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Fig. 1

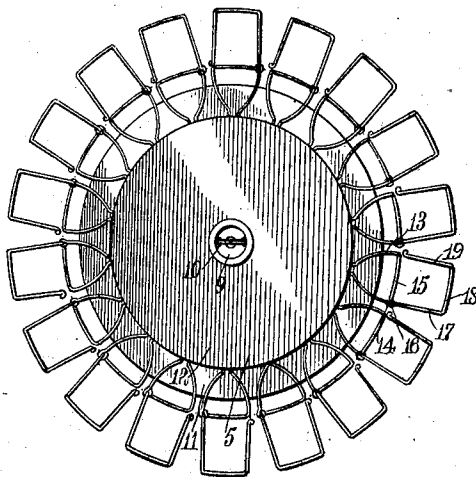


Fig. 3

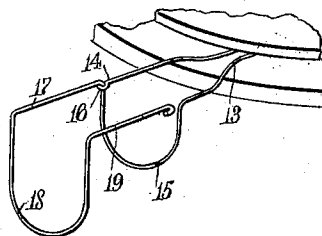
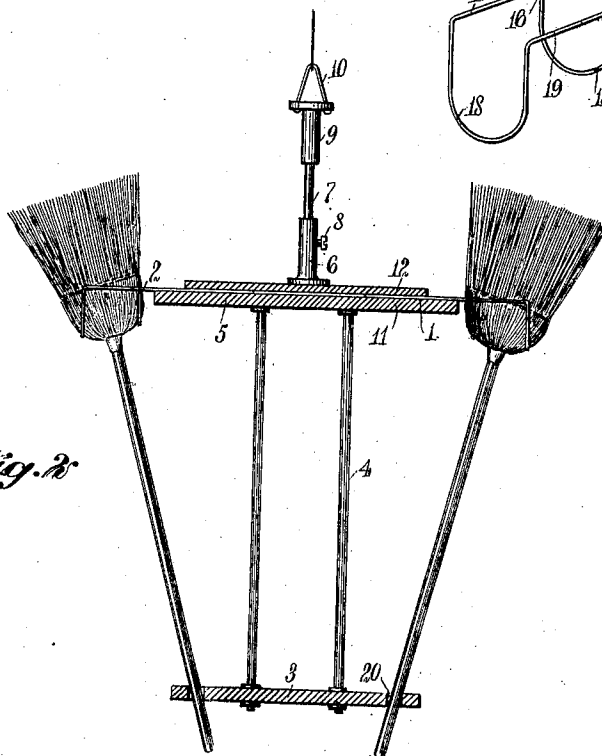


Fig. 2



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EARL G. DRUDING, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Ellsworth, in the county of Pierce and State of Wisconsin, have invented a new and Improved Device for Holding and Displaying Brooms, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to a new and improved holder adapted to retain brooms or similar articles in a readily accessible position when exposed for sale.

An object of this invention is to provide a device which will be simple in construction, inexpensive to manufacture, strong, durable and readily accessible.

A further object of this invention is to provide a device adapted to hold and display brooms, which may be supported in such a manner that it can be readily rotated to bring successive brooms in closer juxtaposition to a storekeeper or a prospective purchaser.

These and further objects, together with the construction and combination of parts, will be more fully described hereinafter and particularly set forth in the claims.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views, and in which—

Figure 1 is a top plan view; Fig. 2 is a vertical section; and Fig. 3 is an enlarged fragmentary perspective view of one of the individual holders.

Referring more particularly to the separate parts of the device, 1 indicates a frame, to which are secured a plurality of individual holders 2 arranged radially thereof. The frame 1 may be of any suitable form, such as a base plate 3 secured in spaced relation by means of a plurality of bars 4 to a top plate 5. Secured to the top plate 5 in any suitable manner, there may be provided a socket 6, in which is adjustably mounted a bar 7 adapted to be locked in any adjusted position by means of a set screw 8. The bar 7 has swivelly mounted thereon a collar 9, on which is secured a hanger 10 adapted to be suspended from any suitable point, such as the ceiling of the store. The top plate 5 preferably comprises a lower section 11 and an upper section 12, between which a looped portion 13 of each of the holders 2

is secured. While these holders 2 may be of any suitable form, they each preferably are formed from a single strip of wire bent and looped on itself in a manner to be described. Starting at the point indicated at 14, the wire is bent to form the loop 13, the opposite sides of which converge to a point intermediate the ends. At the opposite end of this loop 13, the wire is continued downwardly to form a U-shaped bend 15, which passes at its opposite end through a small loop 16 formed on the starting end of the loop 13. From this point, the wire extends horizontally to form a run 17, at the end of which it is bent downwardly to form a second U-shaped bend 18, extending in a plane parallel to the bend 15. The opposite end of this U-shaped bend 18 is extended at right angles to the plane of the U-shaped bend 18 and parallel to the run 17 to form a corresponding run which extends in the same plane as the run 17. The end of this run, which is designated at 19, terminates short of the U-shaped bend 18, where it joins with the loop 13, so as to permit a broom handle to be passed therebetween. This forms an individual holder constructed chiefly of a single strip of wire, which is open at one side to permit the broom to be slid in sidewise and suspended in the U-shaped bends 15 and 18.

To support the lower end of the broom handles, the base plate 3 may be provided with a plurality of holders 20, into which the broom handles may extend.

It will thus be seen that there is provided a simple and efficient device which can support in a readily accessible position a plurality of brooms, which, by reason of the swivel support of the device, can be readily brought to a point where they can be more closely inspected.

While I have shown one embodiment of my invention, I do not wish to be limited to the specific details thereof, but desire to be protected in various changes, modifications and alterations which may come within the scope of the appended claims.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent:—

1. The combination with a frame, of a plurality of individual holders on said frame, each of said holders comprising a single strip of wire having a loop formed

adjacent one end, a bend connected to said loop and extending in a plane at right-angles to said loop, a run connected to said bend, a second bend connected to said run, and a run connected to said second bend and extending toward said first bend.

2. The combination with a frame, of a plurality of holders connected to said frame, a swivel support for said frame, each of said holders comprising a single strip of wire bent at one end to form a loop, a U-shaped bend extending from said loop, a run extending from said U-shaped bend, a second U-shaped bend extending from said run in a plane parallel to the plane in which said first bend extends, and a run extending from said second U-shaped bend parallel to said

first-mentioned run, said run being free at its opposite end.

3. The combination with a frame, including a top plate and a base plate, of a plurality of individual holders secured to said top plate, said holders having a plurality of depending U-shaped bends, one of said bends being deeper than the other, so as to cant an article, supported by said holder, to one side.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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