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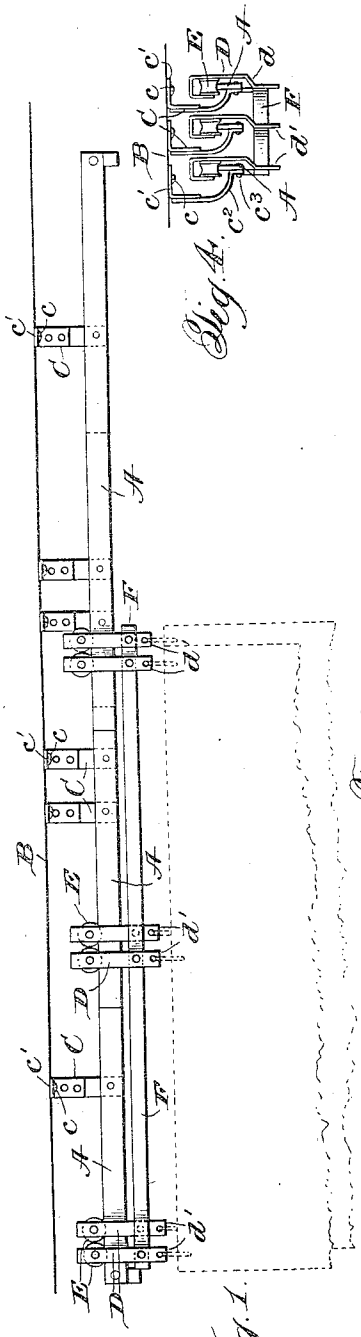

Fig. 1.

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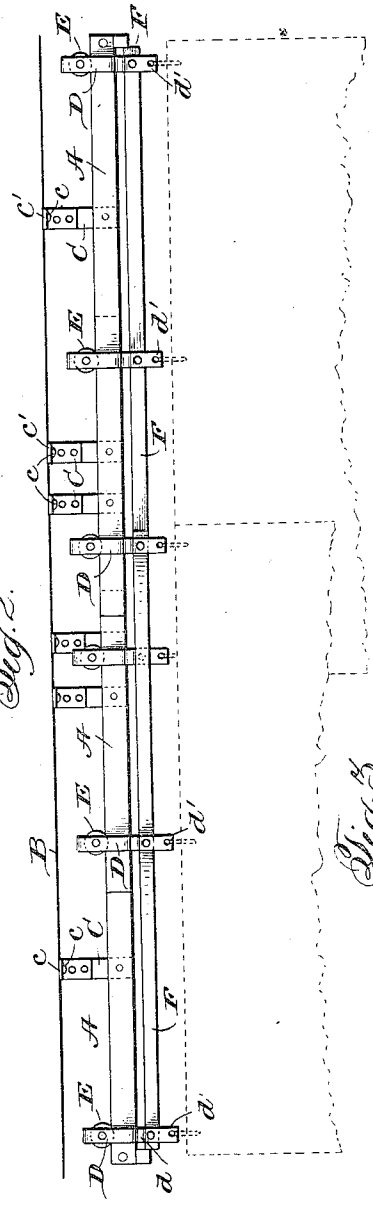

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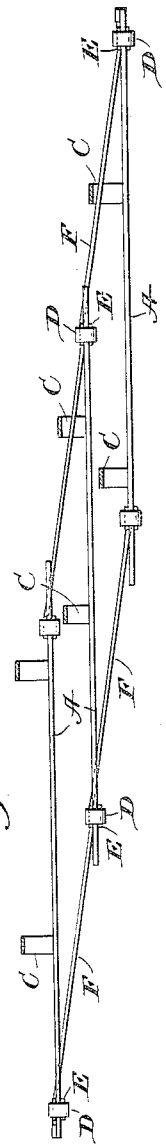

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRED NESSEL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Marion, in the county of Grant and State of Indiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Supports for Rugs, Curtains, and the Like, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawing.

This invention relates to improvements in means for supporting rugs, curtains and the like.

The primary object of the invention is to provide supporting means efficiently and cheaply constructed, capable of supporting a plurality of articles in compact relation and in a manner by which any one of said articles is accessible without dismounting the others.

A convenient embodiment of the invention comprises the provision of instrumentalities for supporting a plurality of rugs or curtains in substantially parallel juxtaposed relation so as to occupy a minimum amount of space while presenting the outermost rug to view, enabling others in turn to be readily presented for inspection, either alone or in comparison with others. Structurally, said embodiment of the invention comprises broadly a pair of parallel tracks, hangers adapted to traverse the same, and connecting members between oppositely disposed hangers on the tracks arranged diagonally of the tracks so that the rug or other device suspended from the support may be disposed approximately longitudinally of the tracks.

The details in the construction and arrangement of the several parts will be apparent from the specific description hereinafter contained when read in connection with the accompanying drawings forming part hereof and wherein the above mentioned embodiment of the invention is illustrated. It will be apparent, however, that the invention is capable of embodiment in other forms and devices and that the support is capable of practical service in connections other than supporting rugs and curtains.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a side view of a device showing the rugs in their compact or nested relation, Fig. 2 is a similar view with hangers relatively shifted to display several of the rugs, Fig. 3 is a top view of the device, and, Fig. 4 is an end elevation.

Referring more specifically to the drawings wherein like reference characters designate corresponding features in the several views, A represents a series of parallel tracks or rails of substantially the same length arranged in a progressively advancing overlapped relation, as shown in Fig. 3, the same being supported from a ceiling or supporting base B through the medium of brackets C secured at one end to the base by means of screws c engaging flanges c' thereof and at their opposite ends being offset in a lateral direction, as at c^2 and riveted to the rails, as at c^3. The engagement of the lower ends of the brackets with the rails is on the same side of the rails in every instance (Fig. 4) and the offsetting of said lower ends is to provide ample space or clearance for the hangers D now to be defined. These hangers, as well as the rails and brackets heretofore referred to are preferably formed of sheet metal, and the upper end of each hanger is of inverted U-shaped formation for receiving and supporting peripherally grooved rollers E rounded complementary to the tread of the rail to permit slight rocking movements where necessary, to accommodate the thickness of the rugs, for example.

The hangers depend from that side of the rails opposite to the brackets D and are offset inwardly as at d beneath the rail, terminating in downward extensions d' provided with suitable eyes d^2 for the reception of the hooks or pins attached to the rugs. Metallic cross bars F arranged diagonally of the rails are connected at one end to a hanger on the front rail and at its opposite end to a hanger on the rear rail, the central portion of the bar being connected to a third hanger engaging the middle rail. By this arrangement it will be apparent that there is but a single hanger on each rail devoted to each rug and that each rail will accommodate approximately as many rugs as the rail will in turn support hangers, and that the rugs will be arranged approximately lengthwise of the rails so that, looking at the same from the front, either the front rug may be alone presented or the forward rugs shifted laterally to fully present any rug therebehind or to present in overlapping relation a series of rugs to facilitate comparison thereof. It will also be apparent that in a comparatively small

space a large number of rugs may be supported in a manner for ready and satisfactory display, resulting in a great saving both from economy of space and from labor and inconvenience incident to the employment of hangers heretofore known involving either the use of a separate rail and hangers for each rug, or an independent swinging arm for carrying each rug.

It is obvious that the details of the device here presented may be varied without departing from the spirit of the invention.

I claim:—

1. A display rack for rugs and the like comprising separated supporting tracks, a plurality of independent series of hangers thereon adapted to traverse the same, one hanger of each series engaging each track, and separate connecting devices for the several series of hangers extending diagonally of the tracks and engaging the hangers to maintain them in proper relation to the tracks and prevent displacement of the connections from their diagonal position, whereby the rugs supported by the hangers are presented substantially facewise of the tracks and in overlapped relation, each connection being independently movable with its hangers along the tracks.

2. A display rack for rugs and the like, comprising three separated supporting tracks, a series of hangers engaging the intermediate track, and adapted to traverse the same, guiding devices,—a pair for each hanger,—engaging the two outside tracks, separate connecting devices for each hanger and its coöperating pair of guiding devices, the connecting devices extending diagonally of the tracks and engaging the hangers and guiding devices to maintain them in proper relation to the tracks and prevent displacement of the connections from their diagonal position, whereby the rugs supported by the hangers are presented substantially facewise of the tracks and in overlapped relation, each connection being independently movable with its hanger and guiding device along the tracks.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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