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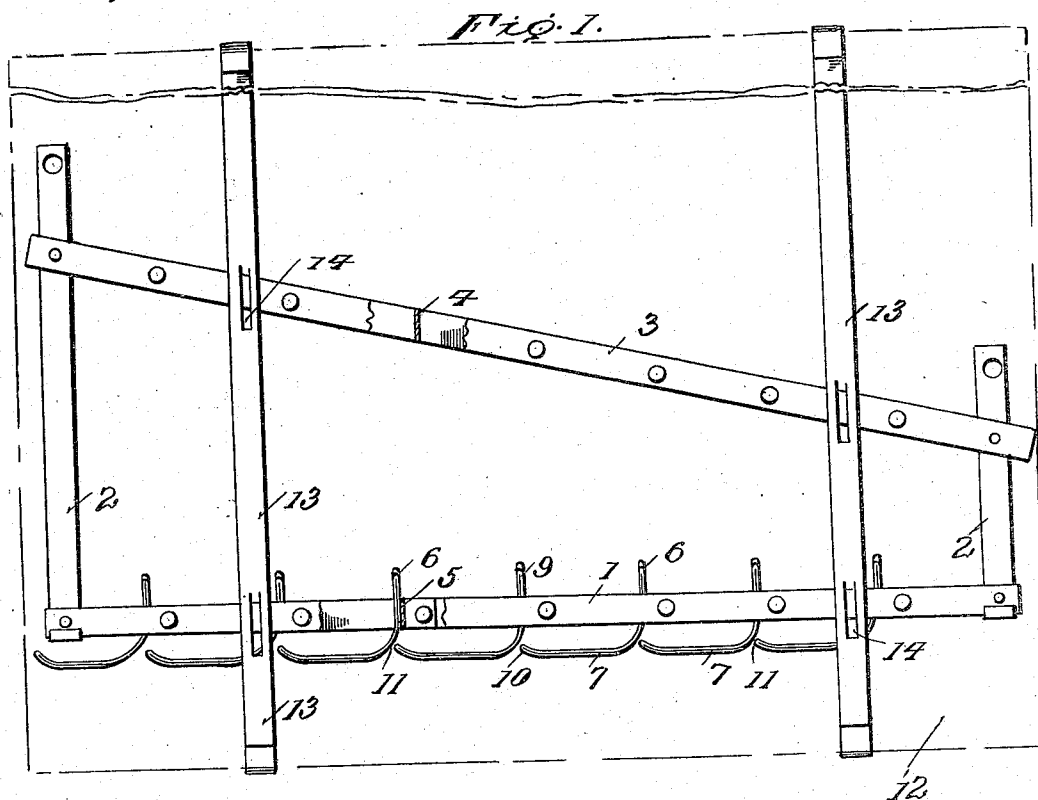
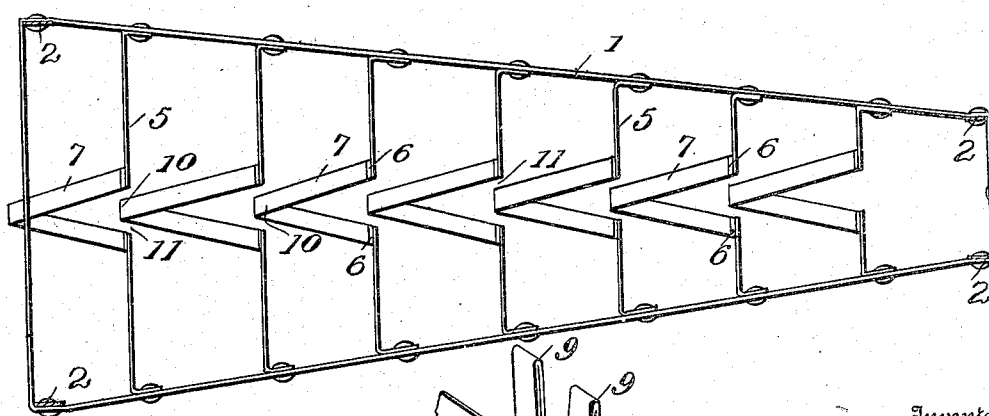


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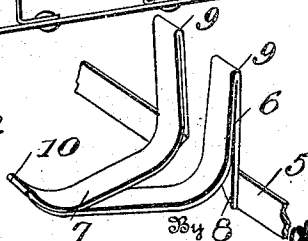


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HOLDER FOR PAPER BAGS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN J. McGETTIGAN, citizen of the United States, residing at Seattle, in the county of King and State of Washington, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Holders for Paper Bags, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to provide a bag holder wherein a limited number of varying sized bags formed of paper or other flexible material may be stored and retained in a manner facilitating their selection and withdrawal from the holder without unnecessary effort on the part of the operator.

The invention consists essentially of a frame preferably constructed of light metal, and formed of upper and lower sections which are provided with registering compartments designed to hold the bags in a vertical position and suitably arranged supporting fingers secured to the lower compartment sections of the frame designed to prevent displacement of the bags but permit the bags to be easily withdrawn.

For a full understanding of the invention and the merits thereof and also to acquire a knowledge of the details of construction and of the means for effecting the result, reference is to be had to the following description and accompanying drawings in which:

Figure 1 is a side elevation of the holder; Fig. 2 is a horizontal sectional view; and, Fig. 3 is an enlarged detail illustration hereinafter described.

Corresponding and like parts are referred to in the following description and indicated in all the views of the drawings by the same reference characters.

Referring to the drawings, the numeral 1 designates the frame of the lower section preferably constructed of light metal secured at its corners to uprights 2. The sides of said frame section converge from one end to the other to accommodate bags of varying width, and the upper frame section 3 corresponding in construction to the section 1 and is secured to the upright 2. The other section is angularly disposed to the first named section whereby bags of varying capacity regulated by their length may be accommodated and held in a vertical position in the holder. The upper frame section is provided with a series of compartments formed by partitions 4 se-

cured to the sides of said frame section, and similar partitions 5, preferably composed of strips, are secured to the sides of the lower frame section 1 and register with said partitions 4 in the frame section 3. The strips constituting the partitions 5 are formed at their middle with vertical members or spacers 6 designed to separate the bags contained in the adjacent compartment for a portion of their length, and horizontal converging retaining members 7 integrally a part of the spacers 6 are designed to form closures for the lower ends of the compartments to support and retain the bags in such a manner as to permit withdrawal of one or more bags as may be desired. The said vertical members or spacers 6 are formed by bending the partitions 5 obliquely at their middle as shown at 8, thence doubled upon themselves as indicated at 9 and extended transversely in the form of a letter V. The lapped end is slightly curved upwardly as indicated at 10 and extends beyond the adjacent partition intermediate of the spacers 6 as shown at 11. (Figs. 1 and 2.) With such an arrangement the strips or partitions 5 of the adjacent or preceding compartment under which the retaining member 7 extends coöperates with said retaining member to support and retain the bags in their proper vertical position within each compartment, and the resiliency of the retaining members consequent upon their formation is sufficient to permit a bag to be withdrawn when properly manipulated by the operator.

The holder may be suspended from any convenient support as by cords (not shown) attached to the ends of the uprights 2, and if desired a display card 12 (Fig. 1) may be attached to framers 13 secured to the upper and lower frame sections as by tongues 14 stamped from the metal and designed to engage the sides of said sections. As will be understood the use of the display card is optional and in many instances would be desirable both in concealing the holder and to offer additional advertising space.

In the operation of the holder the ends of the bags resting upon the yielding retaining members 7 are moved as far as possible toward the curved end portion 10 and withdrawn through the intervening space between said end portion 10 and the adjacent partition as shown at 11, the normal spaced

relation being increased by pressure upon the yielding retaining members when necessary.

5 In practical use it is obvious that the number and arrangement of the compartments may be varied and the several sections of the holder detachably secured together in a manner permitting the frames and uprights to be knocked down or set up, as desired.

10 It will be obvious that a rack constructed as herein-before described may be used for holding various articles such as wrapping paper, cards, tags, etc., and suspended or held in any relative position.

15 Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new is:

A rack of the character described comprising vertical supporting strips, a pair of horizontally disposed converging bars attached
20 to said supporting strips, a pair of inclined

converging bars attached to said vertical supports above the lower pair of bars, transverse partition strips extending directly between the upper pairs of arms, and transverse partition strips attached to the lower
25 pairs of bars, each of said strips at its middle being upwardly bent to form upwardly extending portions whose flattened faces are transverse to the axis of the rack, and downwardly folded and then forwardly extended,
30 the flat face of the forwardly extended portion of the strip being in a horizontal plane and forming a projecting resilient supporting finger.

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

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