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Fig. 1.

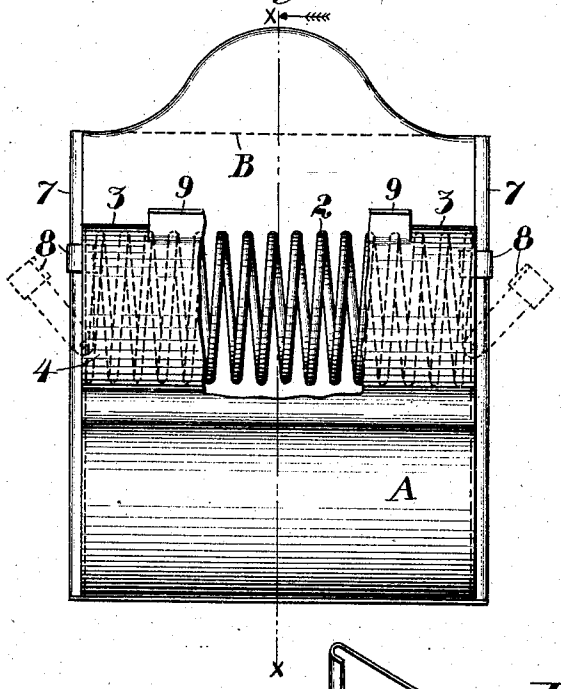


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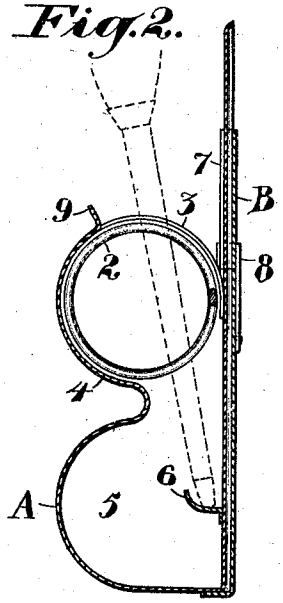
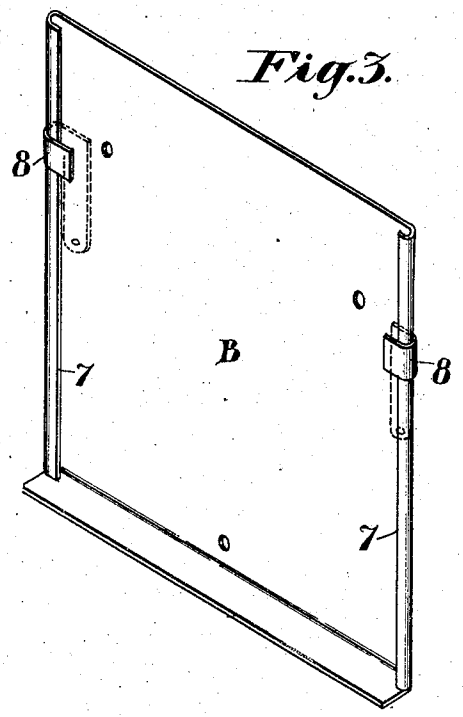


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ANDREW MIKULICH, a citizen of the United States, residing at Sacramento, in the county of Sacramento and State of California, have invented new and useful Improvements in Umbrella-Racks, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to an improved rack for holding umbrellas. Its object is to provide a simple, neat-appearing, compact, and practical rack of this character which can be manufactured and sold cheaply, which is adapted particularly for use in restaurants, hotels, stores, and generally crowded places, which can be attached to a wall, post, counter, or other suitable support, and which will occupy very little space.

The invention consists of the parts and the construction and combination of parts, as hereinafter more fully described and claimed, having reference to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a front view of my improved rack, partly broken away. Fig. 2 is a section on line *x x* of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a perspective of the holder for the rack proper.

A represents a receptacle of any suitable material and of any desired length. Ordinarily where designed to hold half a dozen umbrellas it would not exceed six or seven inches long and as many in height, since the holding means is intended to grip only the tip end of the umbrella-stick. This holding means consists of a horizontally-arranged open-coil spring 2 of suitable stiffness and about two inches, more or less, in diameter contained in the upper part of the receptacle A. The latter has an opening at the top extending nearly its whole length for the inserting of the ends of the umbrellas into the coil. The closed parts 3 of the top with the closed ends of the receptacle and the convexed portion 4 of the front constitute a housing and support for the spring. Below the spring is formed a suitable drip-collection chamber 5. This chamber may be of any suitable shape or size.

On the inside of the back of the receptacle A may be disposed a ledge 6 to support the ends of the umbrellas which are thrust through the coil. Of course where the chamber 5 is very shallow and the bottom of the receptacle is not further removed from the top of the coil than the length of the exposed tip end of an umbrella the bottom of the receptacle will serve in lieu of the ledge 6 and the latter may be omitted.

Any suitable means may be employed to secure the receptacle A firmly in place, so that it will maintain an upright position when in use.

B represents a holder which consists of a plate about the same size as the back of the receptacle A and adapted to be secured to a wall or post or counter or some like support adjacent to the floor. This plate is provided with the lateral guide-flanges 7 to receive corresponding flanges or projections on the ends of the receptacle A. Hook members 8, pivoted on plate B, are adapted to engage the top of the receptacle to prevent its accidental withdrawal from the holder once it is engaged.

By turning the hook members 8 outward the receptacle can quickly be removed and emptied of any contained water, and during the period of fair weather or such other time as the umbrella-rack is not in use the latter may be removed from the holder and stored away until needed.

As the device occupies but very little room and costs but little to manufacture, a number of them could be disposed conveniently about a restaurant, store, or like usually crowded place, so that a customer need never be separated far from his umbrella.

The spring 2 not only affords a good gripping means for the umbrella, but being free to spring in the direction of its length the umbrella cannot be broken, as would be liable to occur if a rigid socket were employed and the end of the umbrella inserted into such a socket. While the coils of the spring are close enough to grip the umbrella, they allow the latter to be held at any desired angle relative to the wall to which the rack is secured.

Thus while firmly holding the umbrella such an arrangement prevents the wall from being wetted.

The upper portion of the front of the receptacle may have an upwardly and outwardly projecting portion 9, which will direct the drip from the umbrella into the receptacle. The part 9 will also act as a stop to limit the outward movement of an umbrella.

It is obvious that various modifications in my invention are possible without departing from the principle thereof, and I do not wish to be understood as limiting myself to the specific construction as herein shown and described.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. An umbrella-rack comprising a suitably-supported receptacle incasing a horizontally-disposed coiled spring, said spring being supported at its ends and arranged to support the end of an umbrella between its coils, said rack inclosing a drip-chamber below the coil and a supporting-ledge within the receptacle and below the coil in the path of the umbrella.

2. An umbrella-rack including a casing having its lower portion forming a drip-chamber and a coiled spring in the casing just above said chamber said casing having the portion above the chamber substantially conforming to the curvature of the spring and adapted to support and house said spring.

3. In an umbrella-rack the combination of a receptacle having a means of removably attaching it to a suitable support, said receptacle having an opening at the top extending less than the whole length of the receptacle to form inclosed housings at the end of the receptacle, a coil-spring disposed relative to said opening, said coil-spring having its ends inclosed in the housings and adapted to receive between its exposed coils the ends of umbrellas.

4. An umbrella-rack comprising a casing provided with a drip-chamber, a coiled spring just above said chamber said casing having its front extended above the chamber and conforming substantially to the outline of the spring said casing open at the top and said front provided with a projecting portion adapted to direct the drip from the umbrella into the chamber.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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