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Fig. 1.

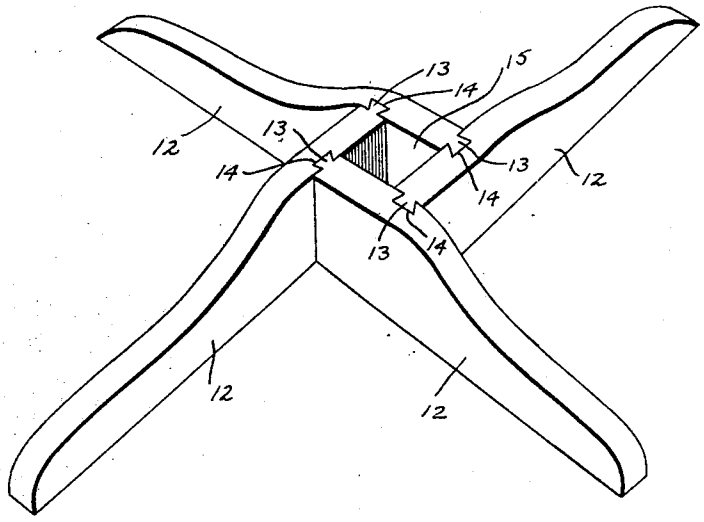
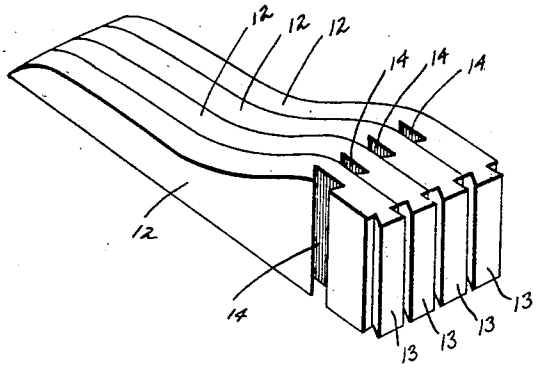


Fig. 2.



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This invention relates to a holder adapted to have an extended bearing on a horizontal support, such as a floor, and including a central socket which is perpendicular to the support, and adapted to receive the lower end portion of an upright member, such as the trunk of a Christmas tree.

The object of the invention is to provide a knock-down holder composed entirely of four duplicate arms, each so formed that it may be separately interlocked with another arm in such manner that the several arms may be assembled to form a socket and arm portions extending outwardly in different directions therefrom, to afford a stable support for an upright member inserted in the socket, the arms being readily separable from each other, so that the holder may be quickly erected for use and knocked down for storage and shipment.

Of the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification,—

Figure 1 is a perspective view, showing the holder erected for use.

Figure 2 is a perspective view, showing the holder knocked down.

The same reference characters indicate the same parts in all of the figures.

My improved holder is composed entirely of four duplicate oblong flat-sided arms 12, which may be conveniently sawed, or otherwise cut from flat-sided wooden boards, the inner end portion of each arm being preferably widened, and constituting a side wall of the socket.

On the inner end of each arm is integrally formed a dovetail tongue 13, extending from edge to edge of the arm. In one side of the inner end portion of each arm is formed a dovetail groove 14, adapted to receive and be separably interlocked with the tongue 13 of another arm, the tongue and groove extending crosswise of the arm and being perpendicular to the lower edge of the arm which bears on a floor when the holder is in use.

The arrangement is such that the tongues and grooves of the several arms may be interlocked, to form a holder adapted to have an extended bearing on a floor, and including a central four-sided socket 15, perpendicular to a floor on which the holder rests, and arm portions projecting outwardly in different directions from the corner portions of the socket.

The tongues are slidable into and out of the grooves, so that the holder may be quickly erected, as shown by Figure 1, and knocked down and compactly packed, as shown by Figure 2, for storage and shipment.

When a Christmas tree trunk, or other member to be supported, is inserted in the socket, any tendency of said member to be inclined from a vertical position, causes the contacting faces of the tongues and grooves to bind on each other, so that endwise slipping of the groove faces on the tongue faces is prevented. It is therefore unnecessary to provide means, such as screws, for positively connecting the arms to each other.

I claim:

A holder of the character stated, composed of four duplicate oblong flat-sided arms, each having on one end a dovetail tongue, and in one side a dovetail groove, spaced from the tongue and formed to receive and be separably interlocked with the tongue of another arm, the tongue and groove extending crosswise of the arm, the arrangement being such that the tongues and grooves of the several arms may be interlocked to form a holder, adapted to have an extended bearing on a floor, and including a central four-sided socket, and arm portions projecting outwardly in different directions from the corner portions of the socket, the tongues being slidable into and out of the grooves, so that the holder may be erected for use, and knocked down for storage and shipment.

In testimony whereof I have affixed my signature.

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