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HOOK SUPPORT.
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Fig. 1.

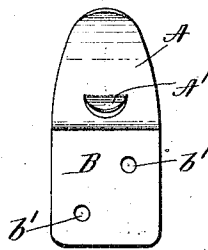


Fig. 2.

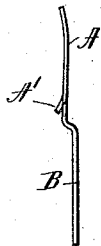
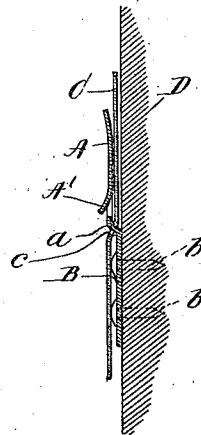


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN A. SHERMAN, of Worcester, in the county of Worcester and State of Massachusetts, a citizen of the United States, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Hook-Supports, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a device to be attached to a wall or the like upon which articles may be hung, and it is intended especially to support a container for drinking cups in such a manner that the container cannot be readily removed without destroying it. Such a container as I have in mind has been constructed of cheap pasteboard and has a slit through which its contents may be drawn one by one. When filled with paper drinking cups or the like it is sealed, except for the slit, and hung on the hook and the cups drawn from it as needed. When empty it is torn off from the hook and thrown away, being replaced by a full container. In the meantime it cannot be removed except by destroying it.

My invention will be understood by reference to the drawings in which—

Figure 1 is a front view and

Fig. 2 is a side view of the hook embodying my invention.

Fig. 3 is a vertical section showing the hook attached to a support and in use.

The hook comprises two portions A and B, the portion A being offset from the portion B approximately the thickness of the article to be supported thereby, the two parts A and B being joined by a shoulder as will be understood from Fig. 3 where C represents a portion of one of the walls of the container or other article to be supported, D being the support to which the attach-

ing portion B of the hook is fastened by screws *b* which pass through the holes *b*¹ in the part B.

A¹ is a tongue or bayonet which is preferably died out from the part A, pointing in the opposite direction from the part A so that when the part A is passed through an orifice (for example, a slit *c* in the container) and the container rests on the shoulder *a* of the hook, on attempting to lift the container off from the hook the lower edge of the slit will be engaged by the tongue and so the container will be prevented from removal except by destroying it.

It will be noted that the attaching portion B and the hook portion A are in parallel planes offset by a slight shoulder *a* so that the device takes up but little room and when used as above described the hook portion passing into a container, takes up a minimum of room therein, not being necessarily thicker or as thick as the wall of the container, and when in place the weight of the container rests mainly upon the edge of the attaching portion B and the shoulder *a* so that the device may be made of very thin metal and yet be strong enough for all ordinary purposes. The tongue A¹ is a desirable addition because it serves as a lock to keep the container from being removed.

What I claim as my invention is:—

The device above described comprising an attaching portion and a hook portion, said portions lying in substantial parallel planes, and a shoulder connecting said portions, said hook portion being provided with a tongue pointing in the opposite direction from the point of said hook.

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