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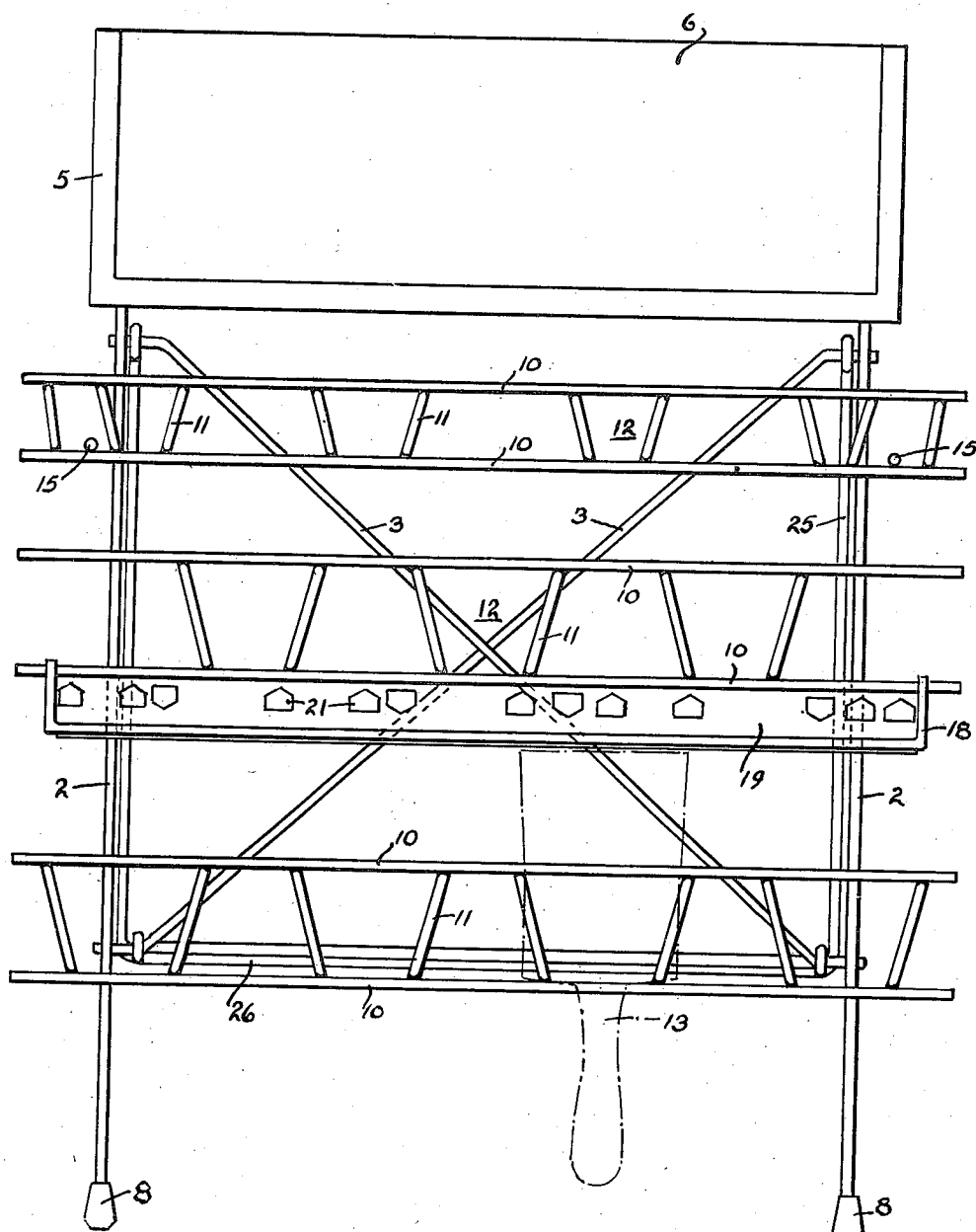
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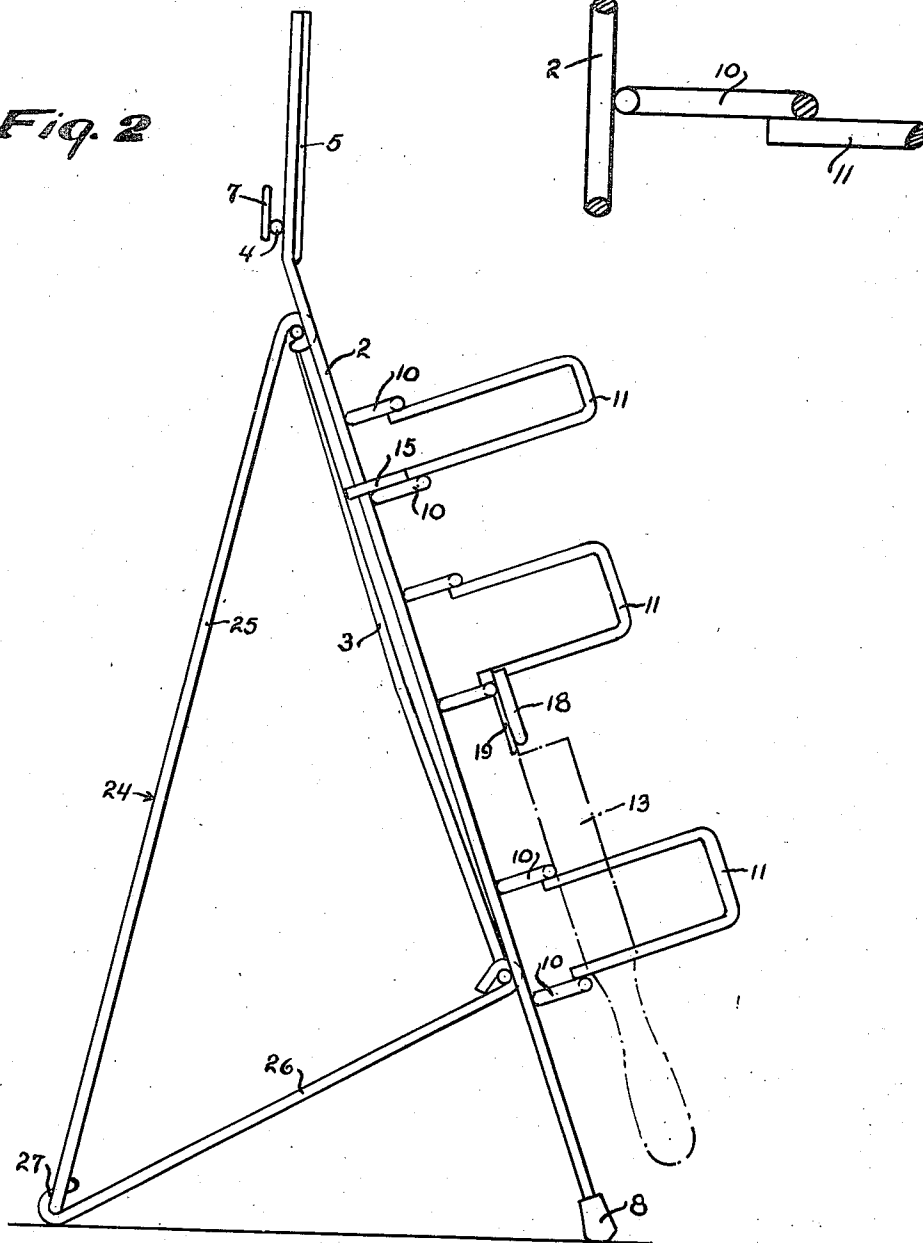
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The present invention relates to display media and more particularly to a rack for supporting and exhibiting brushes.

One object of the invention is the provision of a rack upon which a plurality of brushes may be supported in such manner as to be perfectly visible to a prospective purchaser while at the same time their accidental displacement from the rack will be prevented.

Other objects and advantages of my invention will become more apparent from the following detailed description of a preferred embodiment thereof.

I am aware that many methods have been used heretofore to display paint brushes. For example, sample brushes have been secured to a large panel which is then mounted in a prominent position upon a counter or show-case. Ordinarily, however, the dealer is content to feature a few types of brushes in the store window and rely upon placards or catalogues as a guide for his customers.

Briefly stated, the present invention contemplates a rack having skeleton receptacles so disposed as to support securely large numbers of brushes thereon.

One form of my invention is shown in the accompanying drawings, wherein:

Figure 1 is a front elevational view of a brush rack embodying the principles of the invention;

Figure 2 is a side elevational view thereof; and Figure 3 is a fragmentary detail view on an enlarged scale of the interrelation between the supporting elements of the rack.

Referring to the drawings, the rack is composed of upright members 2 of heavy wire which are maintained in spaced parallel relation by intermediate diagonal braces 3. An additional brace is provided by a horizontal wire member 4 secured to the members 2 near their upper ends and a light channel frame 5 designed to receive an advertising placard 6. The channel frame 5 and the portions of the members 2 to which it is attached are offset from the plane of the members 2 to facilitate reading of the placard 6. Eyelets or rings 7 are positioned at each end of the member 4 to provide a means for suspending the rack from a wall or other vertical surface. Cushioning tips 8 are attached to the lower ends of the members 2 to prevent scratching or marring of horizontal surfaces such as counter tops when the rack is placed thereon.

Wires 10, having their ends curved back upon themselves, are secured to the members 2 through their end portions in order that the main body

portion of each wire will lie in advance of the face of the rack and extend beyond each side thereof. The wires 10 are arranged in horizontal pairs at regular intervals upon the rack. Members 11, of heavy wire bent to substantially U-shape, are secured by their open ends between each pair of wires 10, being disposed in converging relation to form receptacles or cradles 12 adapted to support brushes 13 in a vertical position. The members 11 are of sufficient depth that a plurality of brushes may be inserted in each cradle and are spaced at varying distances in order that a large assortment of brushes of different sizes may be displayed. Additional base supports are provided by the short wires 15 secured to one of the wires 10 and projecting outwardly therefrom for the retention of small sized brushes.

A wire stirrup 18 dependent from one of the intermediate members 10 and extending substantially the entire length thereof serves to support a flat metal casing 19 containing openings 21 lying opposite each of the cradles 12. A cardboard strip (not shown) bearing price indicia arranged to coincide with the openings 21 is carried within the casing 19.

A supporting structure 24, for the rack, is composed of a member 25 of heavy wire substantially of U-shape, pivoted to the upper terminals of the diagonal cross braces 3 and a member 26, also of U-shape and having a hook-like base section 27, to interlock with the member 25, pivoted to the lower terminals of the braces 3. The supporting structure is employed where the rack is positioned upon a counter or horizontal base.

With brushes of different sizes and styles arranged upon the rack, a customer may quickly select that brush most appropriate for his purposes. Since the brushes are supported solely upon the wood backs, a brush may be retained upon the rack indefinitely without damage to the bristles. The shape of the cradles provides a positive support for the brushes placed therein and accidental displacement of a brush from the rack is impossible.

What I claim is:

1. A brush display and storage rack comprising a generally upright wire frame, diagonal braces therefor, vertically spaced pairs of horizontal wires secured to the frame, wire members substantially of U-shape secured in pairs by their open ends between the pairs of horizontal wires and arranged with the lower arms of each pair closer together than the upper arms in converging relation to form brush supporting cradles,

and means for supporting the rack substantially in vertical position.

2. A brush display and storage rack comprising a generally upright wire frame, diagonal braces therefor, vertically spaced pairs of horizontal wires secured to and lying in advance of the frame wire members substantially of U-shape secured in pairs by their open ends between the pairs of horizontal wires and arranged with the lower arms of each pair closer together than the upper arms in converging relation to form cradles to support a plurality of brushes in substantially vertical position, and means for supporting the rack substantially in vertical position.

3. A brush display and storage rack comprising a generally upright wire frame, diagonal braces therefor, vertically spaced pairs of horizontal wires having their ends curved back upon themselves secured to the frame through their end portions, wire members substantially of U-shape secured in pairs by their open ends between the horizontal wires and arranged with the lower arms of each pair closer together than the upper arms in converging relation to form cradles to support a plurality of brushes in substantially vertical position, and means for supporting the rack substantially in vertical position.

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