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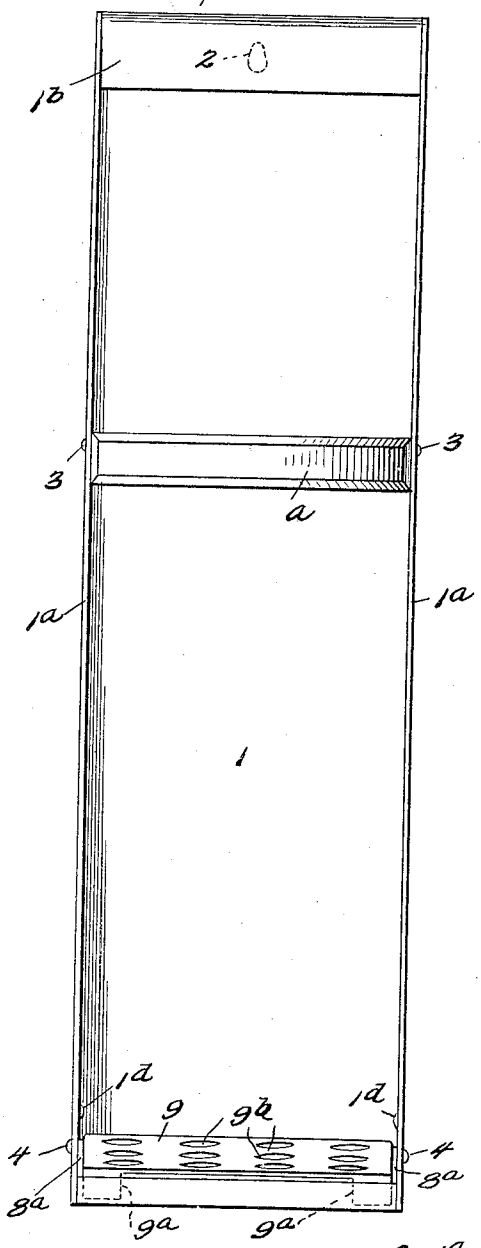


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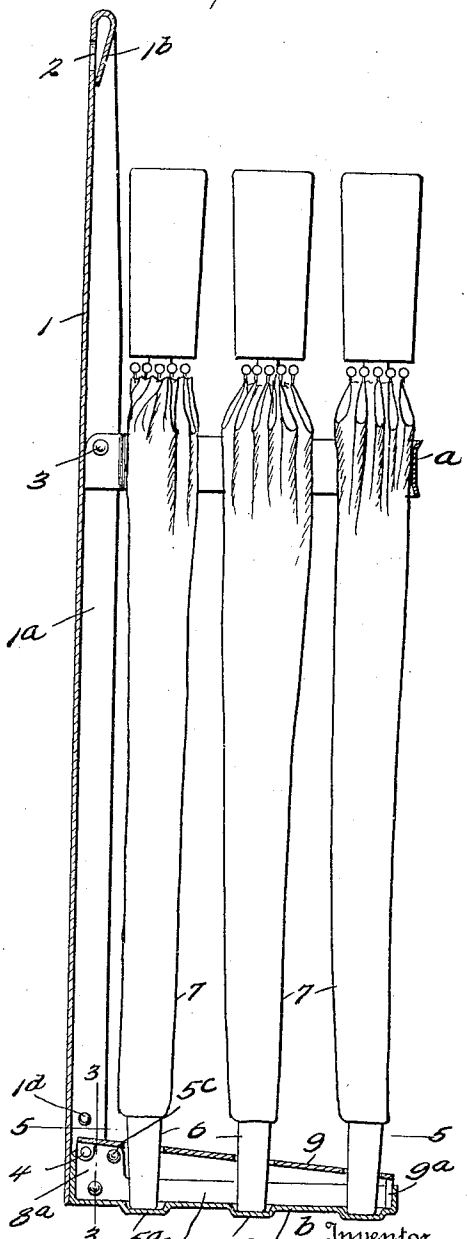
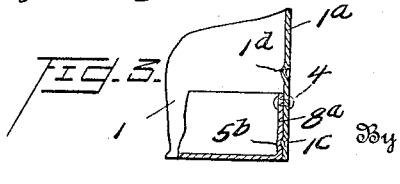


FIG. 3.



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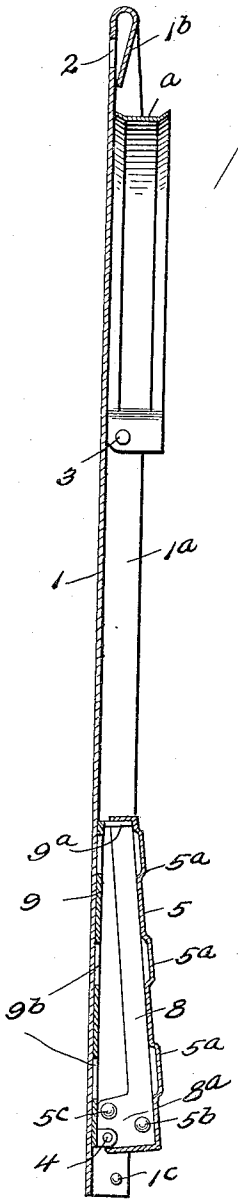


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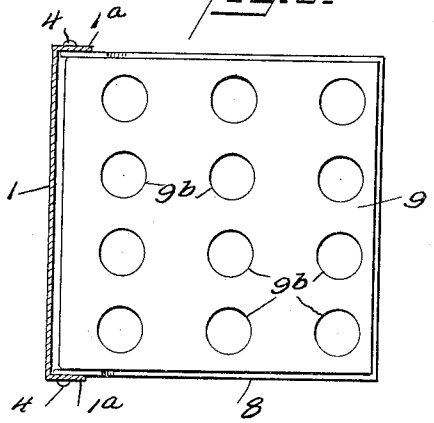


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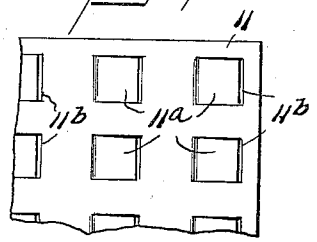
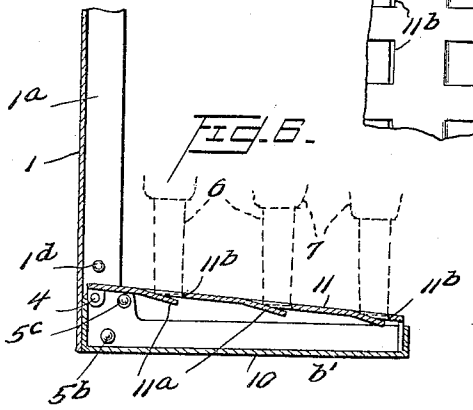


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This invention relates to brackets for supporting umbrellas. The invention comprises a simple and inexpensive bracket which will lie flat against a wall, the bracket having a foot and bail for supporting and retaining a number of umbrellas, the foot and bail being foldable against the back-piece of the bracket when the device is not in use. The foot of the bracket comprises a pan which is hinged to the back-piece and a top plate extending over the pan and also hinged to the back-piece, said pan and plate being independently foldable. The side edges of the pan are lower than the plane of the top plate, and in one form of the invention the latter has holes through which the tips of the umbrellas may extend into the pan, the arrangement being such that the tips of the umbrellas may be viewed without removing the individual umbrellas from the bracket. In another arrangement, the tips of the umbrellas rest in notches in the top plate, and water from the umbrellas may drip through these notches into the pan. This arrangement is desirable where the tips of the umbrellas are too short to extend through the top plate to the bottom of the pan.

The bracket is intended for the purpose of displaying umbrellas in stores, and for use in homes for holding umbrellas. It may also be used in homes for holding other articles, by folding the top plate of the foot so as to uncover the pan, and when the device is in use it occupies very little space, as both the entire foot and the bail can be folded out of the way against the back-piece.

For supporting the bracket, I provide a nail hole in the upper part of the back-piece, and the end of the backpiece is bent forwardly and downwardly to overlap and conceal this hole. With this arrangement, only the head of a supporting nail can pass through the hole, and the nail cannot extend into position to interfere with the umbrellas when they are being placed within or removed from the bracket.

In the accompanying drawings,

Fig. 1 is a front elevation of the bracket with the bail and foot-piece in unfolded position;

Fig. 2 is a central vertical section through the same, showing also several umbrellas;

Fig. 3 is a detail sectional view on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2;

Fig. 4 is a central longitudinal section through the bracket, showing the bail and foot folded;

Fig. 5 is a section on the line 5—5 of Fig. 2, with the umbrellas removed;

Fig. 6 is a central vertical section through part of the bracket, and a modified form of foot, the latter being shown in its unfolded position; and,

Fig. 7 is a top plan view of that portion of the top plate of the foot shown in Fig. 6.

Referring to Figs. 1–5, inclusive, of the drawings, the bracket comprises a relatively long strip of sheet metal 1, having its side edges turned over at right angles to the body and forming flanges 1^a, this flanged strip constituting the back-piece. In the upper part of the back-piece is an opening 2, adapted to receive the head of a supporting nail, and the upper end of the strip is turned forwardly and downwardly, as shown at 1^b, and extends below the opening 2. In order to hang the bracket on the wall, a nail is driven into the wall until its head is close to the surface of the wall, and the bracket is then suspended from the nail by passing the opening 2 over the head of the nail. The purpose of the overlapped portion 1^b is twofold, namely, to obscure the nail and the hole, and to prevent anyone from hanging the bracket on a nail which might extend a considerable distance beyond the hole and into line with the umbrellas which are supported in the holder. With the overlapped portion present, the head of the nail only can pass through the opening, and in order to have the bracket lie flat against the wall, it is necessary for the party hanging the bracket to drive the nail into the wall until its head lies close to the wall.

On the upper half of the back-piece, a sheet metal bail *a* is hinged to the flanges 1—1^a by rivets such as 3, which pass through the flanges and the ends of the bail, and the

bail is adapted to swing about the rivets from the horizontal position shown in Figs. 1 and 2 to the vertical folded position shown in Fig. 4. The rivets apply sufficient friction to the bail to hold the latter in either of its positions.

A sheet metal foot *b* is hinged to the flanges of the back-piece near the lower end of the same by rivets 4. This foot comprises a sheet metal pan 5, having depressions 5^a for receiving the tips 6 of the umbrellas 7. The rear portions 8^a of the side walls 8 of the pan project above the side walls, as shown, and are provided with openings through which the rivets 4 extend. A plate 9, constituting part of the foot, is connected to the pan by the rivets 4 and is adapted to swing with the pan about these rivets. The plate 9 slopes from the rear high portion of the pan to the forward low portion, as shown, and the front of the plate is turned downwardly, to form flanges 9^a, which rests upon the bottom of the pan and support the plate above the pan. The plate 9 has a suitable number of openings 9^b, through which the tips of the umbrellas may be passed into the pan, and the depressions 5^a in the bottom of the pan are in line with said openings. It will be seen from an inspection of Fig. 2, that since the sides 8 are considerably below the plate 9, the tips of the umbrellas may be seen both above and below the plate, and this is desirable for the purpose of displaying the tips.

The foot may be set in the horizontal position, to receive the umbrellas, or it may be folded into the vertical position, shown in Fig. 4, when the bracket is not in use. In order to lock the foot in its horizontal position, I indent the side flanges of the back-piece to form nodes 1^c which will enter corresponding indentations 5^b in the sides of the pan when the latter is brought to the horizontal position and the pan will be thus locked in the latter position. Similarly, when the pan is locked to its vertical position, nodes 1^d, made by indenting the flanges of the back-piece, will enter corresponding depressions 5^c in the sides of the pan and the foot will be locked in the vertical position. Any other locking means may be employed. As it is sometimes desirable to place the bracket upon the floor, to have it self-supporting a means for locking the foot in its lowered position is desirable.

The depressions 5^a in the pan are not essential, since the openings in the plate 9 guide the umbrella tips, and the bottom of the pan may be made plain and flat, if desired. When the bracket is not used for an umbrella stand, the pan may be used as a holder for other articles by swinging the plate 9 about its pivotal points to the folded position, independently of the pan which may remain in its unfolded position.

In Figs. 6 and 7, I have shown a modification in which the back-piece and the foot *b'* are hinged together as in the previously described figures, but the pan 10 is shown as having a flat bottom and the plate 11, instead of having round perforations, has tongues 11^a punched downwardly from the body of the plate and forming notches 11^b in the plane of the plate into which the tips of the umbrellas may fit. When the umbrella tips are within these notches, they are supported by the tongues 11^a. The notches constitute openings through which the water from wet umbrellas may drain into the pan. This form of top plate is desirable for supporting umbrellas which have short tips which could not reach through the plate to the bottom of the pan. When supported on the top plate, the tips are visible and can be examined without removing the umbrellas from the bracket.

As with the bracket of the previously described figures, the top plate 11 of the foot may be folded against the back plate independently of the pan, which may remain in its horizontal position and be used for holding various articles, or the pan and top plate may both be folded against the back plate.

What I claim is:

1. In a bracket for holding a plurality of umbrellas, a sheet metal strip, constituting a back-piece, and a foot comprising a pan and a plate extending over the pan, the latter having spaced perforations, said pan and plate being hinged to the back-piece and being independently foldable against the back-piece.

2. A bracket for holding a plurality of umbrellas comprising a sheet-metal strip, constituting a back-piece, a foot hinged to the lower end of the back-piece and adapted to fold against the latter, said foot comprising a pan and a plate extending over the pan, said plate having spaced openings to permit the umbrella tips to extend through the plate into the pan, and the side walls of the pan being spaced downwardly from the plate to expose the umbrella tips to view.

3. A bracket for holding a plurality of umbrellas comprising a sheet metal strip, constituting a back-piece, said strip having an opening near its upper end to receive a supporting nail or the like and said end being bent downwardly on the front side of the strip to cover said opening, and means on the front of said strip for supporting umbrellas in upright position.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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