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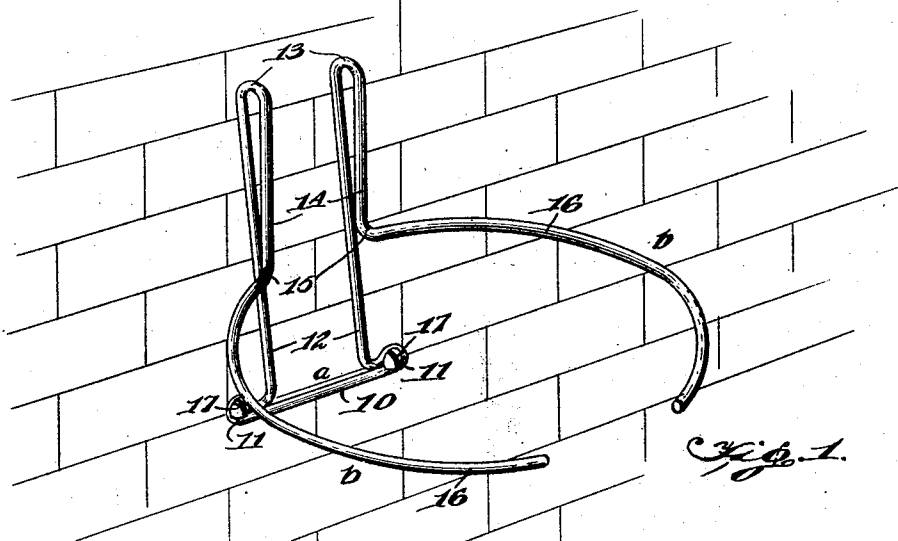


Fig. 1.

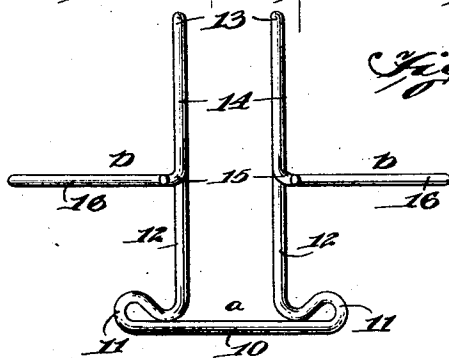


Fig. 2.

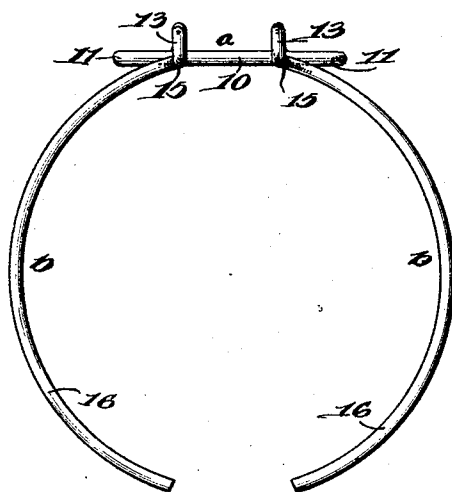


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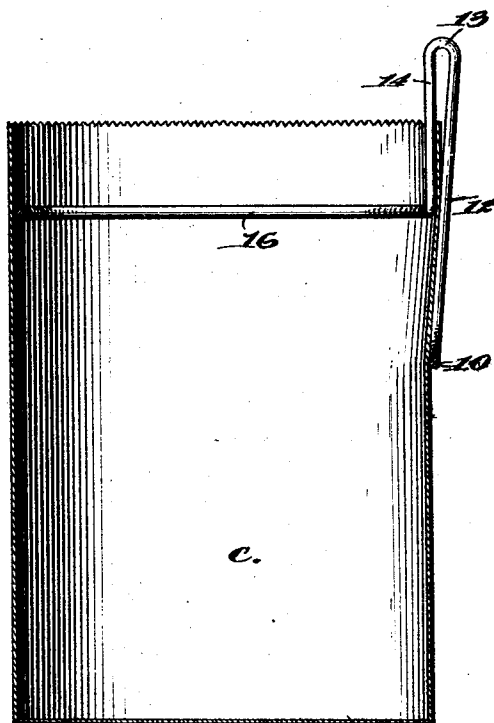


Fig. 4.

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This invention appertains to improvements in article supports generally, and more particularly to holders for containers, such as bags or the like.

5 An object of the invention is to provide a holder of the class set forth, which is preferably in the form of a wall bracket or the like, and which is of an extremely simplified construction and arrangement of connected
10 parts, such as will be of maximum durability and efficiency in use, and inexpensive to manufacture.

Another object of the invention is to provide a device of the character hereinbefore
15 mentioned, which is especially designed to provide for a simple and effective means for holding containers, such as paper bags or the like, in open position for the dropping into the same of waste materials from dentists' or
20 doctors' offices during the treatment of patients, or small portions of refuse or garbage from household kitchens, whereby, whenever desired, the container or bag may be readily detached from the holder, and placed in a
25 usual form of waste receptacle, such as a garbage or trash can, for subsequent collection by public or other collectors of garbage or trash, or otherwise gotten rid of or destroyed.

With the foregoing and other equally important objects in view, the invention resides
30 in the certain new and useful construction and arrangement of parts as will be hereinafter more fully described, set forth in the appended claims, and illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which:

35 Figure 1 is a perspective view of a practical embodiment of the device as it appears in a position of use,

Figure 2 is a front elevation of the same,

40 Figure 3 is a top plan view thereof, and

Figure 4 is a vertical section through the device and a container or bag supported thereby.

Referring to the drawing, wherein like
45 characters of reference designate corresponding parts throughout the several views thereof, the preferred embodiment of the invention, as shown therein by way of example, comprises a frame, of any suitable or desired
50 shape, which is preferably formed from a

single length or piece of metal, such as wire or the like, and which is arranged to provide an attaching portion *a* and an article or container supporting portion *b*. The attaching
55 portion *a*, of the frame, is formed by a straight horizontal portion 10 disposed medially of the opposite ends of the length or piece of metal, with eyes 11 formed at its extremities by the upward looping of the portions of the
60 metal connected therewith.

Rising from the looped portions or eyes 11 are vertical parallel portions 12, which are outwardly and downwardly curved at their upper ends, as at 13, to provide forwardly
65 arranged depending vertical portions 14.

The depending vertical portions 14 are preferably of an appreciable less length than the complementary rear vertical portions 12, and are angularly bent, as at 15, at their lower
70 extremities to dispose the opposite free end portions 16, of the length or piece of metal forming the article or container supporting
75 portions *b*, of the frame, in a horizontal plane at a distance above the plane of the horizontal attaching portion 10. The supporting
portions 16 are outwardly and oppositely curved, and preferably on similar arcs which, in their relative dispositions, define a true circle.

The extreme free ends of the supporting
80 portions 16 are unconnected, and spaced apart at a slight distance to lend free flexibility or resiliency to these portions, so that they will readily function for the intended
85 purposes thereof.

It is to be noted that the vertical portions 12, rising from the looped or eye portions 11 at the opposite ends of the horizontal attaching portion 10 of the frame, are preferably inclined in a rearward direction in their
90 relation to the upper vertical portions 14, and in a manner that the lower bent portions 15 of the latter abut the adjacent intermediate portions of the vertical portions 12, which arrangement affords substantial support to
95 the resilient or semi-resilient supporting arms or curved portions 16, when a bag or other container is suspended therefrom.

In the use of the device or holder as thus constructed and arranged, the attaching por- 100

tion *a* of the frame will be abutted against the vertical supporting surface or wall and secured in such position by means of suitable fastenings 17, such as screws or the like, which are engaged through the loops or eyes 11 for the purpose, a bag or other container *c* may now be engaged over the supporting arms or portions 16 by the insertion of the edge of the opening of the bag or container upwardly between the outer vertical portions 13 and the rear vertical portions 12. When properly positioned, the natural resiliency of the supporting arms or portions 16 will cause the same to bear against the inner walls of the bag or container *c*, while the similar resiliency of the depending vertical portions 14 will act to clamp the engaged edge of the latter between the same and the rear vertical portion 12, which are rigidly held by the fastenings 17 against the wall or other supporting surface.

With the paper bag or the like *c* supported in open position from a holder, the same may be readily utilized for receiving waste materials, as hereinbefore explained, and when desired or necessary the filled, or partially filled, bag or container will be removed from the holder, and placed in the usual form or garbage or trash receptacle. By using paper bags or the like for the suggested purposes, and in the manner as indicated for the same, the handling of waste materials will be facilitated and otherwise accomplished in a more sanitary manner than has heretofore been the case, and the usual necessity of washing or otherwise cleaning out the main garbage or trash receptacle will be obviated by reason of the fact that the waste materials or garbage are retained against contact with the same.

Without further description, it is thought that the features and advantages of the invention will be readily apparent to those skilled in the art, and it will of course be understood that changes in the form, proportion and minor details of construction may be resorted to, without departing from the spirit of the invention or its scope as claimed.

Having thus fully described the invention, what is claimed is:

1. A holder of the class described, comprising an attaching portion, resilient members depending from the upper ends of and at the forward side of said attaching portion, and oppositely arranged resilient supporting members projecting outwardly from the lower ends of said depending members and adapted to be engaged within the open end of a bag, said depending members being arranged to bear against the said attaching portions at their lower ends and to clamp an engaged portion of the edge of the container therebetween.

2. As an article of manufacture, a holder

for bags and the like comprising a frame formed from a single length of wire which is bent to provide a medially disposed horizontal portion, fastening receiving looped portions at the opposite ends of said horizontal portion, rearwardly inclined portions rising from the looped portions, forwardly and downwardly directed vertical portions of substantially less length than the said inclined portions, and outwardly directed and oppositely curved horizontal portions having their free ends disposed slightly spaced one from the other, the forward and downwardly directed vertical portions having their lower ends normally abutting the opposed portions of the rearwardly disposed inclined portions, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

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