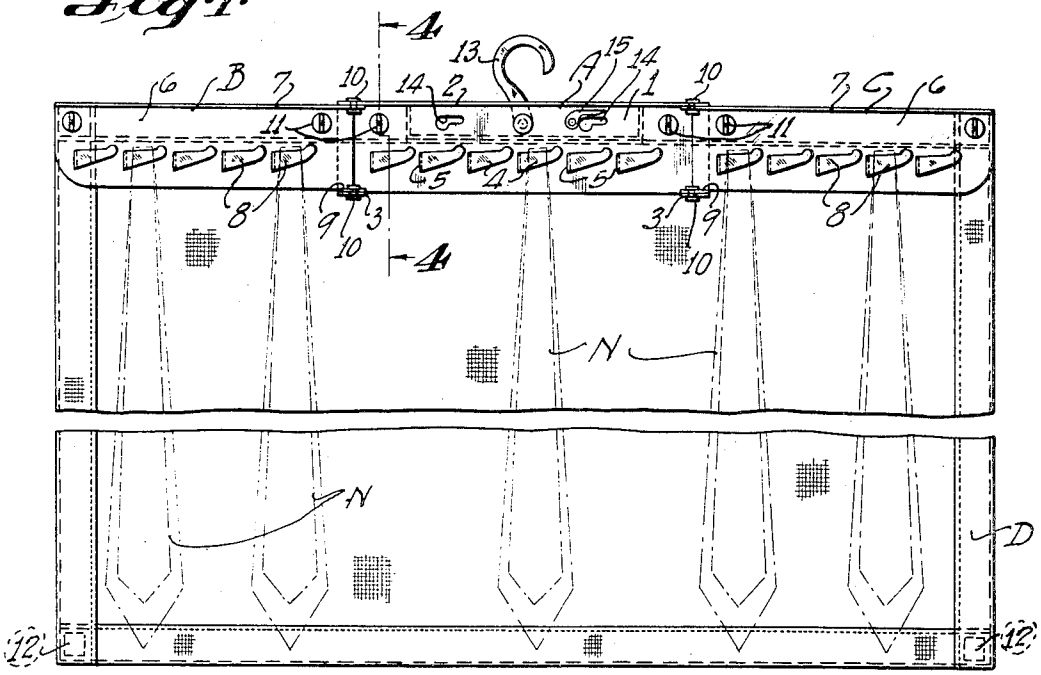
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Fig. 1.



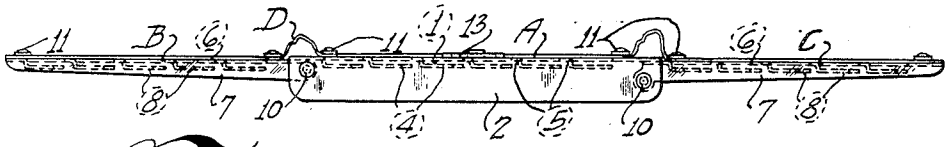
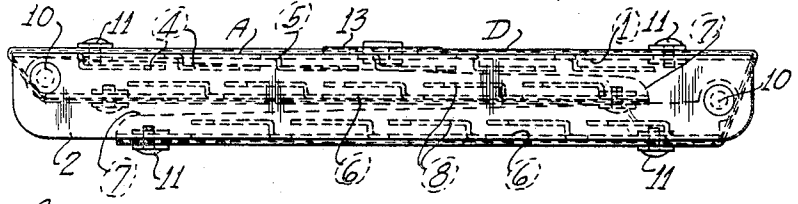


Fig. 2.

Fig. 3.



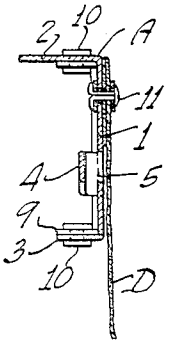


Fig. 4.

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This invention relates to a certain new and useful improvement in racks for neckties and the like and has for its objects the provision of a rack of the type stated that may be inexpensively and economically manufactured, that is durable and strong, that may selectively be extended for attractively and conveniently displaying the neckties or compactly folded for enclosing the supported neckties, the rack, when folded, occupying reduced space and being readily portable, and that is efficient in the performance of its intended functions.

And with the above and other objects in view, my invention resides in the novel features of form, construction, arrangement, and combination of parts presently described and pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawing,—

Figure 1 is an elevational view of a necktie-rack of my invention, illustrated in fully expanded or extended condition for necktie display;

Figure 2 is a plan view of the rack in like condition;

Figure 3 is an enlarged plan view of the rack in collapsed or folded condition for housing and protecting the ties and for ready portability; and

Figure 4 is an enlarged fragmental vertical sectional view of the rack taken approximately on the line 4—4, Figure 1.

Referring now more in detail and by reference characters to the drawing, which illustrates a preferred embodiment of my invention, the rack includes a central, intermediate, or main member A and side members or wings B and C.

The main or central member A is constructed of a suitable flat metal section or plate-like strip 1 bent inwardly or forwardly along its upper margin and thereby provided with a continuous overhanging flange 2. At its opposite lower corners, strip 1 is also provided preferably integrally, for purposes presently appearing, with laterally inwardly presented ears 3, 3, and within its area, the strip 1 is provided with an aligning or registering series of necktie-supporting tongues or hook-members 4. Preferably the hooks 4 are, by suitable stamping operations, punched for the most part from the metal of strip 1, each respective tongue or hook 4 being integrally attached at one end, as at 5, to the strip 1 and then lengthwise extending longitudinally of the strip 1 and in a plane spaced somewhat inwardly or forwardly from the plane of the strip 1, as best seen in Figures 1 and 4.

In like manner, each of the wings B, C, is constructed of a plate-like metallic section or strip to include a body 6, an inwardly or forwardly presented integral top-flange 7, and a longitudinal series of suitably spaced integral necktie-supporting tongues or hooks 8, the latter also being disposed for the most part in a plane spaced inwardly from the plane of the respective body 6. And at opposite inner lower corners, the members B, C, are each provided with an inwardly presented lateral ear 9, the wings B, C, being disposed with the opposite inner ends of their flanges 7 in flatwise abutting relation to the opposite ends of flange 2 and with their ears 9 in flatwise bearing co-operation with ears 3 for receiving suitable rivets, studs, or the like 10 for permanently securing the wings B, C, pivotally to the main member A for foldable movement.

Suitably fixed or attached, as at 11, at and along its upper margin to the so-pivotally or hingedly connected members A, B, and C, is a depending fabric or other flexible curtain or necktie-covering member D preferably weighted, as at 12, along at its lower corners, as shown, and provided on member A, is a hook 13 for suspending the rack in a closet, wardrobe, trunk, or other suitable enclosure or location.

Thus constructed, normally, as best seen in Figure 1, the wings B, C, may be oppositely swung outwardly to extend lengthwise from the opposite ends, and substantially in the plane, of the main or central member A, in which condition the curtain D is also opened or unfolded and the several neckties N, supported or engaged by the tongues or hooks 4, 8, are conveniently accessible. Or, selectively, if desired, the members or wings B, C, may be oppositely folded inwardly in nested position over the main or central member A and the curtain D correspondingly folded to enclose and thereby protect the several neckties N, as best seen in Figure 2.

For so compactly nesting the rack-members A, B, and C, it may be noted that the hinge-connection 10 between the wing C and the member A is somewhat offset forwardly from the hinge connection 10 between the other wing B and the member A, as best seen in Figure 3, so that the wing C will extend smoothly, snugly, and evenly over the first inwardly folded wing B when the rack is collapsed, as shown, and the then overlapping top-flanges 2 and 7 completing the enclosure of the supported neckties N.

And to further facilitate suspension of the rack, the body 1 of member A is provided with a pair of spaced aligning substantially key-hole slots 14, whereby the rack may be engaged with

a correspondingly spaced pair of nails or the like, not shown, and then shifted laterally with respect thereto and releasably retained in such position by a nail-engaging clip 15 operatively pivoted on the member A, as best seen in Figure 1. By such means, the rack may be evenly suspended notwithstanding one or the other of the wings B, C, be unevenly weighted with supported neckties.

The rack fulfills in every respect the objects stated, and, as will be observed, the rack when folded is quite compact for convenient disposition in a trunk, grip, or the like and is hence readily portable with the enclosed neck-ties neatly covered and protected by the curtain D.

And it is to be understood that changes and modifications in the form, construction, arrangement, and combination of the various parts of the rack may be made and substituted for those herein shown and described without departing from the nature and spirit of my invention.

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

1. A necktie rack including, in combination, a main hook-carrying plate of oblong rectangular contour formed at its opposite ends with laterally presented parallel ears, opposed wings each of oblong rectangular plate formation and each formed at an end with a pair of laterally presented parallel ears for flatwise abutting relation with ears of the main plate, and means hingedly connecting the respective pairs of ears for pivotally fastening the wings to the main plate for swingable disposition selectively in extended position outwardly from, and approximately in the longitudinal plane of, the main plate or in inwardly folded nested parallel position one over the other and both over the main plate.

2. A necktie rack including, in combination, a main metallic plate of oblong rectangular contour integrally formed within its area with a series of hook-members and formed at its opposite ends with laterally presented parallel ears, opposed wings each of oblong rectangular metallic plate formation, each integrally formed within its respective area with a series of hook-members, and each formed at an end with a pair of laterally presented parallel ears for flatwise abutting relation with the ears of the main plate, and means hingedly connecting the respective pairs of ears for pivotally fastening the wings to the main plate for swingable disposition selectively in extended position outwardly from, and approximately in the longitudinal plane of, the main plate or in folded nested parallel position one over the other and both over the main plate and with their hook-members in opposed relation to the hook-members of the main plate.

3. A necktie rack including, in combination, a main metallic plate of oblong rectangular contour provided on a side face with a series of hooks and formed along its upper margin with a lateral flange and at its opposite ends with laterally presented parallel ears, opposed wings each of oblong rectangular metallic plate formation, each also provided on a side face with a series of hooks, and each formed at an end with a pair of laterally presented parallel ears for flatwise abutting relation with the ears of the main plate, and means hingedly connecting the respective pairs of ears for pivotally fastening the wings to the main plate for swingable disposition selectively in extended position outwardly from, and approximately in the longitudinal plane of, the main plate or in folded nested parallel position one over the other and both over the main plate and under said flange and with their hooks in opposed relation to the hooks of the main plate.

4. A necktie rack including, in combination, a main hook-carrying metallic plate of oblong rectangular contour formed at its opposite ends with laterally presented parallel ears, a first hook-carrying wing of rectangular oblong metallic plate formation formed at an end with a pair of laterally presented parallel ears flatwise disposed in abutting relation with, and pivotally fastened to, one of the pairs of ears of the main plate for hinged extension of the wing outwardly in the longitudinal plane of the main plate or for folding the wing in parallel position over the main plate, and a second hook-carrying wing of rectangular oblong metallic plate formation formed at its inner end with a pair of laterally presented parallel ears flatwise disposed in abutting relation with, and pivotally fastened to, the other pair of ears of the main plate, the pivotal connection between the second wing and the main plate being offset inwardly from the pivot connection between the first wing and the main plate, whereby the second wing may be selectively extended in the longitudinal plane of the main member or folded in nested parallel position over the main plate and folded first wing, the main plate having a lateral flange along its upper margin for overhanging both wings when the latter are in folded nested position.

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