

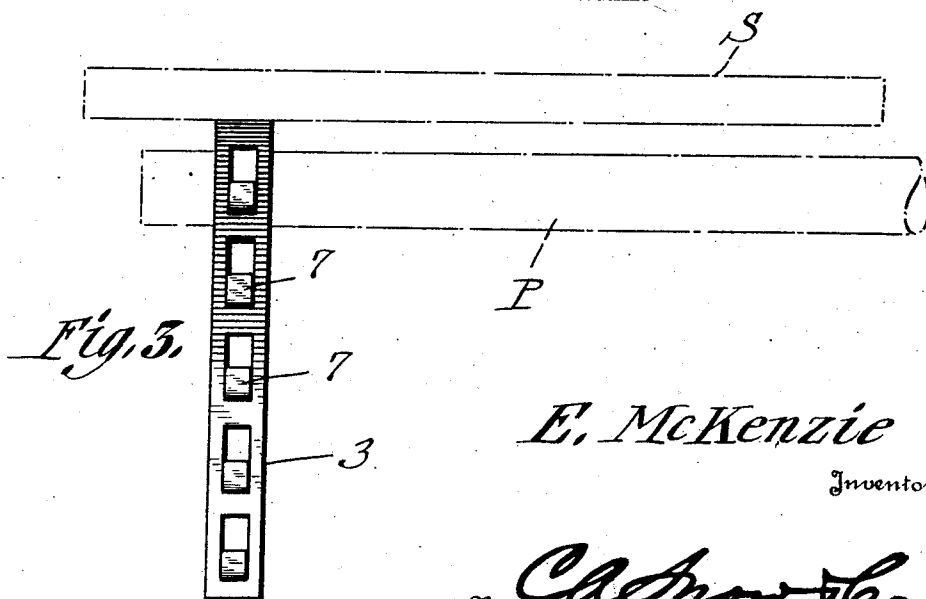
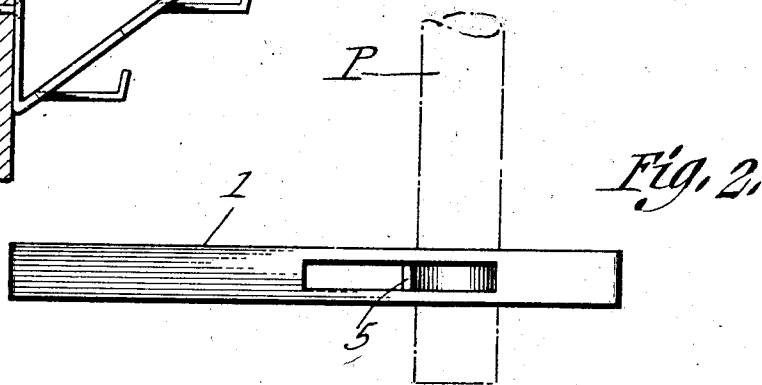
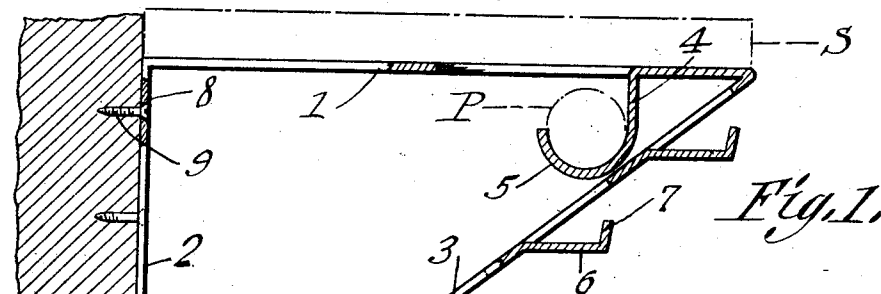
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COMBINED RACK AND SHELF BRACKET

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWARD McKENZIE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Long Beach, in the county of Los Angeles and State of California, have invented a new and useful Combined Rack and Shelf Bracket, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a combined rack and shelf bracket, one of its objects being to provide a simple and inexpensive structure of this character having integral means on the brace portion of the bracket for supporting clothes hangers and the like.

A further object is to combine with the bracket a means for supporting a pole from which the hangers can be suspended.

With the foregoing and other objects in view which will appear as the description proceeds, the invention resides in the combination and arrangement of parts and in the details of construction hereinafter described and claimed, it being understood that changes in the precise embodiment of the invention herein disclosed may be made within the scope of what is claimed without departing from the spirit of the invention.

In the accompanying drawings the preferred form of the invention has been shown.

In said drawings—

Figure 1 is a view partly in side elevation and partly in section of the device constituting the present invention.

Fig. 2 is a plan view of the device.

Fig. 3 is a front elevation.

Referring to the figures by characters of reference 1 designates the top portion of a bracket preferably triangular while 2 designates the base or attaching portion and 3 is the brace portion. The entire bracket is preferably formed of a single length of sheet metal joined together at its ends. A tongue 4 is struck downwardly from the top 1 of the bracket and is curved to provide a hook 5 whereby one end portion of a pole P may be supported. A series of tongues 6 are struck downwardly from the brace 3, these tongues being preferably extended substantially horizontally and having their free ends upturned as shown at 7 to constitute retaining means. Apertures 8 are provided

in the base portion 2 for the reception of fastening screws 9 or the like. The top portion 1 is adapted to support a shelf S.

It will be apparent that the device herein described can be used solely as a support for garment hangers, the same being placed on the respective tongues 6. If desired, however, two or more of these brackets can be used for the purpose of supporting a shelf S, in which event the hooks 5 can be employed as means for supporting a pole P. Thus clothes hangers can be placed on the pole between the brackets and additional hangers can be supported by the tongues. As the outstruck tongues 6 are out of vertical alinement, the supported garment hangers and the garments thereon will be held spaced apart. The fasteners 9 obviously serve to hold the terminals 2 of the strip, from which the bracket is made, close together so that the ends of the strip cannot spread apart. By having the tongue 4 struck downwardly as shown so as to come substantially in contact with the brace 3, it serves as a supplemental support for the top portion 1 so as to prevent it from sagging under an excessive load.

The structure is very simple, durable and efficient and provides a means whereby garments can be compactly stored within a closet.

What is claimed is:—

As an article of manufacture a supporting rack formed in a single length of sheet metal bent to provide a top portion and an inclined brace portion, the terminals of the strip being extended toward each other from one end of the top portion and from the lower end of the brace portion to constitute a base or attaching portion, these terminals having their ends in abutment and being provided with openings, and fastening devices seated in the openings for attaching said terminal portions to a support and holding the ends of the terminal portions together with the top and brace portions at a predetermined angle to each other.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own, I have hereto affixed my signature.

EDWARD McKENZIE.