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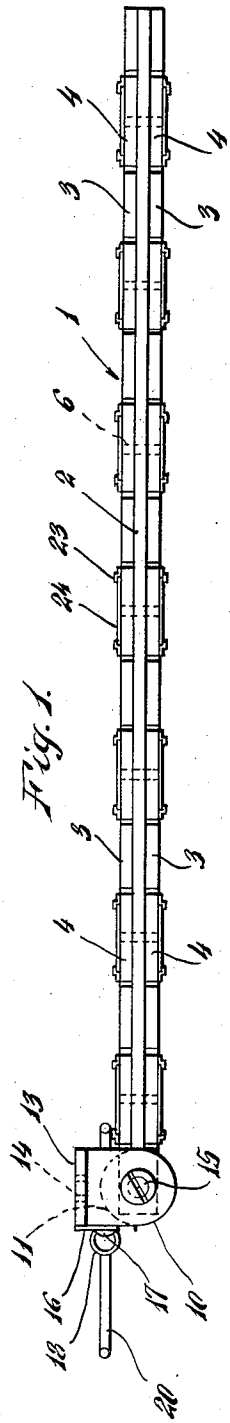


Fig. 1.

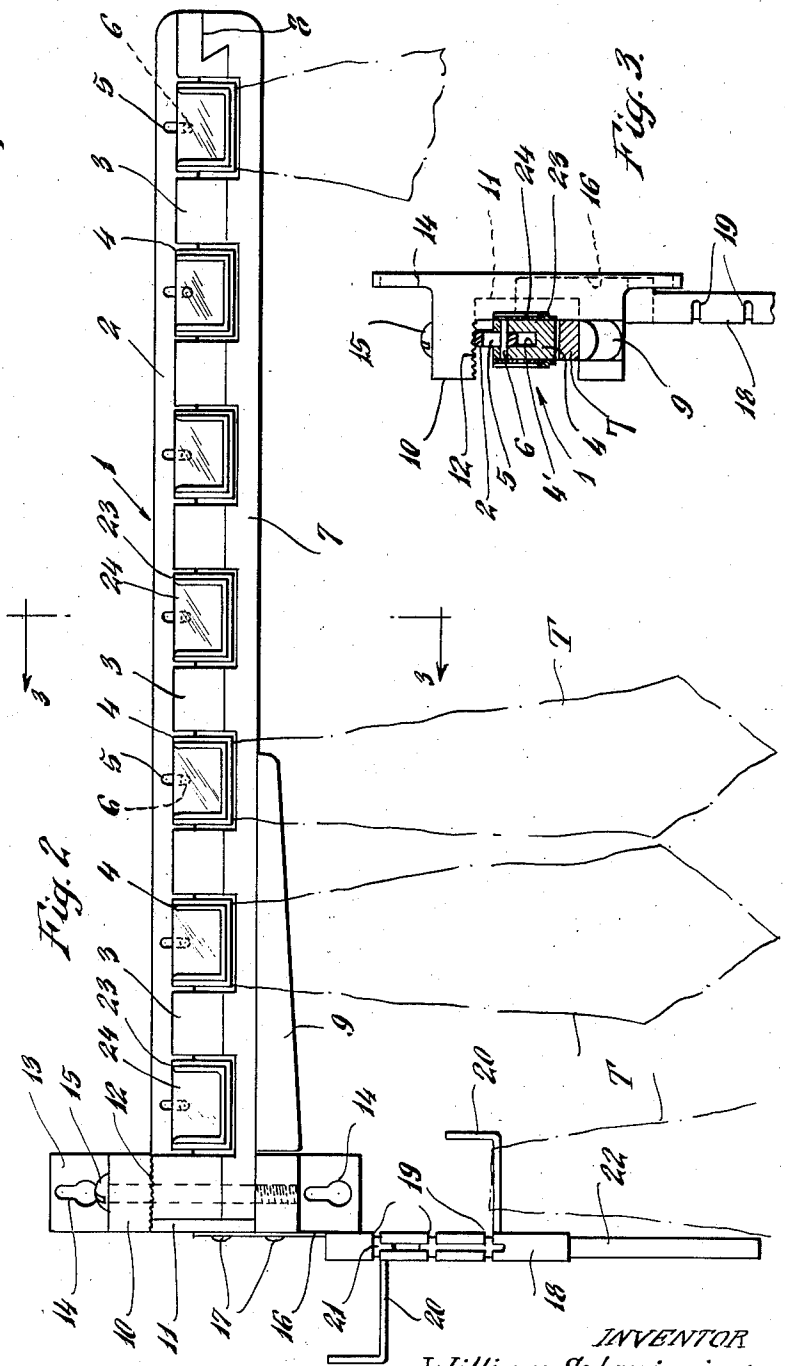


Fig. 2

Fig. 3.

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This invention relates to racks and, more particularly, to racks for neckties.

The main object of the invention is to produce a tie rack which may be made entirely of wood or composition material, thus circumventing conditions under which metal is either unavailable or too expensive to use. Another object is to provide such a rack which entails the simplest sort of construction and the least expense of manufacture. Still another object is to provide a rack of this character in which the neckties are held in place by a downward pressure of a component element of the structure, such as may arise from its weight or from a pressure creating device. A further object is to provide a rack of this nature in which each necktie is treated individually, so that its hanging or its removal does not interfere with the hanging or removal of other neckties. It is also an object of the present invention to facilitate the arrangement of the neckties on the rack and to make it difficult for them to slip off the recessed tie holding bar on which they are hung.

Yet still another object of the present invention is the provision of a tie rack on which for each ordinarily used tie there is provided a labelled place so that the person using this device can more easily select a tie which fits to a certain garment, or which he prefers to wear on certain occasions or days; and in addition this tie rack is provided with facilities for holding reserve neckties which are not worn ordinarily.

Further objects of the instant invention reside in any novel feature of construction or operation or novel combination of parts present in the embodiment of the invention described and shown in the accompanying drawing whether within or without the scope of the appended claims and irrespective of other specific statements as to the scope of the invention contained herein.

In the drawing:

Figure 1 is a top plan view of a preferred embodiment of my invention;

Figure 2 is a side elevation of the same; and

Figure 3 is a sectional view on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2.

Similar numerals refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

In the drawing the numeral 1 denotes a pair of longitudinal members which are of the same length, and the lower of which is a tie holding bar 7 whose upper side is provided with a multiplicity of recesses arranged in spaced relation to each other, whereas the upper member is an arm 2 to which a multiplicity of spacing members 3 is secured. A U-shaped cover piece 4 is vertically shiftable on arm 2 between each two spacing members 3 and is adapted to exert a slight downward pressure on a necktie T hung in a recess of bar 7. This downward pressure of the cover pieces could be caused by any suitable means, such as springs or the like and its purpose is to prevent a dislodging or a falling of ties off the rack. However, I prefer to make the cover pieces 4 sufficiently heavy to exert said downward pressure and to attach them loosely to the arm 2 by means of pins 6 which extend through the flanges of the U-shaped pieces 4 and through vertical slots 5 in arm 2, which projects partially into the open center spaces 4' of the pieces 4 (Fig. 3).

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The parts 2 and 7 normally are held closely together by means of interlocking dovetail-shaped recesses 8, which are provided at the outer extremities of arm 2 and of the bar 7, as may be seen in Fig. 2. A tie T can then be taken easily from the device by simply pulling it off the bar 7, and this can be done quickly without dislodging other ties. A reinforcement rib 9 is preferably provided at a portion of the lower side of bar 7.

The bar 7 and arm 2 are pivotally secured between a pair of lugs 10, which are extended from a lug base 11 that is carried by a vertical securing bar 13. The inner side of at least one lug 10 is preferably provided with a roughage 12 in order to prevent an inadverted swinging of arm 2 and/or bar 7. The securing bar 13 is provided with openings 14 through which screws or nails (not shown) can be extended for the purpose of securing the device to a wall or to a closet door or the like. A screw 15 is vertically extended through the lugs 10 and through the end portions of the arm 2 and the bar 7, so that the latter can be rotated horizontally about the axis of the screw 15. When a tie T is placed upon bar 7, the parts 2 and 7 are rotated at different angles around screw 15, so that arm 2 is no longer above bar 7, and then the tie can be placed properly into a recess of bar 7. However, for taking a tie from the bar 7 it is not necessary to rotate the arm 2 relative to bar 7, as previously referred to.

In order to facilitate the storing of reserve ties, which are not placed upon the bar 7, I prefer to attach a reserve tie holder to the device. This reserve tie holder preferably consists of a tube 18 whose flattened upper portion 16 is laterally secured to the lug base 11 by means of nails 17 or in any other suitable manner. The tube 18 is provided with T-shaped slots 19 which are connected to each other by their vertical portions

(Fig. 2), and pins 21 and 22 which carry hangers 20 are rotably and shiftably arranged in the tube 18. Each of the hangers 20 preferably consists of a thin elongated member which extends radially for a certain distance from a pin 21 (or 22) through a slot 19 and whose outer extremity is bent upwardly.

I prefer to label the cover pieces 4 on one or both sides so that each cover piece 4 will identify the proper place for a certain tie. For instance, each cover piece can be provided with an inscription naming a day of the week if the user of the device wishes to wear a different tie every day, so that the device will constitute a seven day necktie holder. Or the cover pieces 4 can be provided with inscriptions indicating the garments in connection with which, or the occasions at which, each tie is to be worn. While such inscriptions can be printed or written directly upon the cover pieces 4, I prefer to provide them with small frames 23 which are open at the upper side and which hold a transparent sheet 24, so that a piece of paper bearing the tie identifying inscription can be placed under each transparent sheet 24.

While there has been shown and described and pointed out the fundamental novel features of the invention as applied to a single modification, it will be understood that various omissions and substitutions and changes in the form and details of the device illustrated and in its operation may be made by those skilled in the art without departing from the spirit of the invention. It is the intention, therefore, to be limited only as indicated by the scope of the following claims.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent in the United States is:

1. A necktie holder comprising a securing bar from which a pair of lugs is extended, a tie holding bar and an arm being pivotally secured between said lugs, a plurality of cover pieces having means for vertical shifting on said arm and being adapted to exert a downward pressure on neckties

hung in recesses at the upper side of said tie holding bar, and a spacing piece secured to said arm between each two cover pieces, said arm and said tie holding bar being of the same length and having recesses at their outer extremities adapted to interlock with one another when said arm is directly above said tie holding bar.

2. A necktie holder comprising a vertical securing bar, a tie holding bar having a plurality of recesses in spaced relation in its upper portion and being hinged to said securing bar for horizontal rotation about a vertical axis, an arm of the same length as said tie holding bar having a plurality of vertical slots in parallel spaced relation and being hinged to said securing bar above said tie holding bar for horizontal rotation about the same axis which holds said tie holding bar, a plurality of U-shaped cover pieces having vertical flanges above the recesses in said tie holding bar being loosely attached to said arm by means of pins extended through said slots and through the flanges of the cover pieces and being sufficiently heavy to exert a downward pressure on neckties hung in said recesses, and spacing pieces stationarily secured to said arm between said cover pieces, said arm as well as said tie holding bar having dove-tail-shaped recesses at their outer extremities adapted to interlock with one another when said arm is directly above said tie holding bar.

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