This invention relates to an improved kitchen utensil supporter, an object of the invention being to provide a device which may be manufactured and sold at an extremely low price, which can be readily attached to a wall or other support, which will be so shaped as to accommodate a number of articles or utensils, and which is provided with a plurality of openings in any of which short, removable hooks may be provided to support articles or utensils, so that in a relatively small device a maximum of space and supporting means are provided for articles, utensils or any other devices.

A further object is to provide a device of this character with hooks of novel form and provide the device itself with openings so that the user of the device can selectively locate the hooks as may be deemed desirable to accommodate the articles to be supported.

With these and other objects in view, the invention consists in certain novel features of construction and combinations and arrangements of parts, which will be more fully hereinafter described and pointed out in the claim.

In the accompanying drawings—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved device;

Figure 2 is a top plan view of the device;

Figure 3 is a view in vertical transverse section on the line 3—3 of Figure 2;

Figure 4 is a fragmentary view in longitudinal section on the line 4—4 of Figure 2.

A represents a box-like tray, which is preferably of general oblong shape having upstanding walls throughout its edges. The rear wall 1 of tray A is perforated to receive screws or other securing devices 2 to secure the same to a supporting back board 3 or directly to the wall or other support. Of course when the back board 3 is employed this board is adapted to be secured to the wall or other support, but the back board 3 may be dispensed with altogether, if desired.

At the ends of the tray A metal strips 4 are located, the ends of these strips being bent around and secured to the rear wall 1 and the front wall 5, respectively, and the intermediate portions of said strips lie substantially parallel with the end walls 6 of the tray and have horizontal flanges 7 at their upper edges.

The front wall 5 and the bottom of the tray A are made with recesses 8 in which articles 9 may be located and supported, and other articles, such as knives, etc., may be located in the spaces between the end walls 6 and the strips 4.

The bottom of the tray A, the flanges 7 and the front wall 5 of the tray are provided with openings 9 in any desired number and arranged in any desired formation.

In connection with the device I employ two different forms of supporting hooks 10 and 11. The hooks 10 are adapted to hang vertically and may be positioned in any of the openings in the bottom of tray A or in the flanges 7, while the hooks 11 are designed for use in the front or other vertical walls of the device.

These hooks may be made from ordinary wire nails, the heads 12 acting to limit the movement of the hooks and supporting the latter, and the main portions of the hooks bent so as to provide convenient means for the reception of openings, eyes, links, etc., in utensils, to support the same.

The hooks 10 hang vertically and are supported in this position, and the hooks 11, which are preferably slightly smaller than the hooks 10, have an additional bend therein, as indicated at 13, to allow the intermediate portion of the hook to rest against the wall through which it is projected.

These hooks can be conveniently removed and placed in any openings desired, so that I shall provide in connection with my improved device a sufficient number of these hooks for all ordinary purposes, and the user of the device can arrange the hooks as may be desired.

I also provide a hanging bail, which may be of wire with the ends projected through the bottom of the tray A and bent at an angle or upset, as shown at 15, so as to hold the hanger in place.

While I have illustrated what I believe to be a preferred embodiment of my invention, it is obvious that various changes and alterations might be made in the general form of the parts described without departing from
my invention and hence I do not limit myself to the precise details set forth but consider myself at liberty to make such changes and alterations as fairly fall within the spirit and scope of the appended claim.

I claim:

A device of the character described, comprising a tray, the front wall and bottom of which are recessed to accommodate articles, said front wall between the recesses having 10 openings therein, and hooks removably positioned in said openings, each of said hooks normally positioned outside of the front wall and having a horizontal portion projecting through an opening in the front wall and having a head located against the inner face of the front wall.

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