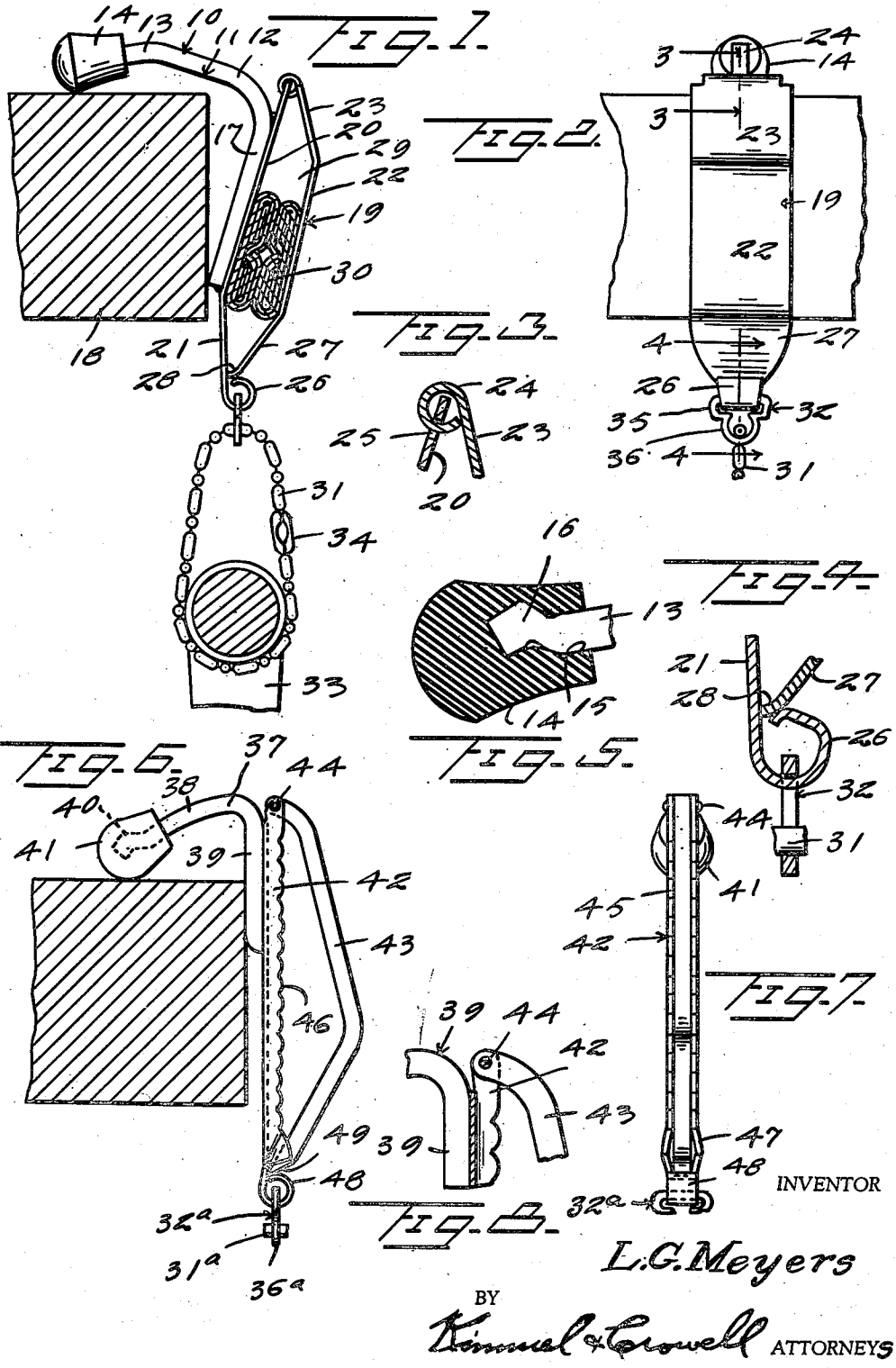
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This invention relates to an article suspension means and is an improvement over the device embodied in my copending application Serial No. 157,810, filed April 24, 1950, for Combined Bag and Glove Holder.

An object of this invention is to provide an article suspension means for suspending one or more articles from an edge of a table or counter which is so constructed that at least one of the articles, such as a pair of gloves, may be removed from the device while the device is supporting a handbag, umbrella, or other article.

Another object of this invention is to provide a suspension means of this kind which may be left attached to a handbag, umbrella or the like.

A further object of this invention is to provide a suspension means including an improved clamping means for clamping gloves or the like to the device.

With the above and other objects in view, my invention consists in the arrangement, combination and details of construction disclosed in the drawings and specification, and then more particularly pointed out in the appended claim.

In the drawings:

Figure 1 is a detailed side elevation of an article suspension means constructed according to an embodiment of this invention showing the device in applied position on an edge of a table or the like.

Figure 2 is a detailed front elevation of the device partly broken away.

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

Figure 4 is a fragmentary sectional view taken on the line 4—4 of Figure 2.

Figure 5 is a fragmentary sectional view showing the cushioning member on the upper leg of the device.

Figure 6 is a detailed side elevation partly broken away of a modified form of this invention.

Figure 7 is a detailed front elevation of the device shown in Figure 6.

Figure 8 is a fragmentary side elevation of the upper portion of the device shown in Figures 6 and 7.

Referring to the drawing the numeral 10 designates generally an inverted L-shaped supporting bar which is provided with an upper side 11 formed with obtusely related members 12 and 13. The member 13 has mounted on the terminal end thereof a rubber cushion member 14 provided with a socket 15 within which member 13 snugly engages in order to provide a means whereby cushion member 14 will be firmly held on member 13. The latter is formed with an offset retaining member 16 as indicated in Figure 5.

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L-shaped member 10 includes a depending side 17 which is adapted to extend downwardly over the edge of the support 18, and depending side 17 has secured thereto a clamping member generally designated as 19. The clamping member 19 includes an inner or fixed body 20 constructed in the form of an elongated flat plate which is formed at its lower end with an obtusely disposed extension 21.

A pivoted clamping jaw 22 is pivoted at its upper end to jaw 20 being formed at its upper end with an obtusely disposed extension 23, and a narrow eye or loop 24 extends from extension 23 and loosely engages through an opening 25 formed in the upper end of jaw 20. The lower end of extension 21 is formed with a looped keeper 26 which projects forwardly, and the lower end of jaw 22 is formed with an obtusely and inwardly inclined extension 27 terminating in a locking member 28 which is engageable with keeper 26.

The two extensions 23 and 27 project in the same direction from jaw 22 so as to provide a space 29 within which a pair of gloves 30 or other articles are adapted to be clamped. A chain or flexible suspension member 31 depends from keeper 26 and is loosely secured to keeper 26 by means of a loop attaching member 32. The handle 33 of an umbrella, handbag or other article is adapted to be engaged through the flexible member 31, and member 31 is formed with a clasp or locking member 34 of conventional construction so that flexible member 31 may be releasably engaged about the handle 33.

Attaching member 32 is preferably stamped from a piece of sheet metal and is formed with an upper loop 35 of elongated configuration for engagement about the looped keeper or ring 26. Attaching member 32 also includes a split ring or eye 36 as shown in Figure 2 through which the chain or flexible member 31 is adapted to loosely engage.

Referring now to Figures 6, 7, and 8, there is disclosed a modified form of this invention which includes a substantially inverted L-shaped supporting bar 37. The bar 37 includes an upper side 38 which is disposed on an acute angle with respect to the depending side 39. The terminal end portion of upper side 38 is offset as indicated at 40 so that the rubber socket or cushioning member 41 will be snugly retained on the end of upper side 38. The depending side 39 has secured thereto an elongated channel-shaped

fixed jaw member 42, and a substantially V-shaped clamping jaw 43 is pivoted at its upper end as indicated at 44 between the parallel sides 45 of channel member 42.

The edges of the parallel sides of channel member 42 are formed with blunt or rounded teeth 46 so that an article engaged between jaw 42 and 43 will be held against downward slipping. The lower end of jaw 42 is provided with a pair of outwardly flared guide members 47 and a ring shaped keeper 48 extends from the lower end of jaw 42 and is engaged by the reduced end 49 of jaw 43. An attaching member 32*a* similar to attaching member 32 is engaged with keeper 48, and a chain or flexible suspension member 31*a* is engaged through the eye 36*a* of attaching member 32*a*.

In the use of this suspension means the gloves may be clamped in the clamping member 19, and a handbag, umbrella, or other article may be secured to the flexible suspension member 31. The device is engaged over an edge of a table, counter, or the like by disposing the upper leg 11 on the upper side of the support with cushion member 14 engaging the upper surface of the support so as not to mar the surface of the support and also to prevent sliding of the suspension member relative to the support.

What is claimed is:

An article suspension means comprising an inverted substantially L-shaped supporting bar, said L-shaped supporting bar including an upper side and a depending side, said upper side being engageable over an edge of a support, a cushion member on the end of said upper side, a fixed clamping jaw of flat sheet material secured to the depending side of said bar and extending upwardly above said upper side, a movable clamping jaw of flat sheet material pivotally secured at one end to an end of said fixed jaw exteriorly and above the conjunction of the legs of said L-shaped supporting bar, cooperating means including a rolled and downwardly turned end of said fixed jaw forming a depression adjacent the end of said fixed jaw and an upwardly and inwardly curved end of said movable jaw engageable in said depression for latching said movable jaw in clamping position, said jaws each including an obtusely angled bend whereby to form a parallelogram having spaced apart sides when said jaws are closed and a flexible suspension member depending from the rolled end of said fixed jaw.

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