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Fig. 1.

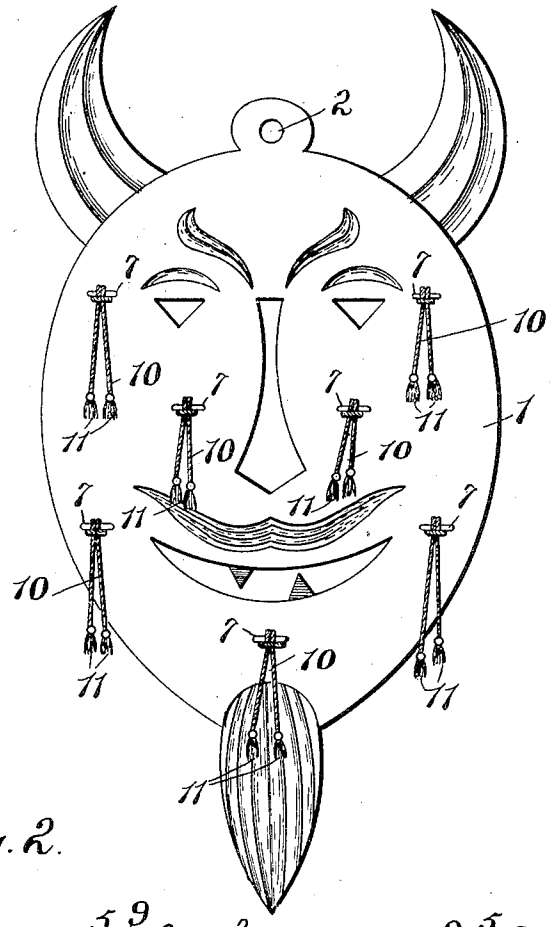


Fig. 2.

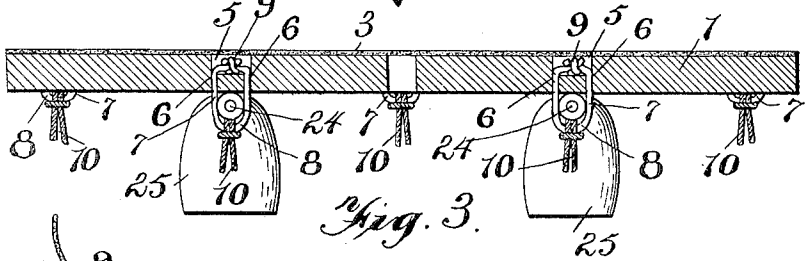
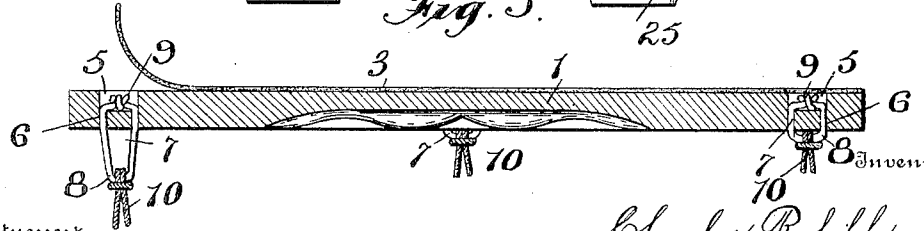


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES ROHLFS, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Buffalo, Erie county, State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pipe-Holders; and my preferred manner of carrying out the invention is set forth in the following full, clear, and exact description, terminating with claims particularly specifying the novelty.

This invention relates to advertising, and more especially that class of devices thereunder known as "display-cards," which employ a loop; and the object of the same is to produce an improved pipe-holder for supporting smoking-pipes when not in use.

To this end the invention consists in the details of construction hereinafter described and claimed and as more particularly illustrated in the accompanying drawings, wherein—

Figure 1 is a front elevation of my improved pipe-holder. Fig. 2 is a horizontal section through the same, showing two loops holding pipes in position. Fig. 3 is a similar section showing the backing as slightly removed and the loop as drawn out, so as to permit the entry of the stem of a pipe.

In the drawings, 1 is the body, here shown in design as following the contour of the face of his satanic majesty, with the horns, eyes, nose, mouth, and goatee, although I do not wish to be limited to this form of design. Mechanically, the body 1 has an eye 2 at its upper end whereby it can be suspended. The thickness of the body is considerable and its material is preferably wood, and pasted or otherwise secured to its rear face is a backing 3, as of coarse canvas. The body is intended to be supported against the wall, in which position the backing will prevent abrasion of the wall-paper, and the design of the face of the body will be ornamental and odd.

Coming now more particularly to the present invention, said body is provided with cavities 5 in its rear face, preferably produced by boring into said face with an ordinary bit, and from each of said cavities two holes 6 are continued forward through the front face of the body. An elastic cord 7 is now brought into use and bent, as at 8, at its center, which lies against the front face of the body, while its arms extend back through said holes 6 and are formed, as at 9, into a knot which lies within the cavity 5 beneath the backing 3.

10 designates a handle, which in the present instance consists of an ornamental piece of silk braid or other inelastic material looped at its center around the bend 8 of the elastic and having its extremities 11 projecting freely beyond the front face of the base.

In operation the user grasps the cord by its extremities 11 and draws upon it until the bend 8 of the elastic 7 is pulled away from the front face of the body 1, and then the stem 24 of an ordinary smoking-pipe 25 is inserted within the loop or bend 8 bowl downward and the handle is released, so that the elastic clamps the stem against the body and holds the pipe in such position that the nicotin will run into the bowl instead of accumulating in the stem. When it is again desired to use the pipe, it may be forcibly withdrawn from position, or the handle may first be manipulated, so as to release the clamping effect of the elastic. The fact that there are two holes 6 in the body prevents the bend 8 of the elastic from drawing through the same, and the existence of the cavity 5 in the back of the body I consider of especial advantage in that the knot is housed within said cavity beneath the backing and the tension of the elastic can be increased from time to time without difficulty.

Although I have illustrated and described this device as useful for supporting smoking-pipes, it will be clear that it can be utilized as a display-rack for other articles which it is desired to hold temporarily against a body that is supported upon the wall. However, by reason of the thickness of the body and the specific construction of parts I consider the article herein set forth especially adapted to the purpose named.

What is claimed as new is—

1. A holder for pipes and the like consisting of a relatively-thick body having a suspension device at its upper end and provided in its rear face with a number of cavities with a pair of holes continuing each cavity through the body to the front face of the latter; combined with a bent elastic whose center stands over said front face and whose arms pass through said holes and are knot-

ted within said cavity, and a handle attached to the bend of the elastic.

2. A holder for pipes and the like consisting of a relatively-thick body having a suspension device at its upper end and provided in its rear face with a number of cavities with a pair of holes continuing each cavity through the body to the front face of the latter; combined with a bent elastic whose center stands over said front face and whose arms pass through said holes and are knotted within said cavity, a handle attached to the bend of the elastic, and a backing secured to the rear face of the body and closing all the cavities therein.

3. A holder for pipes and the like consisting of a relatively-thick body having a suspension device at its upper end and provided in its rear face with a number of cavities with a pair of holes continuing each cavity through the body to the front face of the latter; combined with a bent elastic whose center stands over said front face and whose arms pass through said holes and are knotted within said cavity, a backing covering the rear face of the body and closing all the cavities, and for each elastic a handle consisting of an inelastic silk braid looped at its center to the bend of the elastic.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my signature this the 20th day of August, A. D. 1900.

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