

SPECIFICATION

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In the preferred form said shelf comprises a wooden core and two veneers adhered to the core, each veneer covering a respective major face and a respective longitudinally extending edge, and each extending from the line of intersection between the upper major face and said other edge to the line of intersection between said one edge and the lower major face, the veneers adjoining one another along said lines of intersection.

The shelf preferably also includes pieces of veneer covering the transverse ends of said core.

For a better understanding of the present invention, and to show how the same may be carried into effect, reference will now be made to the accompanying drawing in which the single Figure is a fragmentary pictorial view of a shelf in accordance with the present invention.

The shelf illustrated comprises a wooden core 10, the wood of the core 10 being of sufficient strength for its intended purpose but not necessarily being of pleasing appearance. Thus relatively cheap but strong wood can be used. The core is covered with veneer which can be a natural wood veneer or a simulated veneer of synthetic plastics material as will be described in more detail hereinafter.

The longitudinally extending edge 12 of the shelf is radiussed in such manner that it merges smoothly with the upper major face 14 of the shelf and intersects, at right angles, the lower major face 16. To achieve this, the edge 12 extends through a 90 degree arc.

The other longitudinally extending edge 18 of the shelf is also radiussed, the radiussing of this shelf being such as to cause it to merge smoothly with the lower major face 16 and intersect, at right angles, the upper major face 14.

The major face 14 and the edge 12 which merges therewith are covered by a veneer 20. This veneer extends from the line of intersection of the face 14 and the edge 18 to the line of intersection between the face 16 and the other edge 12. A veneer 22 covers the

lower major face 16 and the edge 18, the longitudinally extending edges of the veneers 20 and 22 abutting.

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The transverse end faces of the shelf are covered by pieces of veneer 24. These pieces are chosen to simulate the end grain of a good quality piece of wood. Alternatively, these ends can be stained.

The veneers 20, 22 and 24 are adhered to the core 10 by means of a suitable adhesive.

It will be understood that by turning the shelf over the selected face 14 or 16 can be brought uppermost. Similarly, by turning the shelf around, the requisite edge 12 or 18 can be brought into use as the front edge.

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