for its primary object to provide a simple and inexpensive device for supporting paper bags in convenient position, said device being particularly adapted for use in retail stores.

A further object is to provide a bag-holder adapted for facilitating the removal of a single bag and in which the bags are not mutilated in any way, and from which but one bag may be removed in the usual way at a time.

A still further object is to provide a holder which securely holds the bags against accidental displacement. And a still further object is to provide a device of the character mentioned which may be in the form of a stand which may be stood in any convenient position, as on a counter, or in the form of a hanger which may be suspended against a wall, and which is adapted for holding a plurality of packages of bags of varying sizes.

With these and other objects in view, all of which will hereinafter be made apparent, the invention finally consists in the particular construction, arrangement and combination of parts which will hereinafter be fully described, reference being herein had to the accompanying drawing, forming a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of a wire stand embodying the invention, packages of bags being shown mounted in one side thereof; Fig. 2 is a front elevation of the same, bags being shown only in the bottom or lower receptacle; Fig. 3 is a side elevation of a wooden stand bearing the bag-receptacles or supports; Fig. 4 is a front elevation of a hanger bearing the bag-receptacles or supports; Fig. 5 is a perspective view of a detached bag support; and Fig. 6 is a similar view of the clamping-loop.

Like reference-characters designate like parts throughout the several views.

Referring particularly to Figs. 1 and 2, the numeral 1 indicates an appropriately formed wire base which bears thereon an upright support or stand consisting of uprights 2 connected at the top by a cross member 3. Each upright 2 consists preferably of two parallel contacting wires which, at suitable intervals, are outwardly bent in opposite directions forming a plurality of eyes 4 in which are pivotally held the inwardly-directed terminals 5 of outwardly-swinging bag-supports 6, said eyes being located directly opposite each other in said uprights 2.

Each of the bag-supports or receptacles 6 consists of a single wire bent to form said inwardly-directed terminals 5, parallel downwardly and forwardly directed or inclined side-members 7, parallel rearwardly-directed members 8, the opposite members 7 and 8 serving to embrace on opposite sides the package of bags contained in the support, inwardly-directed members 10, vertical downwardly-extending members 11, said members 10 and 11 being adapted to rest against and hold in place the next package 9 of bags supported therebelow, parallel forwardly-directed members 12 on which the lower end of the package rests, short parallel upwardly-directed members 13, and a short connecting cross member 14, said members 13 and 14 being adapted to hold the package against forward displacement from the members 12. Said bag-supports 6 are mounted in superposed relation, each support overhanging or overlying the upper end of the package 9 of bags in the next support therebelow in such manner that the former holds the latter in place. The lowermost of the supports rests against the uprights 2. Said supports are spaced such a distance apart as to allow the bottoms 15 of the folded bags to stand exposed in convenient position to be grasped—that is, in position for facilitating the removal of one bag at a time. To remove a bag from a support 6, the bottom-flap 16 is grasped and drawn outward, the bag readily slipping from its place, allowing the remaining bags to remain in position.

It will be noted that the members 13 and 14 serve as guards, preventing the bags from being grasped at the lower edge; this arrangement obliges the user to grasp the said flap 16 and results in preventing the removal of more than one bag at a time.

When the holder is employed for holding bags of varying sizes, the arrangement of the supports is preferably as shown in the drawings, in which the largest support—designed

for holding a package of large size bags—is the lowermost, and each succeeding support, to the top, decreases in size.

In order to admit of the employment of the supports in varying sizes, the stand varies in width at different heights, the uprights 2 being provided with bends 17 at points intermediate the eyes 4, as shown.

The stand may have bag-supports 6 mounted on both sides thereof—that is, on its opposite faces—as shown in Figs. 1, 2 and 3, or said supports may be omitted from one of its sides, in which latter case it is adapted for standing against a wall.

In Figs. 3 and 4 an upright wooden panel 2^a is employed instead of the wire stand, and the terminals 5 of the bag-supports 6 are seated in sockets 4^a provided in opposite edges of said panel. Said panel may be mounted upon a base 1^a, as shown in Fig. 2, or the base may be omitted, as shown in Fig. 4, in which latter case the upper end of the panel is provided with an eye-like aperture 18 by means of which the device may be suspended from a nail. The opposite edges of the panel is offset at intervals, gradually reducing the width thereof from bottom to top, as shown, for the accommodation of the varying sizes of bag-supports.

As is obvious, to fill any of the bag-supports with bags, the overlying support is swung outward to allow the top of the package to be inserted against the terminals 5, or against the panel 2^a, as the case may be.

For holding or binding the top of the uppermost package in place, any appropriate means, such as a wire inclosing-loop 19, may be employed, said loop being adapted for slipping over the top of the stand, or panel, as shown.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In a bag-holder, a stand, and a series of bag-supports suspended therefrom, said supports being pivotally attached to said stand and arranged in superposed relation, each support overlying the top of the package of bags contained in the next support therebelow, each support consisting of a single wire bent to form supporting terminals, parallel downwardly and forwardly inclined members for embracing a package on opposite edges, and a rest-portion on which the package is supported.

2. In a bag-holder, a supporting stand, and a plurality of bag-supports pivotally suspended from said stand, said supports being arranged in superposed relation, each support overlying the top of the package of bags contained in the next support therebelow, each support consisting of a single wire bent to form a base adapted for having the bottom of a package rest thereon, side members for holding the package against lateral displacement, and supporting members or terminals.

3. In a bag-holder, a supporting stand, and a plurality of bag-supports pivotally suspended from said stand, said supports being arranged in superposed relation, each support consisting of a wire bent to form a base for supporting the bottom of a package, guard members for preventing forward displacement of the package, side members for holding the package against lateral displacement, and inwardly-directed terminals against which the top of the package rests.

4. In a bag-holder for holding a plurality of packages of bags of varying sizes, a supporting element which is offset at different points gradually reducing its width from bottom to top, and a plurality of bag-receptacles of varying sizes pivotally suspended from said supporting element, said receptacles being so arranged that they hang in superposed relation, one overlying another, exposing the bag-bottoms, each receptacle consisting of a base on which the bags rest, side members for preventing lateral displacement of the bags, and terminals in pivotal engagement with said supporting element.

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

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