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Fig. 1

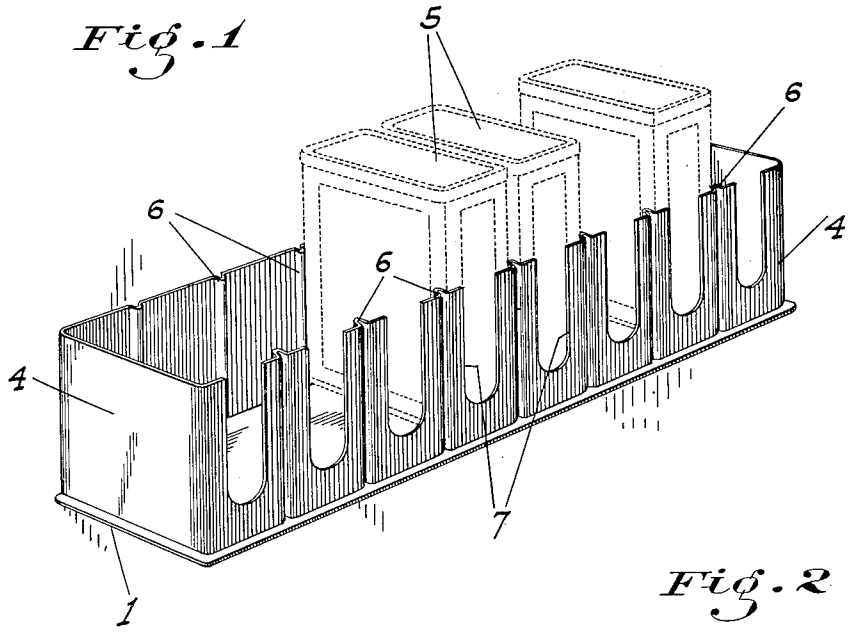
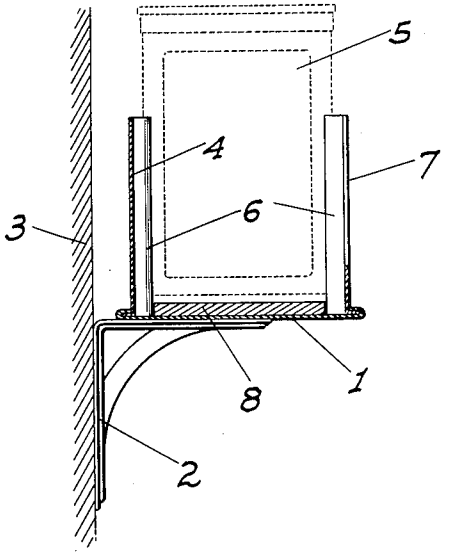


Fig. 2



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This invention relates to kitchen accessories, my principle object being to provide a holder particularly intended for the rectangular cans in which spices of different kinds are retailed, and which is so constructed that a row of such cans may be retained in an orderly and relatively fixed but interchangeable arrangement relative to each other; and so that the names of the different spices as printed down the ends of the cans as usual will be readily visible without having to remove the cans from the container.

Such cans whose contents are frequently used in cooking operations may therefore be kept in a definite place and in an orderly manner where they are always handy for instant use whenever necessary.

A further object of the invention is to produce a simple and inexpensive device and yet one which will be exceedingly effective for the purpose for which it is designed.

These objects I accomplish by means of such structure and relative arrangement of parts as will fully appear by a perusal of the following specification and claims.

In the drawing similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the several views:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of my improved holder.

Fig. 2 is a cross section of the same.

Referring now more particularly to the characters of reference marked thereon, the device comprises a rectangular relatively long bottom plate 1 which may set directly on a shelf or the like or be provided with brackets 2 underneath for attachment to a wall, and so disposed relative to the bottom plate that the back edge of the latter will be spaced outwardly from the wall a short distance.

Secured to and projecting upwardly from the bottom plate all around the same is a continuous wall 4 substantially one-half the height of the cans 5 which the device is intended to support; the distance between the back and the front of the wall being slightly greater than the major width of the cans so that the latter will fit readily therebetween.

At evenly spaced intervals along the wall the back and front portions of the same are formed with transversely opposed inwardly projecting vertical ribs 6, which are shallow as to their depth but relatively wide or thick and are spaced apart lengthwise of the holder even distances which are slightly greater than the minor width of the cans.

The back and front of the wall, together with the corresponding pairs of ribs therefor form retaining stalls for individual cans which fit freely between the ribs but are definitely held in a certain location in the container. The front wall between each pair of ribs is cut away from the top downwardly for the greater portion of its area in the form of large slots, as shown at 7, so as to fully expose the name of the contents of the cans, which names are always printed vertically on one end or the other of the cans.

The cans are thus retained against shifting relative to each other or from upsetting, while being separated by the wide ribs sufficiently to enable any can to be readily selected and grasped without interfering with the other cans.

The holder, if provided with the brackets and attached to a wall, being then disposed a short distance away from said wall, there is no danger of the wall being stretched by the cans during the action of inserting the same into place in the holder.

The structure is preferably made of sheet metal so as to be light, cheap and sanitary, and if it is desired to deaden the sound when the cans are inserted the bottom plate may be covered by a strip 8 of cushioning or sound absorbing material. The provision of the shallow ribs instead of continuous partitions not only cheapens and facilitates the construction, but is an aid to the more ready cleaning out of the holder when necessary, since the bottom area remains practically unobstructed from end to end.

The holder is intended to be made in various sizes not only to accommodate different numbers of cans of any one certain standard size, but so as to also hold corresponding numbers of cans of a different size.

From the foregoing description it will be readily seen that I have produced such a de-

vice as substantially fulfills the objects of the invention as set forth herein.

While this specification sets forth in detail the present and preferred construction of the device, still in practice such deviations from such detail may be resorted to as do not form a departure from the spirit of the invention, as defined by the appended claims.

Having thus described my invention what I claim as new and useful and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

A can rack including a base, a container on the base comprising a relatively stiff rectangular wall having pairs of narrow ribs struck inwardly in opposed relation dividing the container into equal sized can locating areas, the wall in the front of each area being cut away to expose the face of a can placed in the compartment.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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