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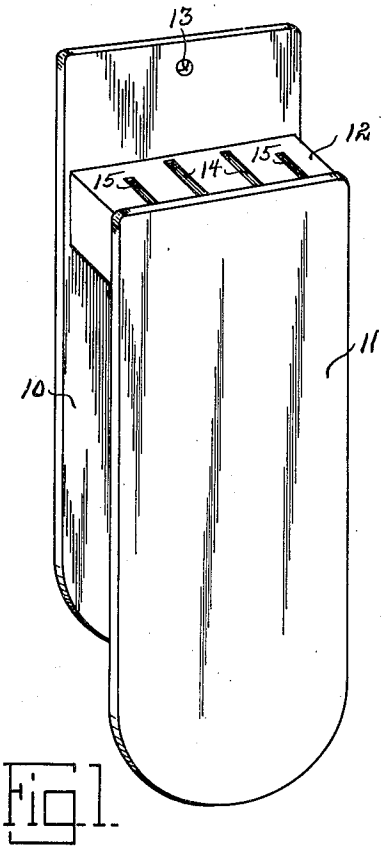


Fig. 1.

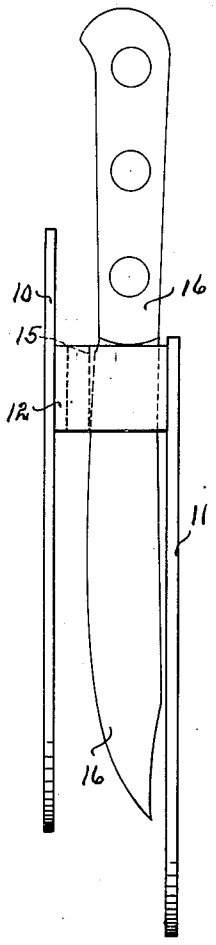


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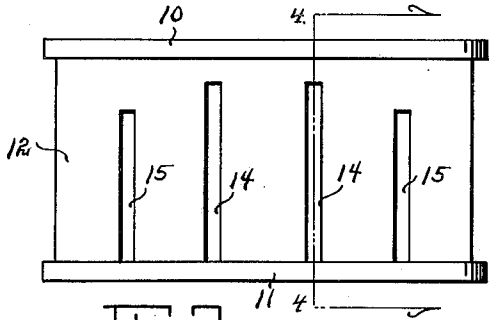


Fig. 3.

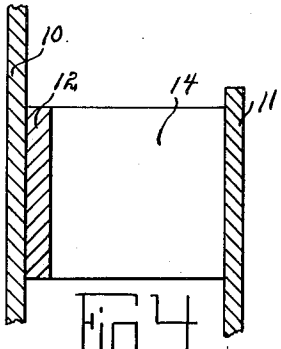


Fig. 4.

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The principal object of my invention is to provide an economical handy knife holder that protects the sharpened edge of the knife blade and prevents possible injury to a person by completely covering the front of the knife blade.

A further object of my invention is to provide a simple knife holder that may be supported on a wall, cupboard or like, that will successfully hold, display and support a plurality of frequently used knives.

A still further object of my invention is to provide a knife holder for holding a plurality of knives that permits the easy selection of the knife desired.

A still further object of my invention is to provide a knife holder wherein a plurality of knives may be readily disposed therein or as equally easily removed therefrom.

A still further object of this invention is to provide a knife holder that is highly attractive, refined in appearance, and durable in use.

These and other objects will be apparent to those skilled in the art.

My invention consists in the construction, arrangement and combination of the various parts of the device, whereby the objects contemplated are attained as hereinafter more fully set forth, pointed out in my claim and illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of my knife holder ready for use.

Fig. 2 is a side view of my knife holder showing the same holding a knife.

Fig. 3 is an enlarged top plan vew of my knife holder.

Fig. 4 is a vertical cross sectional view of a portion of my knife holder taken on line 4—4 of Fig. 3.

In previous knife holders, there have been a number of drawbacks. These holders, in a number of cases, exposed the blades, thereby giving rise to a chance injury to both the knives themselves and to the users. In others, the knife blades come in contact with each other, causing them to become dull and nicked. Also, where a plurality of knives are reposed in a single rack, it is most difficult to get the right knife without pulling out a number of them to determine which is the right one. I have overcome such objections as will be appreciated and as hereinafter more fully set forth.

Referring to the drawing, I have used the numeral 10 to designate the back portion of my knife holder. This back portion may be made from a comparatively thin sheet of wood or other like material and is of elongated design having its top cut off at substantially right angles to its marginal side edges and with its top two corners rounded. The lower end of the back 10 may be of any suitable design, but in the drawing I show the same having a rounded lower marginal edge. The numeral 11 designates the front portion of my knife holder and this front portion 11 is an exact duplicate of the back portion 10, thereby facilitating production and making for economy. The numeral 12 designates a spacer block of wood or like material positioned between the back portion 10 and front portion 11 as shown in Fig. 1. This block 12 is of rectangular construction and has its upper surface flat. The back portion 10, block 12 and front portion 11 may be secured together by any suitable means such as glue, nails, screws, bolts or like. After these three portions have been properly secured together, a rigid structure is obtained with a substantial area between the front and back portions below the block 12 as shown in Fig. 2. In securing the elements 10, 11 and 12 together, the back 10 which is secured to the back of the block 12, extends a substantial distance above the upper surface of the block 12. The block 12 extends transversely of the two parallel arranged front and back portions and its upper surface is, therefore, parallel with the upper edges of the back and front portions 10 and 11. Although, the back portion extends substantially above the upper surface of the block 12, the upper portion of the front portion 11 only extends a slight distance above the upper surface of the block 12 as shown in Fig. 4. With the back portion extending a substantial distance above the block, the front portion 11, although a duplicate of the back portion 11, will extend downwardly to a plane substantially below the plane of the back member 10. The member 13 designates a small hole in the center upper end of the back 10 for hanging the device on a screw, nail or like. The numeral 14 designates two spaced apart slot openings in the block 12. The numeral 15 designates two slot openings in the block 12, spaced apart from the slot openings 14 and having a width substantially less than the width of the slot openings 14 and 15, are all spaced apart from each other, and extend completely through the block 12 and are arranged longitudinally of the front and back portions. These slot openings in the block 12 are formed in the block 12 before the parts 10, 11 and 12 are assembled and may be formed by a gang saw or like. These slots 14 and 15 do not extend to the extreme back side of the block 12,

but do extend to the extreme front end of the block 12 as shown in Fig. 3. Obviously, these slots are designed to receive the blades of the knives and, due to their various widths, will take knife blades of different sizes. In Fig. 2, I show a knife 16 being held by my device with its blade extending through one of the slot openings in the block 12. With a knife in such position, the major portion of such blade will be held and supported between the back portion 10 and front portion 11 and below the block 12. The front portion 11 will conceal the sharp knife blade and protect individuals thereby from injury. The back portions 10 will prevent the knives from scarring or otherwise marring the wall or other supporting surface to the back of the knife blades. Obviously, it is a simple matter to place the knife blades through the slot openings 14 and 15 and it is easy to withdraw the knives from such hole slots. The knives will be supported in proper positions by their enlarged handle portions engaging and resting on the upper surface of the block 12. As the slot openings 14 and 15 are spaced apart from each other, the blades of the knives will also be held in spaced relationship to each other. By having the portion 10 extending a substantial distance above the block 12, there is no danger of marring the wall or other supporting surface during the operation of inserting the knife blades in the slot openings or removing them from the slot openings.

Some changes may be made in the construction and arrangement of my improved knife holder without departing from the real spirit and purpose of my invention, and it is my intention to cover by my claim any modified forms of structure or use of mechanical equivalents which may be reasonably included within its scope.

I claim:

In a device of the class described, consisting of three pieces, a block portion having a plurality of vertical slot passageways, communicating with its front side, an elongated flat back member secured to the back of said block member and extending a substantial distance above said block member, and an elongated portion being a duplicate of said back portion secured to the front side of said block portion having its upper portion terminating a substantial distance below the top surface of said back portion, and its lower portion terminating a substantial distance below the bottom of said back portion.

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