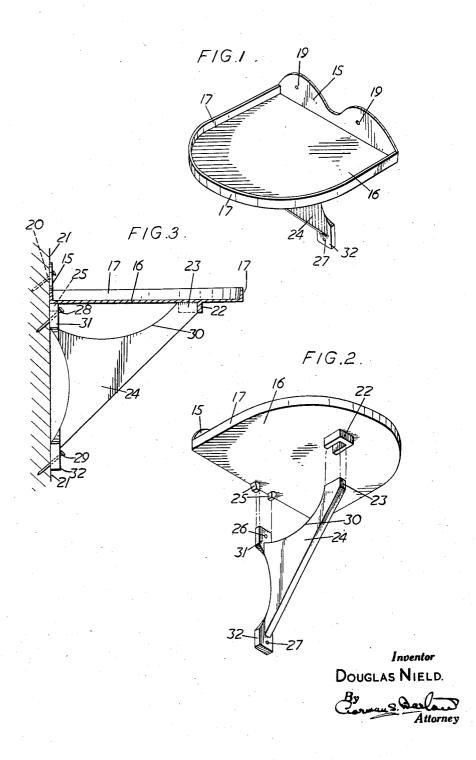
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DISPLAY SHELVES

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This invention comprises improvements in or relating to display shelves and one of the objects of this invention is to provide a shelf which can be readily hung on the walls of the interior of a house in a simple and efficient manner, and where hung, on a plastered wall, without damaging the plaster on the wall.

A further object of this invention is to provide a shelf, the position of which can be readily changed to suit the varying tastes of the individual in harmony with changing furnishing schemes, without damage to the walls.

A still further object of this invention is to provide a 25 display shelf which can be readily used for the display of flowers or plants on the walls, as moisture from such, is trapped on the shelf and cannot damage the wall decorations.

Referring to the accompanying drawings:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a shelf according to this invention, provided with a detachable strut member.

Figure 2 is a perspective view of the shelf shown in Figure 1, with the strut member detached from the shelf, and

Figure 3 is a vertical section showing the shelf and strut member secured to a wall or the like.

In carrying the present invention into practice as shown upon the accompanying drawings, the upstanding part 15 of the shelf 16 is adapted to abut the wall 21 as shown in Figure 3, and in this upstanding part 15 of the shelf is provided a plurality of downwardly inclined apertures 19 which are adapted to accommodate pins 20 for driving into the plaster or the like of the wall 21 to retain the shelf in position. The peripheral edge of the shelf 16 is provided with an upstanding part 17 so as to form a dished like top to the shelf 16 in order that moisture or the like may be retained therein and thus prevent it from draining down the wall.

The front part of the shelf 16 on its underside is 50 provided with an abutment 22 having two depending side and end walls into which the front part 23 of a detachable strut member 24 is adapted to be located, whilst the rear part of the strut member 24 is adapted to be located between two projections 25 formed on the underside of the shelf 16. Downwardly inclined apertures 26, 27 are provided at the top and lower parts of the strut member 24, in each of which is adapted to be located pins 28, 29 for securing the strut member 24 in

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position. The strut member 24 is cut away adjacent the apertures 26, 27 for the insertion of the pins 28, 29 in order to permit of the pins being driven into position in the wall 21.

The strut member 24 is of a substantially right-angle triangle shape and is preferably formed from the same material as the shelf 17. The edge 30 of the strut 24 is curved or cut away in order to permit of the downwardly inclined aperture 26 being provided at the top part 31 of the strut member 24 which is adapted to be located adjacent the wall into which the pin 28 is located for driving into the plaster or the like of the wall 21. A similar inclined aperture 27 is formed in said strut member 24 at the lower end 32 thereof, for likewise securing this end of the strut member 24 to the plaster or the like of the wall 21.

The forward part of the shelf top 16 will be supported by the forward part 23 of the strut member 24 and so provide a very rigid and strong shelf and support for the display of ornaments, flowers or the like.

Where larger and longer shelves are used, a plurality of strut members may be provided to strengthen the support given for an increase in weight placed on the shelves.

What I claim is:

A display shelf, comprising a shelf part, an upstanding peripheral flange on said shelf part, downwardly inclined apertures in said upstanding peripheral flange where said peripheral flange is to abut a wall, to receive 30 pins to be driven into a wall in an inclined direction to retain said shelf in position, an abutment on the forward part of the underside of said shelf having two depending side walls and an end wall, a pair of locating projections on the rear underside of said shelf in align-35 ment with the abutment thereon, a detachable strut member for location between the two depending side walls and end wall of the abutment and locating projections on the underside of said shelf between which the upper part of said strut member is located, a cut away portion at the top edge of said strut member to permit of a downwardly inclined aperture being provided in the top rear portion of the strut member for a pin to be driven into a wall in a downwardly inclined direction, and a downwardly inclined aperture in the lower part of the strut member to receive a pin to be driven into a wall in a downwardly inclined direction for holding the strut member in position on a wall.

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