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Dry-Goods Racks.

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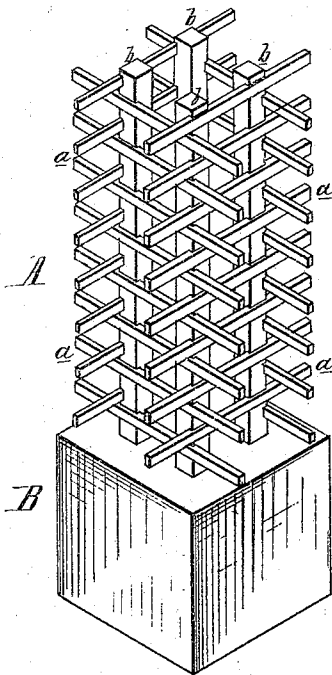


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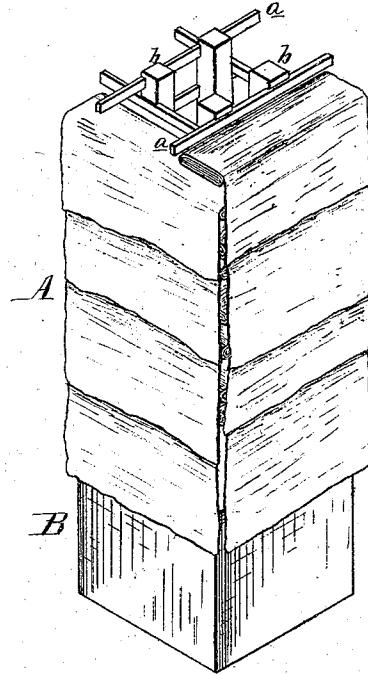
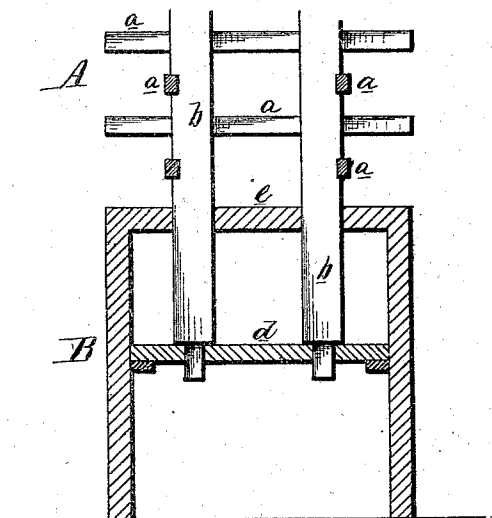


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IMPROVEMENT IN DRY-GOODS RACKS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES N. CADWALLADER, of the city and county of Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania, have invented a Rack for the Display of Goods, of which the following is a specification:

The object of my invention is a convenient and portable rack upon which to display dry-goods at the doors of stores, &c., and on which the said goods can be so disposed as to present the appearance of being piled solidly upon a packing-box in the usual manner.

I accomplish this object by combining a rack, A, shown in the perspective views, Figures 1 and 2, with a box-like base, B, from which, in the present instance, the said rack can be readily detached for convenience in carrying it in and out of a store, the pieces of goods being laid upon the arms *a* of the rack, so that their flaps may overlap each other and the top of the box, the whole thus presenting the appearance of a solid pile of goods upon a packing-box.

The rack consists of four posts, *b*, secured together by the projecting cross-pieces *a*, which form the arms for the support of the pieces of cloth, the cross-pieces on one side being midway between those on the adjacent sides. The box-like base B has a shelf or partition, *d*, through openings in which, as well as through the top *e* of the box, extends the post or posts of the frame, which can readily be detached by raising it.

Pieces of cloth and dry-goods are usually displayed at the doors of stores by piling them one upon the other on a packing-box, which forms a base for the pile, it being very diffi-

cult, when the goods are thus arranged, to remove a piece or roll from the bottom without danger of toppling over the whole pile, while it is necessary that whole pieces of goods, or pieces of a uniform thickness, should be used in order to form a uniform pile and to display the goods to advantage.

With my improved rack precisely the same appearance is presented as by a solid pile supported on a packing-box, as the flaps of the lowermost pieces overlap the top of the box-like base, and the rack is entirely concealed by the goods arranged upon it. The rack, moreover, is perfectly steady, so that there is no danger of the pile toppling over, and as the rolls of goods are supported by the arms, and not by each other, they can be of any thickness, and any piece can be removed without endangering the pile, while as good a display can be made with small pieces of goods, or even with remnants, as with a solid pile composed wholly of entire pieces of goods of a uniform thickness.

I claim as my invention—

The combination, with the box-like base B, of a rack, A, having two series of arms, *a a*, arranged at right angles to each other, and adapted to receive goods to be displayed, as set forth.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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