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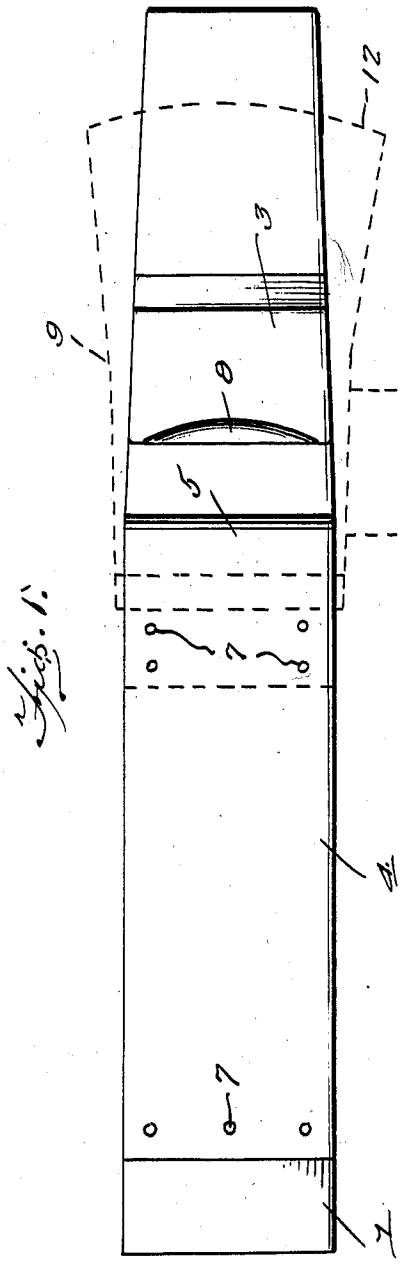


Fig. 1.

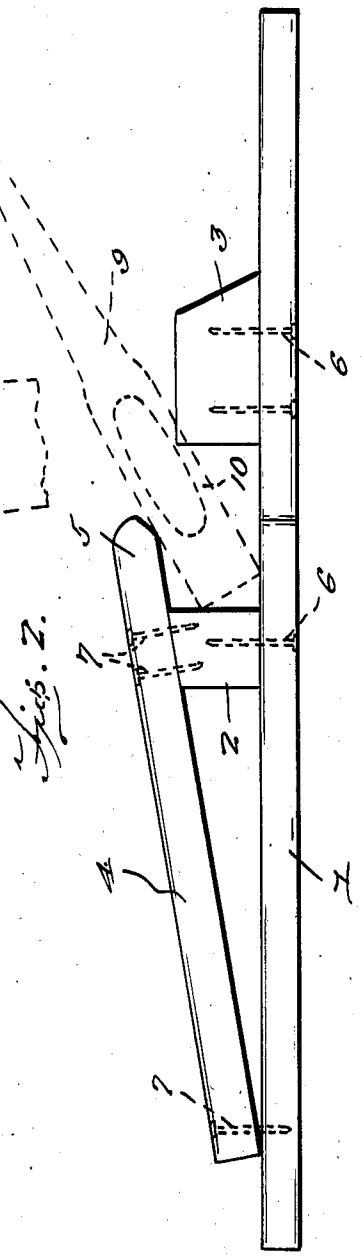


Fig. 2.

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1 Claim. (Cl. 76—82)

My invention relates to improvements in holders for axes, the principal object in view being to provide a device of simple construction which may easily be carried by woodsmen, farmers, and the like, on the person for use in the woods or fields, or other places, to hold an ax head in a convenient position for sharpening of the edge of the ax by filing.

Other and subordinate objects are also comprehended by my invention, all of which, together with the precise nature of my improvements, and the advantages thereof, will be readily understood when the succeeding description and claim are read with reference to the drawing accompanying and forming part of this specification.

In said drawing:

Figure 1 is a view in top plan of my improved holder in its preferred embodiment, and

Figure 2 is a view in side elevation.

Referring to the drawing by numerals, my improved holder, as illustrated, comprises an elongated, narrow, substantially rectangular base panel 1 having extending across the same at a suitable point midway of the ends thereof an abutment block 2. Between said block 2 and one end of the base panel 1, a relatively wider and lower block 3 extends across the panel. From the other end of the base panel 1, a second relatively shorter, rectangular panel 4 inclines upwardly from the panel 1 over the block 2 and terminates in an inner end 5 projecting past the block 2 and overhanging the space between the pair of blocks 2, 3 but terminating short of the block 3.

The panels 1, 4 and the blocks 2, 3 are preferably formed of wood, the blocks being nailed, as at 6, to the base panel 1 and the panel 4 being similarly secured to the base panel 1 and to the block 2, as at 7. The upper edge of the block 3 facing the block 2 is concave, as at 8, to fit the curvature of one face of an ax head shown in dotted lines at 9. The blocks 2, 3 are spaced apart laterally a distance corresponding approximately to one half of the length of the body portion 10 of the ax head 9 and the inner end 5 of the panel 4 is spaced from the concave edge 8 of the block 1 a distance slightly greater than the thickness of the body portion 10.

In using the described holder, the ax head 9 is inserted through the space between the inner end of the panel 4 and the block 3, endwise, so that the butt end of said head is disposed under said end 4 and abuts the abutment block 2 with one corner resting on the base panel 1 and one side of the body 10 of said head seated in the concave edge 8 of the block 3. The handle 11 of the ax, as shown, extends laterally from the holder. In this position of the ax head 9 it is inclined upwardly over the block 3 with its cutting edge 12 elevated above the block 3, and base panel 1, and spaced from said block 3 so that the cutting edge may be conveniently filed on the uppermost side of the ax blade. The position of the ax head 9 in the holder may be reversed to position the cutting edge for filing of the opposite side of the same. As will be clear, the block 3 forms a fulcrum rest for the ax head 9 and the inner end 5 of the panel 4 forms a keeper ledge holding the butt end of the ax head 9 down against the base panel 1 to maintain said head in the described inclined position, while the block 2 functions as an abutment establishing the position of said head as regards the angle of inclination thereof. As will also be apparent, my improved holder may easily be constructed of scrap lumber, is easy to carry, and the panel 4 may be used as a foot rest for holding the device flat on the ground, if desired.

The foregoing will, it is believed, suffice to impart a clear understanding of my invention without further explanation.

Manifestly, the invention, as described, is susceptible of modification without departing from the inventive concept, and right is herein reserved to such modifications as fall within the scope of the appended claim.

What I claim is:

A holder for an ax head comprising an elongated, substantially rectangular base panel, a pair of blocks extending across said panel and spaced apart longitudinally thereof, and a second panel inclining upwardly from one end of the base panel over one of said blocks with one end forming a ledge overhanging the block and terminating substantially midway between the pair of blocks, said base panel, blocks and ledge forming a socket in which the butt end of an ax head may be inserted to rest on the base panel against one block beneath the ledge and with the remainder of the head inclining out of the socket and resting on one edge of the other block.

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