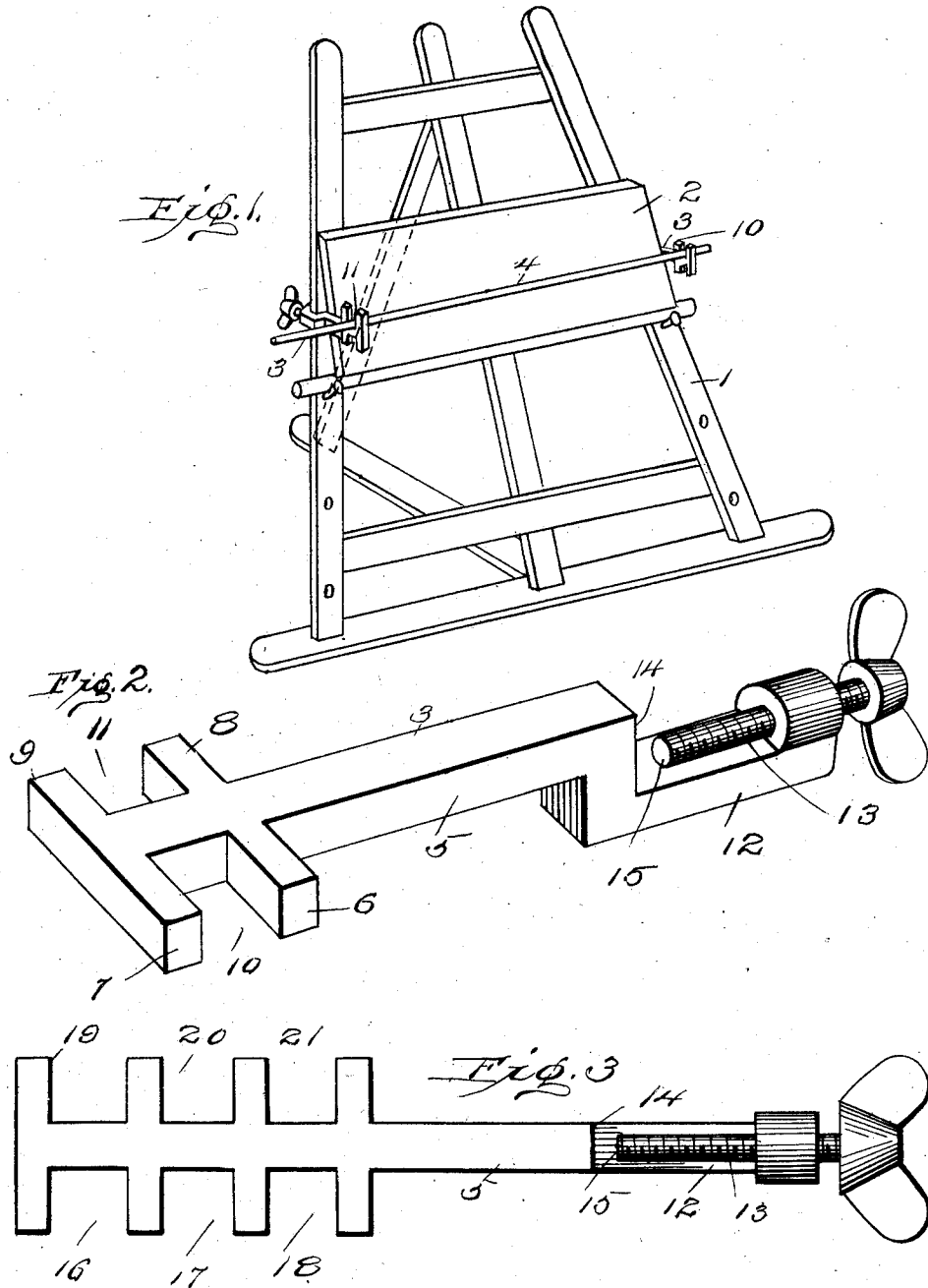


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARY L. BRAUER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Richmond, in the county of Henrico and State of Virginia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Supporting Means for Maul-Sticks; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to improvements in supporting means for "maul-sticks", and has for an object the provision of supporting means that may be adjustably held in place for supporting the maul-stick or support for the hand of a painter or artist in painting.

Another object in view is the provision of a support for the maul-stick that may hold the same any desired distance from the article being painted, and at any elevation desired.

With these and other objects in view the invention comprises certain novel constructions, combinations, and arrangement of parts as will be hereinafter more fully described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawing: Figure 1 is a perspective view of an easel and supporting members, embodying the features of the present invention, secured thereto. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of one of the supporting members. Fig. 3 is a top plan view of a slightly modified form of supporting member.

Referring to the drawing by numerals, 1 indicates an easel or support of any desired kind upon which a board or canvas is positioned for being painted upon. Secured to easel or support 1 are supporting members 3—3 for supporting and holding in place a maul-stick 4 upon which the artist or painter may rest his hand in painting upon the board or canvas 2. The supporting members 3—3 are constructed with an arm 5 of any desired length which is provided with projections 6 and 7 and 8 and 9 that form sockets or openings 10 and 11 respectively therebetween. The sockets 10 and 11 are adapted to accommodate the maul-stick 4. At the opposite end of member 5 to sockets 10 and 11 is an offset portion or arm 12 that is adapted to carry a binding member 13

which is preferably formed as a thumb screw. In operation when it is desired to use the support 3 the same is clamped to the uprights or easel 1 or to any other support as, for instance, sign 2, by causing the sign or uprights to be positioned between the abutment 14 and the end 15 of thumb screw 13. Thumb screw 13 is then tightened or screwed against its supporting means and thereby the supporting member 3 is clamped in position. Whenever it is desired to adjust or change the position of member 3 thumb screw 13 is loosened and the supporting member 3 is moved to the position desired, and then the thumb screw is again tightened.

As clearly shown in Fig. 1, two members as 3 are used, one upon each side of the sign 2, and a maul-stick 4 is positioned in the sockets provided in the ends of the supports. The painter or artist then may rest his hand upon the maul-stick 4 whenever desired and with any desired pressure during painting. This will obviate the necessity of holding the maul-stick in one hand while painting with the other. With artists it is customary to hold the maul-stick and palette in one hand, and the brush in the opposite hand. This is more or less tiresome, and consequently the hands and arms of the painter will become tired. In constructing the support as shown in the drawing a means is provided for obviating the supporting of the maul-stick by one hand and also it provides means whereby the artist is not only relieved of holding the same, but may use the maul-stick 4 as a support for holding his hand without limiting the pressure he puts upon the same as is usual when the pressure is conveyed from one hand to the other.

In Fig. 3 will be seen a slightly modified form in which there is a plurality of sockets as 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21 formed by projecting lugs extending from the body portion or arm 5. These sockets are arranged so that when in use the painter or artist may place his maul-stick 4 in any of the sockets and if desired may place one end of the maul-stick in the outer socket of one support, and in the inner socket of the opposite support so that the maul-stick will be at an angle to the sign being painted. It will also be evident that this structure, together with the

preferred structure, may be arranged so that one support will be in a different horizontal plane from the other, so as to have the maulstick positioned at an angle to a horizontal plane whenever desired.

In using either of the forms shown in Fig. 2 or Fig. 3 the same are adapted to be used on either side of the support as 1 by reason of the fact that sockets are formed on each side of the body portion 5. For instance as seen in Fig. 1 socket 11 is uppermost on one side of the easel and socket 10 is uppermost with the opposite side of the support 1. It will be evident that if desired the supports 3—3 shown in Fig. 1 may be exchanged and worked with equal advantage.

What I claim is:

1. A maul stick support comprising a body portion, a plurality of lugs projecting from one side of one end of said body portion for forming a plurality of sockets for receiving said maul stick, a plurality of lugs projecting from said body, opposite said first mentioned lugs and forming a plurality of sockets therebetween in opposition to said first mentioned sockets, a depressed portion formed on the opposite end of said body portion to said lugs and a thumb screw passing through part of said depressed portion, said thumb screw being adapted to engage an

object for clamping said body portion to the said object.

2. In a maul stick support, a body portion, a hook shaped member positioned at one end of the body portion, a set screw passing through the hook shaped member, said hook shaped member and said set screw forming a clamp for clamping the support in position, a plurality of lugs projecting from each side of the opposite end of said body portion to said hook shaped member, said lugs forming socket receiving portions for receiving therebetween a maul stick.

3. In a maul stick support, a body portion formed with a plurality of notches at one end thereof, said notches being positioned upon diametrical sides of said body portion for receiving a maul stick, an off-set member projecting from the opposite end of said body portion to said notches, a lug projecting from said off-set member, a set screw passing through said lug and adapted to act as a clamp together with said off-set portion.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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