STORAGE RACK FOR PAPERS
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1. The invention relates to storage racks for accumulating and temporarily storing papers, such as old newspapers and the like.

In practically every household the disposal of old newspapers becomes a problem. The problem has for its principal object a provision of a collapsible rack whereby old newspapers may be accumulated for a time and then may be expediently tied in bales with cord or string.

Another object is to provide a rack of this class which is simple in construction and operation.

A further object is to provide a rack which may be economically manufactured.

An additional object is to provide a rack which is collapsible so that it will require only a small amount of storage space.

A still further object is to provide a rack which is so designed that a cord may be easily tied around a stack of papers accumulated therein, so as to form a bale.

Other objects will be apparent from the following description when taken in conjunction with the accompanying single sheet of drawings, wherein the figure is a perspective view, the dotted lines depicting a stack of accumulated papers.

Like characters of reference designate like parts in those figures of the drawings in which they occur.

In the drawings:

The device consists substantially of two identical strap iron body members 1 and 2, each having elongated horizontal flat lower portions 3 which cross each other centrally, and which are pivotally connected together by a rivet or bolt 4. Each of the body members further consists of a downwardly extending loop portion 5 which occurs at the opposite ends of the horizontal portion 3, and which forms a foot for supporting the device above a floor, not shown. Above each foot 5, the body member has a slanting portion 6 which extends inwardly and upwardly, and which at its upper end is bent outwardly as shown at 7 to form a substantially horizontal shelf portion 8. At the outer end of each shelf portion 8, the body is bent upwardly to form vertical retaining arms 9.

Tiers of superimposed newspapers 10 may be folded and laid upon the horizontal portions 8 and within the confines of the vertical arms 9.

When a desired number of newspapers have been accumulated, string or rope may be placed beneath an accumulated pile, and the string may be tied to confine the pile into a bale. The bale may then be lifted upwardly from between the arms 9.

2. When the rack is not in use, the two bodies may be swung together with the bolt 4 acting as a pivot pin. It is therefore possible to store the device in a confined space.

It is pointed out that the two bodies are identical, except that the feet 5 of the uppermost horizontal portion 3 is made slightly deeper, so that all four of the feet will evenly contact a flat floor to prevent any teetering of the device thereon.

Obviously the invention is susceptible to some change or alteration without defeating its practicability, and I therefore do not wish to be confined to the preferred embodiment shown in the drawings and described herein, further than I am limited by the scope of the appended claims.

I claim:

1. A rack for the purposes described, comprising a pair of crossed pivotally connected members, each of said members including: a substantially flat lower horizontal portion adapted to be pivotally connected intermediate its ends to the similar portion of the other member; a pair of upwardly and inwardly slanting portions each connected to the horizontal portion in spaced apart relation; and an upper horizontal portion extending outwardly from the upper end of each slanting portion.

2. A rack for the purposes described, comprising a pair of crossed pivotally connected members, each of said members including: a substantially flat lower horizontal portion adapted to be pivotally connected intermediate its ends to the similar portion of the other member; a pair of upwardly and inwardly slanting portions each connected to the horizontal portion in spaced apart relation; an upper horizontal portion extending outwardly from the upper end of each slanting portion; and a vertical portion projecting upwardly from the outer end of each of said upper horizontal portions.

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