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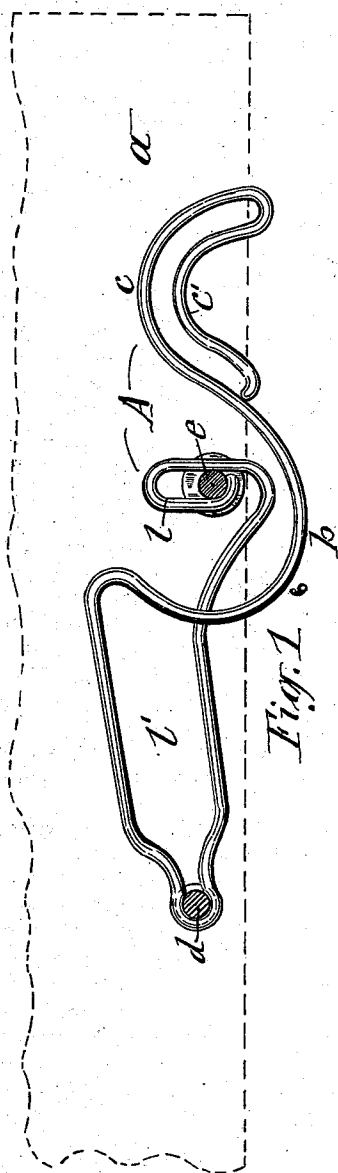


Fig. 1.

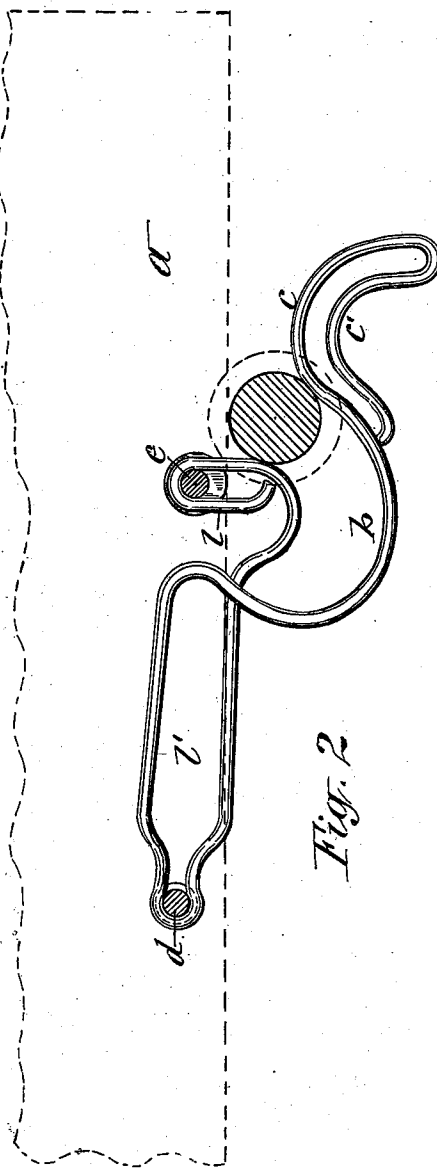


Fig. 2.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ANDREW CURTIN PORTER, of Utica, in the county of Oneida, in the State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Holders for Umbrellas or Analogous Articles, of which the following, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a full, clear, and exact description.

The purpose of this invention is to support in a suspended or an upright position umbrellas, parasols, canes, or analogous articles on the edge of a counter or table or stand; and to that end the invention consists, essentially, of a clasp connected to the counter or table or similar article, preferably to the under side of the projecting portion of the top plate thereof, and adapted to grasp between it and the edge of the counter or stand the handle or one of the end portions of the umbrella or analogous article, as hereinafter more fully described, and specifically set forth in the claims.

In the annexed drawings, Figure 1 is a plan view of a clasp embodying my invention and showing the same in its position when not in use, and Fig. 2 is a plan view of said clasp with the handle of an umbrella or cane grasped thereby.

A represents a clasp embodying my invention. I preferably form the same of a continuous piece of spring-wire bent at one end into the elongated loop *l*, thence into the elongated loop *l'*, at right angles to the loop *l*, thence into the outward bow, *b*, and thence into the reversed bow *c*, and terminated with the end *c'* bent back along the side of the bow *c*. This clasp I attach to the side of a counter or stand or other analogous article, preferably to the under side of the projecting portion *a* of the top thereof, and pivot it thereto by means of a screw, *d*, or other suitable fastening passing through the loop *l'* at the end most remote from the loop *l*, and through this latter loop *l*, which forms a slot in the clasp, I insert a screw, *e*, or a pin, and fasten the same to the projecting portion *a*, aforesaid, the described clasp being placed with its bow *b* outward from the counter or

stand. The bow *b* constitutes the grasping-arm of the clasp, and the bow *c* forms the handle of said arm. The screw or pin *e* serves as a stop to limit the outward movement of the clasp and arrests said movement at a point which allows the aforesaid grasping-arm to be drawn out sufficiently to permit the handle of an umbrella or analogous article to be introduced between said arm and edge of the top of the counter or stand. The resiliency of said arm causes the handle of the aforesaid article to be grasped between the arm and edge of the counter, as shown in Fig. 2 of the drawings, and retained so as to support the article in an upright or suspended position. The slot or loop *l* is of sufficient length to allow the clasp to be swung under the projecting portion *a* of the counter or stand, so as to obviate obstructions on the latter when the clasp is not in use.

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

1. In combination with the projecting portion of the top of a counter or stand, a clasp pivoted at one end to the under side of the aforesaid portion of the top and having its opposite end adapted to swing outwardly therefrom, a stop for limiting the said movement of the clasp, and an arm on said clasp adapted to grasp between it and the edge of the counter or stand the article to be held, substantially as set forth.

2. In combination with the projecting portion of the top of a counter or stand, a clasp pivoted at one end to the under side of the aforesaid portion of the top, and provided at the opposite end with an arm adapted to grasp the article to be held, and provided between its ends with a transverse slot, and a stop passing through said slot and secured to the aforesaid portion of the top, substantially as described and shown.

3. As a new article of manufacture, the within-described holder A, formed of a continuous piece of spring-wire bent at one end into the elongated loop *l*, thence into the elongated loop *l'* at right angles to the loop *l*,

thence into the outward bow, *b*, and thence
into the reversed bow *c*, and terminated with
the end *c'* bent back along the side of the
latter bow, substantially as described and
5 shown.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed
my name, in the presence of two witnesses, at

Utica, in the county of Oneida, in the State of
New York, this 12th day of December, 1888.

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