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SHELF BRACKET

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Fig. 1.

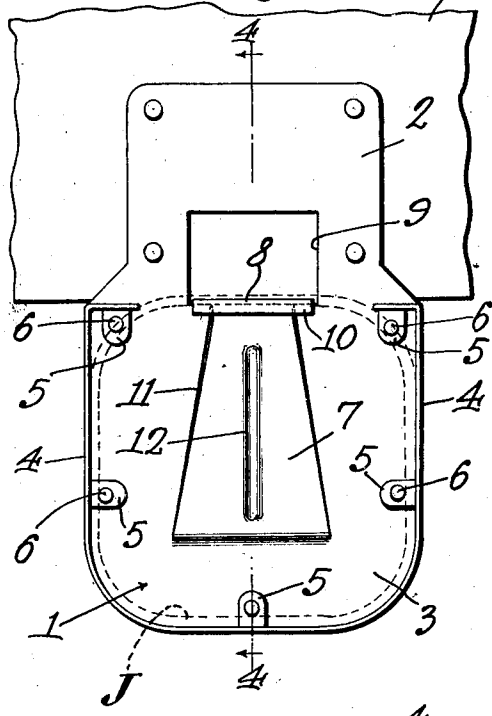


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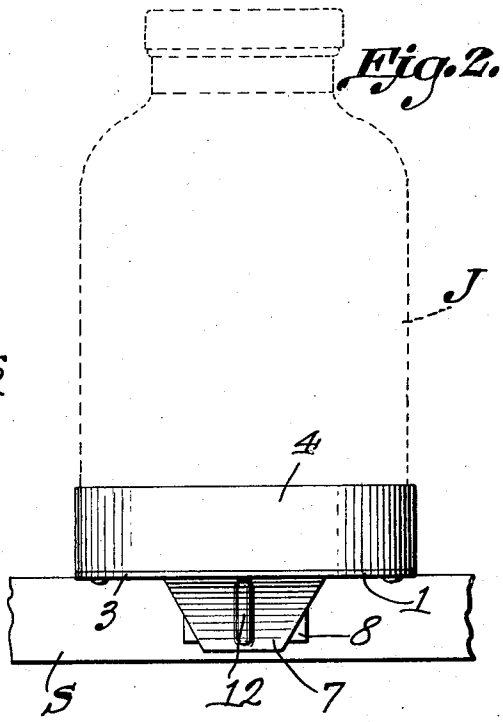


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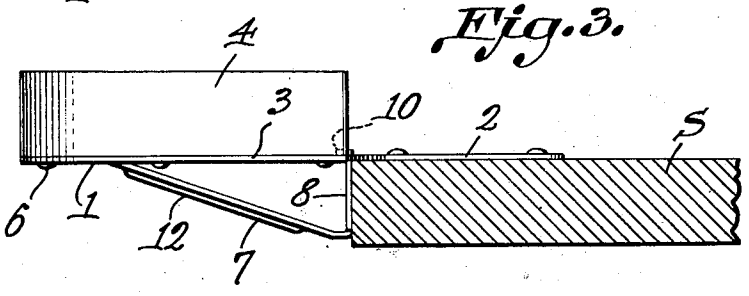
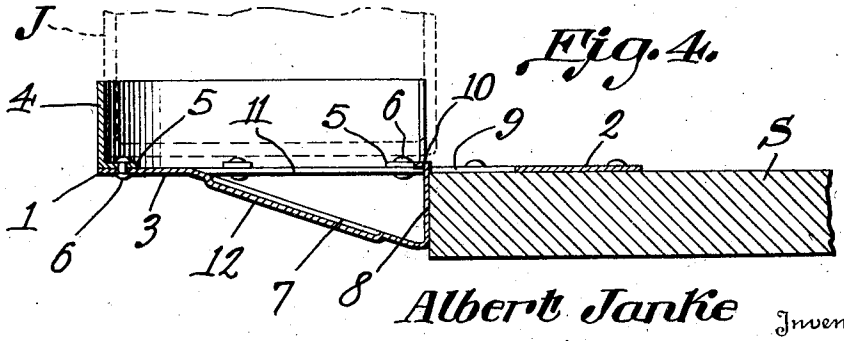


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This invention relates to a bracket designed primarily for use on display shelves in stores and the like, one of the objects being to provide a bracket in the form of an extension that can be connected readily to the front portion of a shelf and, when in position, will serve as a support for an article of merchandise where it can be seen readily by the customer.

Another object is to provide a bracket of this character which is cheap to manufacture and will not sag under the weight of the article supported thereby.

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 top plan view of a portion of a shelf to which a bracket such as constitutes the present invention has been connected.

Figure 2 is a front elevation of the structure shown in Figure 1.

Figure 3 is a side elevation of the bracket, the shelf to which it is attached being shown in section.

Figure 4 is a section on line 4—4, Figure 1.

Referring to the figures by characters of reference, 1 designates a plate cut to provide a broad tongue 2 and an extension or base 3, this base being provided at the front and sides with a retaining flange 4 which can be made integral therewith or, if preferred, can be formed with ears 5 held to the base by rivets 6 or the like.

A brace 7 can be cut from the base and tongue, this brace being integral with the base at its forward end while its rear end portion has an upwardly extended wing 8 adapted to slide in the opening 9 in the tongue 2 from which the material of the wing has been removed. The upper edge of the wing can be flanged as shown at 10 so as to overhang a portion of the base 3 at the sides of the opening 11 from which the material has been removed in the formation of brace 7. This brace can be reinforced by forming a longitudinal rib 12 thereon.

In practice the brace 7 is bent downwardly relative to the base 3 until the flange 10 on wing 8 bears upon the top of the base as shown. Tongue 2 is then placed on a shelf S with the wing 8 abutting against the front edge of the shelf. The tongue is fastened to the shelf by nails or other fastening means and the brace 7 with its wing 8 will support the base 3 so that it will properly support an article placed thereon.

It is to be understood that one of these brackets can be attached to a shelf at a point in front of each group of merchandise. For example if a number of jars of dressing are assembled on the shelf, a single jar can be placed on the bracket in front of the group where it can be easily seen and inspected by a customer.

Brackets such as described will add materially to the appearance of the store display. In the drawings a supported jar has been indicated at J.

What is claimed is:

A display bracket for shelves including a tongue for attachment on a shelf, a base extending from one end of the tongue, means on the base for retaining an article, a brace struck downwardly from the base, an upwardly extending wing upon the brace, and means on the wing and cooperating with the base for limiting the downward movement of the brace, said wing constituting means for abutting against the edge of the shelf.

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

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