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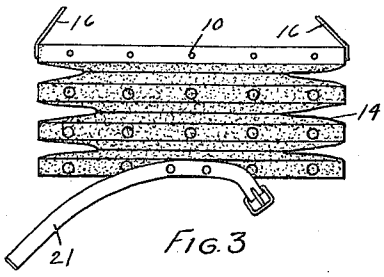


FIG. 3

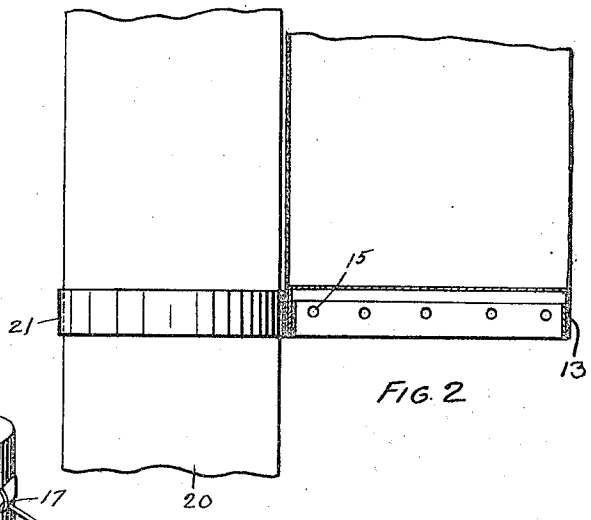


FIG. 2

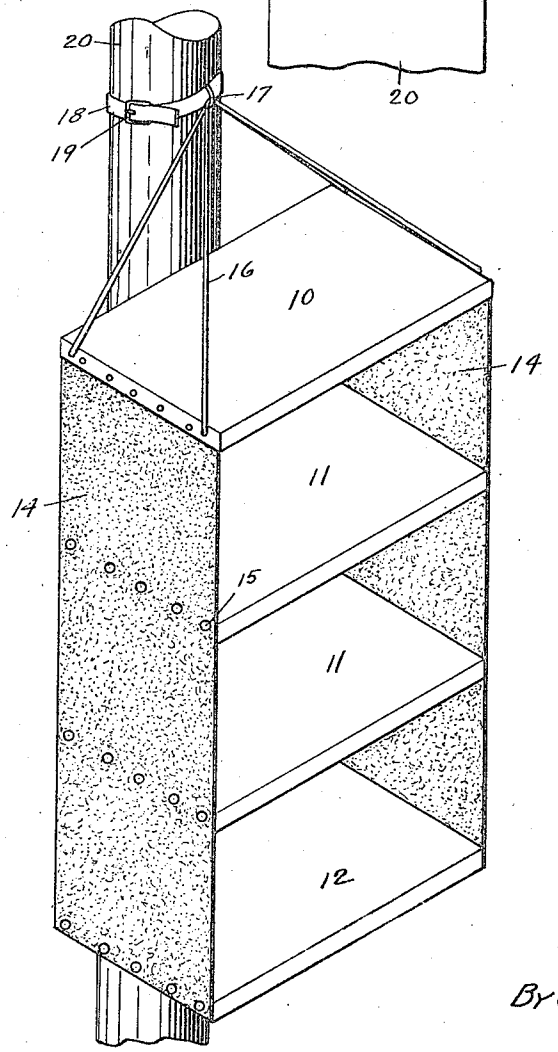


FIG. 1

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it hereby known that I, ERNEST P. HOPWOOD, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Portland, in the county of Multnomah and State of Oregon, have invented a new and useful Newspaper Rack, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates more particularly to racks for holding newspapers while being sold on the street by news boys.

The object of my invention is to provide an exceedingly simple and efficient rainproof cover and holder for newspapers.

A further object is to so construct my device that it will be extremely light and collapsible and at the same time provide ample space for display and advertising for the papers contained in the various compartments.

I accomplish these results in the manner set forth in the following specification and illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing the manner in which the device may be attached to a post. Figure 2 is an enlarged section of the lower shelf showing the construction and the method of holding the device rigid in relation to its support. Figure 3 is a rear elevation of the device partially collapsed.

Similar numbers of reference refer to the same or similar parts throughout the several views.

Referring in detail to the drawing, I have constructed my device of a plurality of shelves 10, 11 and 12 whose edges 13 are turned downwardly for stiffening purposes. A light canvas 14 passes around the two sides and back of the device and is securely held in place by means of the rivets 15. The upper shelf 10 is suspended by means of the ropes 16 which pass through holes in its sides 13 and are knotted on the inside. The upper ends of the ropes 16 meet and are attached to a ring 17 through which is passed a belt 18 having a buckle 19 of any convenient construction. The belt 18 is sufficiently long to be passed around any post or upright member 20 which may be near the place where the papers are sold.

To the lower shelf 12 is attached a second belt 21 which is also passed around the post 20 and cinched up to prevent the rack from swinging in the wind.

It will be seen that while on the uppermost shelf 10 I have secured the canvas 14 on the inner side of the edges 13 that on all shelves below 10 I have secured the canvas 14 on the outside of the edges 13 in order that the water would be properly shed away from the newspapers.

In the operation of my device it is only necessary for the news boy to suspend his rack, as illustrated in Fig. 2, and to allow its weight to extend same its full length after which, if he desires, the belt 21 is made fast and the papers are placed upon the shelves.

It will be seen that in moving from one location to another or when sold out, the news boy can take down his rack, collapse it and carry it under his arm, and it is preferable, of course, to pass one of the belts around the collapsed device and cinch same up, which will also afford protection for the unsold papers remaining on the shelves.

I am aware that racks have long been employed for holding papers, I therefore do not claim my invention broadly but only within the limits set forth in the following claim.

What I claim is:

A newspaper rack having in combination a plurality of superimposed sheet metal shelves having downturned edges and having a canvas supporting means at their backs and sides, said canvas being secured to the outer sides of said downturned edges in a manner to suspend said shelves in a vertical column except at the uppermost shelves, to which the canvas is attached to the inner sides of the downturned edges, guy ropes attached to the corners of the uppermost shelf, a belt over the rear of the uppermost shelf to which said guy ropes are attached and means for preventing the swinging of the lower end of the rack consisting of a second belt attached to the lowermost shelf and adapted to pass around and be cinched to a post.

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