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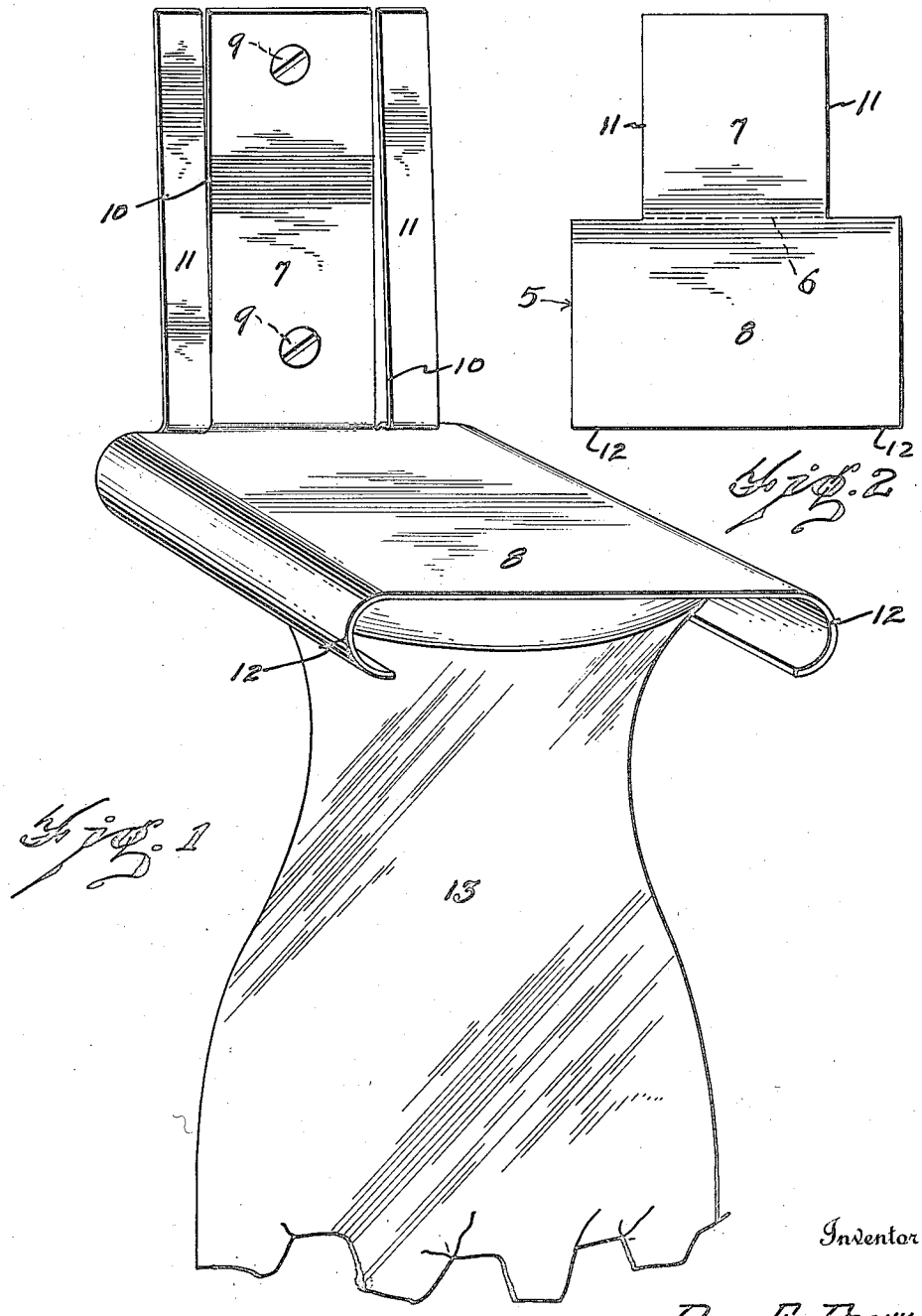

Fig. 2

Fig. 1

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, Ross E. FRANK, a citizen of the United States, residing at Detroit, in the county of Wayne and State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bottle Holders, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in bottle holders.

The object is to provide a simple, inexpensive, efficient bottle holder, particularly intended for use in connection with milk bottles and adapted to so engage the bottle as to support the same in a suspended position clear of the floor, where it will be free from molestation by cats, dogs or other animals. My improved device is also provided with ticket engaging means adapted to releasably carry a ticket for removal by the deliveryman leaving the bottle.

This bottle holder is designed to be secured to the wall of a house or other place, at a height sufficiently removed from the ground or floor as to be free from disturbance by animals or small children. The ticket method of purchase is used almost exclusively in large cities.

In the drawings:

Fig. 1 is a perspective of my improved holder in position upon the side wall of a house with a bottle suitably supported thereby.

Fig. 2 is a plan of the sheet metal blank from which the holder shown in Fig. 1 may be made.

As a simple, inexpensive method of manufacture, I prefer to construct my improved holder of a sheet metal blank and which is so shaped as to form the complete article shown in the drawing. It is obvious however, that the article need not be formed of an integral metal blank to come within the scope of the claims and the invention. I have furthermore referred particularly to the use of my holder as a support for milk bottles, but it is evident that it could be used for other purposes.

As formed from an integral metal blank 5 as shown in the drawing, the blank would be cut to the shape shown in Fig. 2. This blank is then bent on the dotted line 6 forming two angularly disposed portions 7 and 8. The portion 7 is perforated as at 9 to receive nails, screws or other suitable securing means through the use of which the device might be secured to the side wall of a house as shown in Fig. 1. It is apparent that the device might be secured where desired and at such height from the floor as might be desired. This portion 7 is slitted as at 10 to form a plurality of tongues 11. As shown in the drawing the middle tongue portion is secured to the side wall of the building and a ticket may be inserted between such middle portion and the outside tongue portions for releasable support thereby. The outer tongue portions might, if desired, be secured to the wall and the intermediate portion left free therefrom to engage the ticket. I merely show a preferred form.

The portion 8 of the holder which corresponds to the shelf of a bracket is rolled downwardly on opposite sides to form a pair of gripping jaws 12 which engage on opposite sides of a bottle 13 so the bottle will be supported thereby about the neck in suspended position below the shelf 8. The top of the bottle is in close proximity to the under surface of the shelf 8 thereby preventing disengagement of the bottle from its support.

What I claim is:

A bottle holder formed of a sheet metal blank bent to form two angularly disposed portions one of which is adapted to be secured to a wall and is slitted to form a plurality of gripping tongues adapted to releasably engage for support a ticket placed therebetween and said other portion of which blank is rolled downwardly upon itself on opposite sides to form opposed gripping jaws adapted to engage the neck of a bottle to support the same.

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