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DISPLAY RACK FOR BRUSHES.

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Fig. 1.

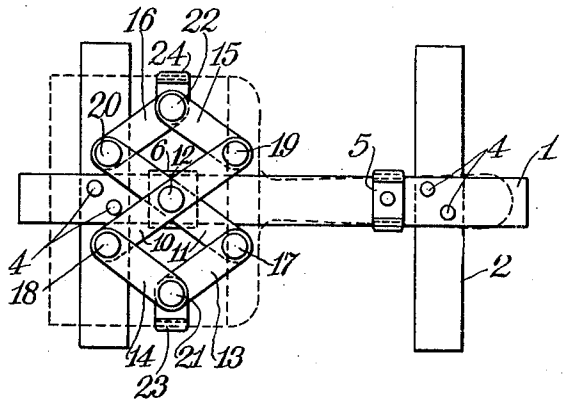


Fig. 2.

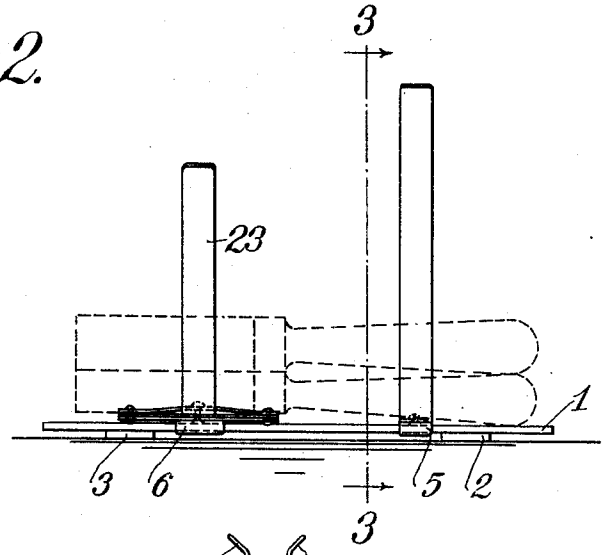
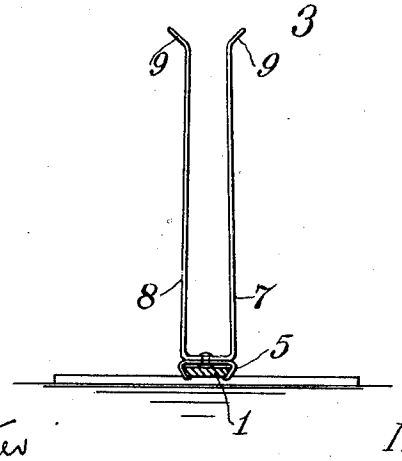


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MYRON H. BISHOP, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Springfield, in the county of Hampden and State of Massachusetts, have invented new and useful Improvements in Display-Racks for Brushes, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in display racks for use in store windows for the purpose of displaying merchanlise of various kinds and particularly for displaying brushes used by painters and other artisans.

The invention consists, broadly, of a base or supporting member composed of a longitudinal bar and two transverse bars arranged at right angles thereto in order to provide a stable support for the articles when in use. The transverse bars serve to provide lateral support when in use and the longitudinal bar serves to adjust the devices to receive brushes of different lengths.

The invention further consists in devices to receive brushes of different widths.

One of the objects of the invention is to provide a brush holding rack to retain the brushes in an even or vertical pile so that they will not slide or become displaced lengthwise in the rack, thus presenting an unattractive and untidy appearance.

Referring to the drawings: Figure 1 is a plan view of the complete rack showing the base member and the adjustable post members or devices to receive brushes of different widths and also the parallel elastic members to receive the handle portion of the brushes. This figure further illustrates the longitudinal and lengthwise adjustment of the rack for both the handles and the part that holds the bristles of the brush; Fig. 2 is a side elevation of Fig. 1 showing two brushes in place in the rack and arranged in vertical alinement; Fig. 3 is a transverse sectional view on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2 looking in the direction of the arrows and showing the elastic post members for receiving the handles of the brushes, two brushes being indicated in dotted lines.

Referring to the drawings in detail: 1 designates a longitudinal bar of the rack, and 2 and 3 transversely located bars that are secured to the bar 1 by means of rivets or other securing devices 4. Bars 2 and 3 serve as lateral supports for the base portion of the rack, that is to say, to prevent it tipping sidewise when it is filled with brushes or other articles being displayed. Adjustably secured to the bar 1 are slidable clips 5 and 6 which pass over the top of the bar 1 and down around the sides and the edge of the same, as clearly shown in Fig. 3. Attached to the clip 5 by means of a rivet 6 is a pair of elastic upwardly extending post-members 7 and 8 which are bent outward slightly at their top portions, as shown at 9. These elastic members are normally inclined toward each other for the purpose of gripping or exerting a pinching effect on the handles of the brushes when in use to retain them in place. Attached to the adjustable clip 6 is a pair of plates 10 and 11, by means of the rivet 12 at their central portion and pivotally attached to the ends of the plates 10 and 11 are plates 13, 14, 15, and 16 by means of the rivets or pivots 17, 18, 19, and 20. The plates 13 and 14 are attached together by means of the pivot 21, and the plates 15 and 16 are connected together by means of the pivot 22. Also attached to the pivots 21 and 22 are the upright elastic post-members 23 and 24. It will be noticed that the construction of the plate-members that are attached to pivot 12 constitute a parallel ruler construction whereby the upright elastic post-members 23 and 24 may be laterally adjusted toward and from each other for the purpose of accommodating brushes of different widths.

By means of the construction herein described, it will be seen that, by moving the clips 5 and 6 on the bar 1, brushes of different lengths may be placed in the racks, and, by moving the upright post-members 23 and 24 laterally of each other, brushes of different widths may be placed in the rack. As already mentioned, the elastic vertically arranged post-members 7 and 8 are designed to pinch or grip the sides of the handles of the brushes for the purpose of retaining the brushes accurately in vertical alinement when displayed.

What I claim is:—

1. In a display rack of the kind described, the combination, a longitudinal bar-member, transversely arranged members secured to said bar member, clips slidably connected to the longitudinally arranged bar member, each of said clips having upright post-members attached thereto and one of said pair of post-members being laterally adjusted relative to each other whereby the articles

of different widths and lengths may be secured, as described.

2. In a brush holder, the combination, a supporting base-member, an adjustable clip secured to the base-member, a pair of vertically arranged elastic post-members to grip the sides of the handles of the brushes and normally inclined toward each other, a second pair of upright post members attached to said second clip, and means to laterally adjust the distance between the second pair of upright post-members to accommodate brushes of different widths, whereby the adjustability of the handle and bristle gripping members being adjustable lengthwise of each other will accommodate brushes of different lengths, as described.

3. A display rack for paint brushes, comprising in combination, a supporting base having a longitudinal member and transverse members secured thereto, means secured to the base to grip the handle and bristle portion of the brush, said gripping means being constructed and arranged to hold brushes of different widths and lengths, the handle gripping means comprising a pair of elastic upright members normally inclined toward each other.

4. A display rack for holding brushes one above the other, comprising, in combination, means to grip the handles of the brushes, means to grip the head or bristle portions of the brushes, the latter means being adjustable laterally to hold brushes of different widths, and the handle gripping means being adjustable longitudinally to hold brushes of different lengths, and means to permit the bristle holding means to be adjustable in the same direction as the handle gripping means.

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