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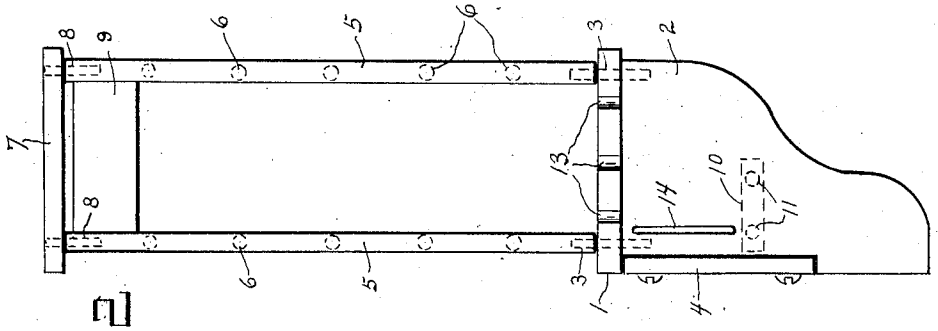


Fig. 1.

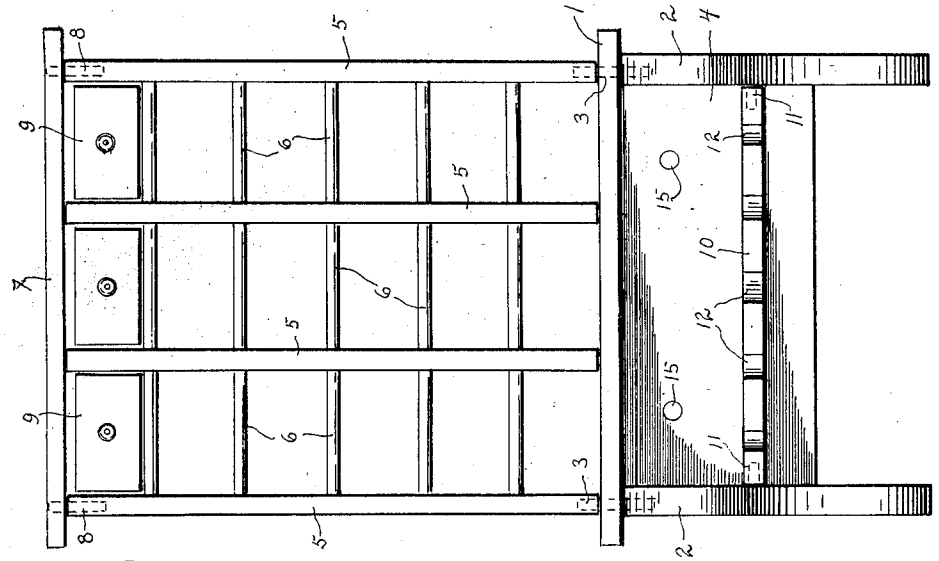


Fig. 2.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EVAN L. REED, a citizen of the United States, residing at Sterling, in the county of Whiteside and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Wall-Racks, of which the following is a specification.

My invention has reference to wall racks, and aims to provide a convenient place for keeping tools of various kinds, nails, tacks, screws and similar articles. It is more specially designed for domestic use, and is so constructed that it can be reduced to a compact space for shipment or storage. It is also simple and cheap in construction, and can be made largely from small pieces of material, such as are frequently found in the scrap pile.

In the drawings:

Figure 1 shows my invention in front elevation. Fig. 2 is a side elevation thereof.

1 represents a base, supported on a pair of brackets 2, which are secured removably thereto by means of pins 3 fixed in the brackets and passing through openings in the base. The brackets 2 are further united by means of a rear piece 4, secured to said brackets by screws or similar fastening means.

Mounted on the base 1 is a pair of frames, each formed of supports 5, united at intervals by rounds 6. The side supports 5 are provided at their lower ends with openings to receive the upper ends of the pins 3, and the upper ends of said frames are provided with a cap 7, held in place by means of pins 8 passing upwardly into openings in such cap.

The spaces between the supports 5 are designed to contain boxes, as shown at 9, for the storage of screws, nails, and similar articles, which are found to a greater or less extent in all households. The boxes may be specially constructed for the racks, or the openings can be made of a suitable size to receive cigar boxes of usual form or similar small boxes which are frequently employed for the storage of the articles named.

Between the brackets 2 is removably held a bar 10, by means of pins 11 fixed in the brackets and projecting into openings in the ends of said bar. In the forward edge of the bar are recesses 12 for the support of hammers, monkey-wrenches, and similar tools. The ends of the base 1 are likewise provided with recesses 13 to hold screw-drivers, awls, and articles of that class. Said brackets also contain slits 14, in which hand-saws may be supported. The back 4 has a pair of openings 15, for the use of nails or screws in supporting the device in position against a wall.

It will be seen that the only permanent fastening means about the rack are the screws by means of which the back 4 is held in place. For the purposes of shipment the cap 7 can be instantly removed, and the frames released from connection with the base 1. These parts and the bracket portion can then be packed in a small space. If it is desired to reduce the dimensions of the package further, the back 4 can be removed by releasing the screws, which permits the separation of the brackets 2 and bar 10. The parts can be as readily re-assembled.

Where tools and articles of the kind herein mentioned are kept in a home it is usually in a hap-hazard manner, and considerable time is lost in finding different tools as they are needed. The present invention will provide a means for keeping the same in an orderly fashion, and so that each article will be in its proper place, when wanted.

What I claim and desire to secure, is:

A device of the class described, comprising a bracket member; a pair of spaced-apart skeleton frames detachably mounted on said bracket member, and formed of vertical pieces united at intervals by horizontal members adapted for the support of a plurality of boxes; and a top member detachably connected with said frames, and adapted to hold the same in proper spaced-apart relation with each other.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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