

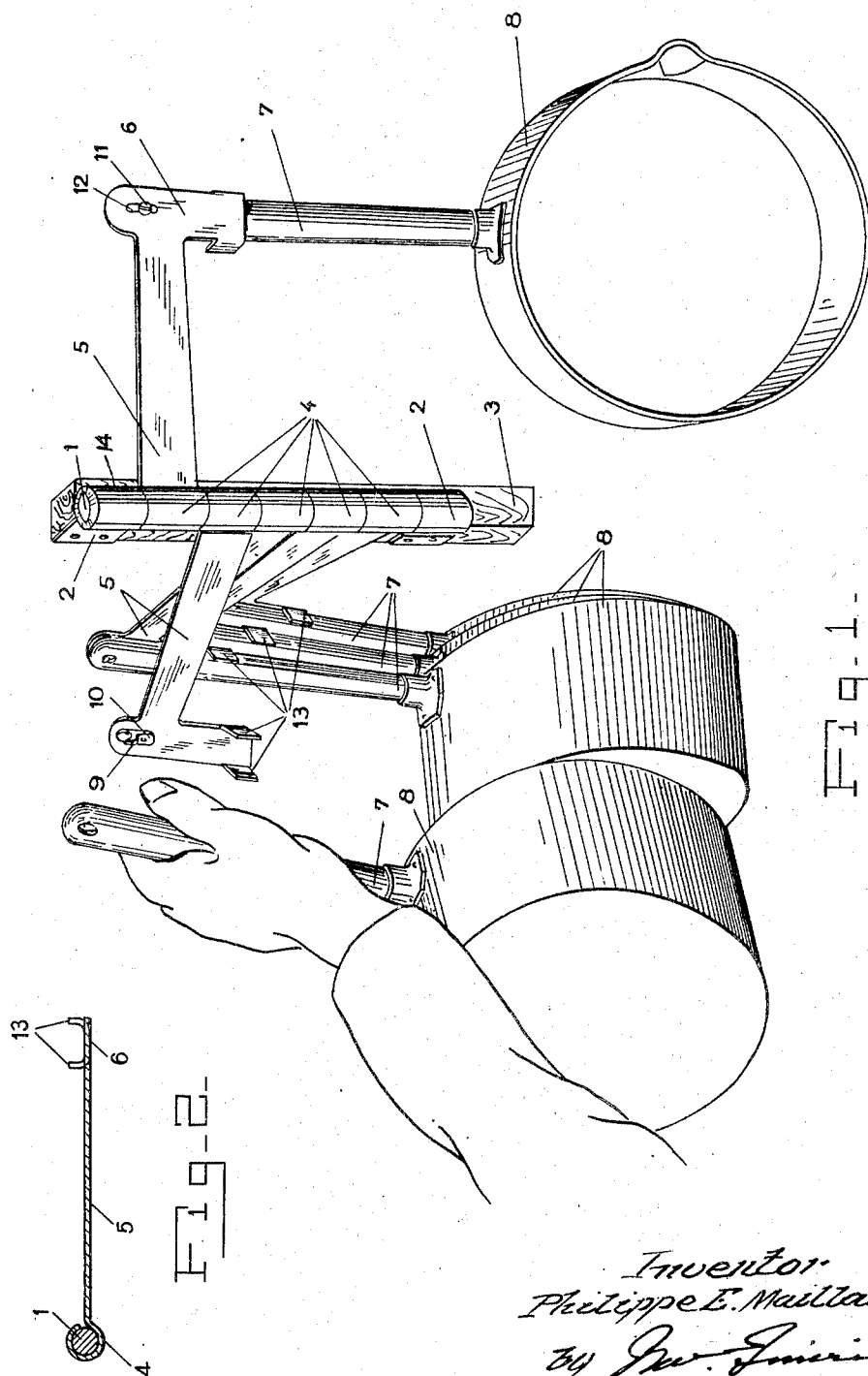
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Separate elements of kitchen saucepan sets are usually hung on boards secured to the wall. In more up-to-date installations however it is preferred to dissimulate and protect them against dust, etc. by accommodating them into a suitable piece of furniture.

The scope of my present invention is to provide a saucepan holder adapted notably to be mounted within a piece of furniture or kitchen cabinet which, due to its particular arrangement, will make it possible to put the saucepans away with the minimum space occupied and take them out separately.

The saucepan holder according to my invention is characterized by the fact that it comprises a vertical spindle which may be secured at both ends to a supporting upright, said spindle carrying in turn a set of sockets provided with horizontal identical arms having hook members thereon for hanging the saucepans, the sockets being arranged at different levels so that by hanging the saucepans with decreasing sizes from the uppermost to the lowermost arm, the saucepans will fit into one another after the arms are folded back in a superposed relationship.

On each arm the hook member is carried by means of a lug so positioned as to form approximately the same angle with the vertical as the saucepan handle, and the latter is caused to bear against the lug which is further provided with two ears adapted to hold the handle against any lateral displacements.

Other characteristics and advantages of the invention will appear from the following description of a preferred embodiment thereof which is given solely by way of example with reference to the accompanying drawing, in which: Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the saucepan holder ready for use, the cabinet or other piece of furniture in which it is mounted being not shown, and Fig. 2 is a cross-sectional view taken horizontally through one of the holder arms.

According to the embodiment illustrated in the drawing, the supporting portion is provided by a vertical spindle 1, supported in the usual manner at each end by a socket 14 having a lug 2 for securing the assembly to a post or similar member 3 preferably inside, and close to the door of, a cabinet or other suitable piece of furniture (not shown). Journalled on the spindle 1, for rotational movement thereon and in a superposed relationship are a number of horizontal arms 5, each having an integral bearing 4 engaging the spindle 1, and the arm is made by die stamping sheet material or by casting. The arms 5 are of

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uniform length and each terminates in a lug 6 which is disposed at an angle to the vertical and perpendicular to the arm, said angle corresponding to that between the saucepan handle 7 and the outer surface of the saucepan. Furthermore, the width of each lug equals that of the respective handles. The upper portion of each lug is provided with a hook member 9 comprising a supporting plate 10 secured on the lug by means of a screw 11 passing through a vertical slot 12 in said portion. The lower portion of the lug is formed with lateral ears 13 which are spaced from the hook member and spaced from each other so as to accommodate therebetween the corresponding saucepan handle.

In the example illustrated in Fig. 1 the saucepan holder comprises five arms and the uppermost arm is shown in its outstretched position obtained by rotating it about its vertical axis. Assuming now that the spindle is secured on a stile or upright adjacent to the cabinet opening, it will be seen that this arm will be positioned outside the cabinet and may be folded back for example against the open door thereof. Three other arms have been left inside the cabinet and the fifth one is shown in an intermediate position inside the cabinet.

As illustrated in Fig. 1, the saucepans, which are of a conventional, five-size type so that they may fit into each other, are suspended in a progressively decreasing sequence to the arms, the largest saucepan hanging from the uppermost arm and the smallest saucepan to the lowermost arm. The vertical spacing of the arms is such and the position of the supporting plates 10 along the respective slots 12 is so adjusted that all the saucepan axes lie in the same horizontal plane and at the same distance from the spindle axis, whereby the saucepans will fit into each other when the arms are folded back in superposed relationship as shown.

Fig. 1 shows also the position of the saucepan holder when it is desired to remove therefrom a saucepan of the size immediately below the largest of the set. In order to accomplish this it will be merely sufficient to spread out the uppermost arm, grasp the handle of the saucepan in question by exerting a slight pulling action thereon so as to remove it from the saucepan of the next lower size which is left within the cabinet, and finally unhook the desired saucepan from its lug.

With the arrangement according to my invention, the saucepans may be put away and sheltered against dust while occupying a very small

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space, for example on the inner wall of a cabinet or other piece of furniture. Any of them may be removed at will by swinging outwardly the arms carrying the saucepans of larger sizes, the other saucepans remaining inside the cabinet. The use of such a device is therefore very practical.

Of course, the invention is not restricted to the particular embodiment described and illustrated which is merely given by way of example.

What I claim is:

1. Saucepan holder, comprising a supporting member, two sockets secured to said supporting member, a vertical spindle secured in said sockets, bearings journalled on said spindle in superposed relationship to each other for rotation thereon, arms extending horizontally from said bearings, lugs slightly inclined from the vertical and formed on the free ends of said arms, a pair of guiding ears in the lower portion of said lugs and a hook member on the upper portion of said lugs.

2. Saucepan holder, comprising a supporting member, two sockets secured to said supporting member, a vertical spindle secured in said sockets, bearings journalled on said spindle in superposed relationship to each other for rotation thereon,

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arms extending horizontally from said bearings, lugs slightly inclined from the vertical and formed on the free ends of said arms, a pair of guiding ears in the lower portion of said lugs, vertical slots in the upper portions of said lugs and adjustable hook members secured in said slots at levels enabling said saucepans to nest with each other.

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