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ARTICLE HOLDER

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Fig. 1

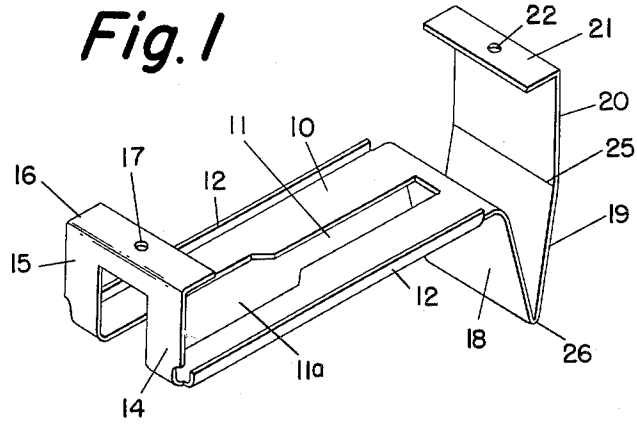


Fig. 2

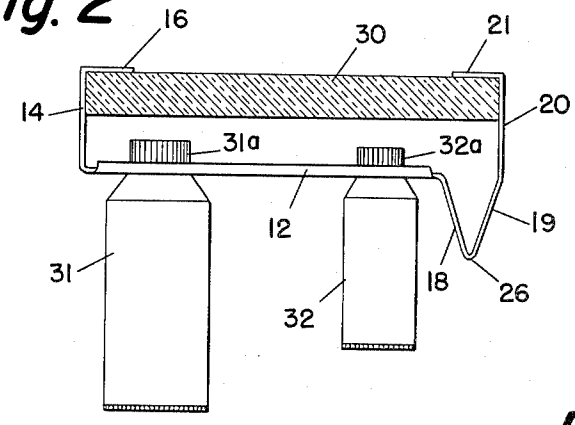


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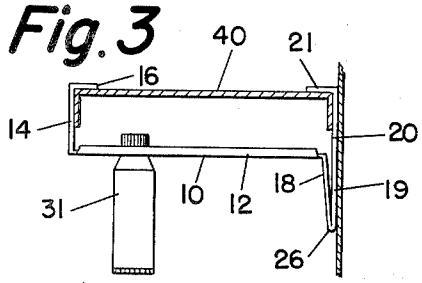
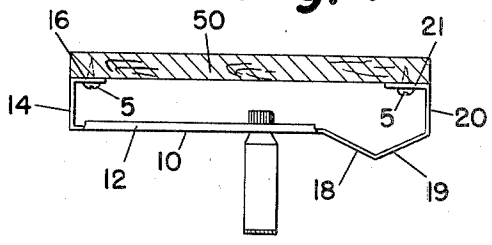


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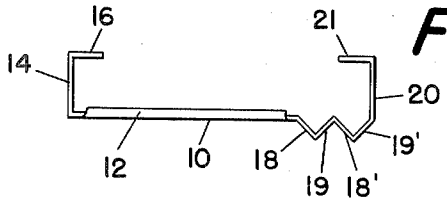


Fig. 5

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This invention relates to holders for toothpaste tubes and other articles adapted to be positioned on a shelf in a cabinet.

The invention is fully described in the following specification and accompanying drawings in which

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the holder,

Figure 2 is a side view of the holder installed in a medicine chest and showing tubes retained therein,

Figure 3 is a side view of the holder shown in Figure 1 installed in another type of medicine chest,

Figure 4 is a side view of the holder shown in Figure 1 attached to a wooden shelf, and

Figure 5 is a modified construction of the holder.

The holder or bracket made according to the present invention is preferably made of a flat relatively thin foldable metal blank, such as an aluminum blank, which is suitably stamped and cut to assume the contour shown in Figure 1. The holder consists of a relatively elongated body portion **10** provided with an open channel **11** extending longitudinally thereof at its medial portion. The channel **11** may be enlarged at **11***a* for a purpose to be explained. The body portion **10** is provided with a pair of relatively narrow upstanding flange portions **12** extending for the entire length of the body portion. A pair of spaced leg portions **14** and **15** extend upwardly from one end of the body portion **10** which in turn are connected to a flange portion **16** provided with an opening **17** for receiving a screw or nail. The other end of the body portion **10** is provided with a bendable V-shaped portion comprised of legs **18** and **19** connected by a fold line **26**. Leg portion **20** is connected to portion **19** along fold line **25**. Leg portion **20** terminates in a flange portion **21** of substantially the same width as flange **16**. A hole **22** is provided in flange **21** for receiving a nail or screw therethrough.

In using the bracket or support shown in Figure 1, the leg portions **14** and **15** at one end of the support are frictionally engaged over the forward edge of the shelf **30** in a cabinet, as shown in Figure 2, and the leg portion **20** at the other end of the bracket is engaged with the opposite end of the shelf. At the same time flanges **16** and **21** will engage the upper surface of the shelf and thereby securely retain the bracket in place. Any article, such as the cap or closure **31***a* of a collapsible toothpaste tube **31**

or the closure **32***a* of a collapsible tube **32** of cold cream or the like can be inserted through the enlarged portion **11***a* of channel **11** and then moved into the narrower portion of the channel **11** so that the respective caps **31***a* and **32***a* of the tubes will serve to removably support and retain the tubes in suspended position beneath the shelf **30** as shown in Figure 2.

It will be apparent that the flexibility of the V-shaped portions **18** and **19** will permit adjustment of the overall distance between flanges **16** and **21** for varying widths of shelves to which the bracket may be applied. This is illustrated in Figure 3 showing the V-shaped leg portions **18** and **19** brought close together along fold line **26** so as to adapt the bracket for a shelf **40** narrower in width than the one shown in Figure 2.

The bracket may also be attached by means of screws or nails **5** to the underside of a wooden shelf **50** as shown in Figure 4.

A modified construction of the bracket is shown in Figure 5 wherein a pair of V-shaped portions **18** and **19**, and **18'** and **19'** are provided to permit additional adjustability of the bracket. The support herein described is particularly suitable for use in medicine chests for supporting toothpaste tubes or the like without cluttering the shelves and at the same time making the tubes readily available when needed. The support can be manufactured at low cost as it can be stamped and shaped from a single metal blank. It can be easily installed without tools and is readily adjustable to any desired width by simply manually folding the V-shaped portion as described.

While I have shown and described certain embodiments of my invention, it is to be understood that it is capable of many modifications. Changes therefore in the construction and arrangement may be made without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention.

I claim:

An article holder formed from a single bendable blank comprising an elongated body portion having an open channel extending for the entire length of said body portion for suspending articles in said channel, a leg portion extending from each end of said body portion for supporting the holder on a shelf, flanges connected to said leg portions for engagement with the shelf, and a V-shaped intermediate portion having one side connected to said body portion and its opposite side connected to one of said leg portions, said V-shaped portion adapted to be folded for adjusting the distance between said flanges.

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