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SALES RACK FOR WALL PAPER.

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Fig. 1.

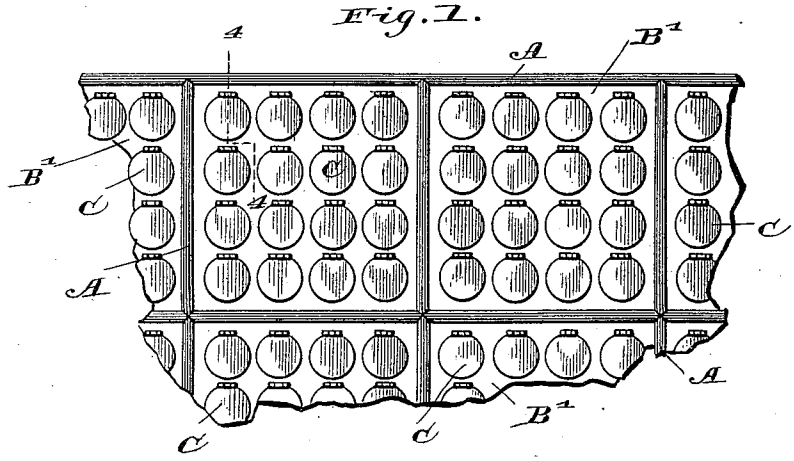


Fig. 2.

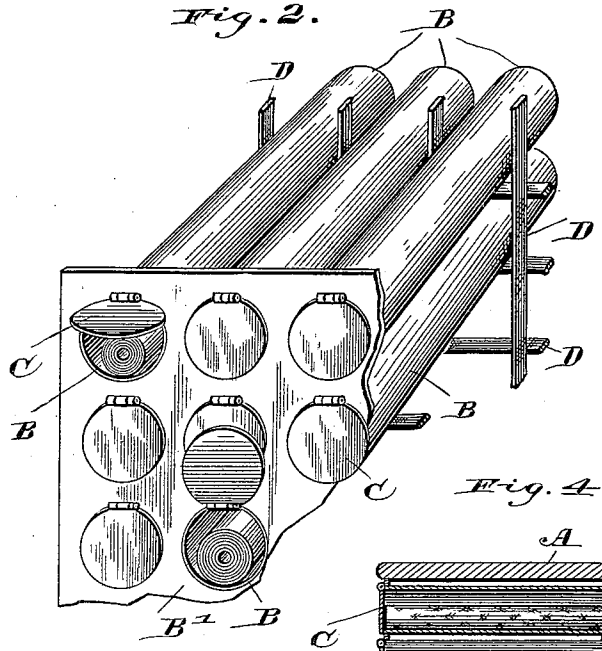


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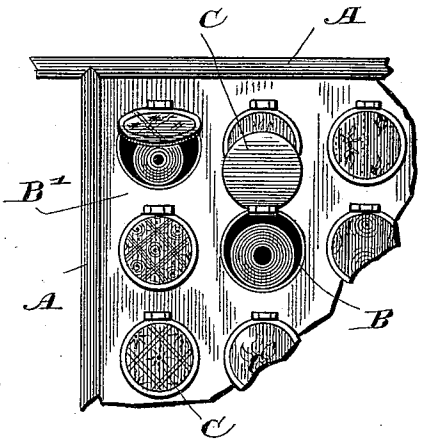
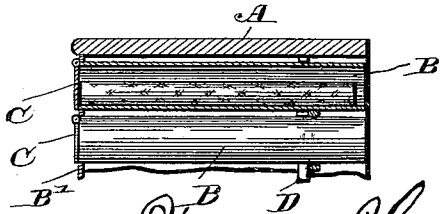


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WALTER H. EASTMAN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Indianapolis, in the county of Marion and State of Indiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Sales-Rack for Wall-Paper, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my said invention is to produce a rack or casing in which to conveniently keep sample rolls of wall-paper for the use of salesmen in displaying the same to customers.

Said invention consists, principally, in providing a casing embodying a series of tubular receptacles, each adapted to receive a roll of wall-paper, and which shall be provided at their front or outer ends with covers, upon the outside of which may be pasted or otherwise affixed samples of the paper contained within the receptacles, all as will be hereinafter more particularly described and claimed.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, which are made a part hereof, and on which similar letters of reference indicate similar parts, Figure 1 is a front elevation of a structure embodying a series of receptacles constructed in accordance with my invention; Fig. 2, a fragmentary perspective view on an enlarged scale; Fig. 3, a front elevation similar to a portion of Fig. 1, but on an enlarged scale; and Fig. 4, a vertical sectional view looking toward the right from the dotted line 4 4 in Fig. 1.

In said drawings, the portions marked A represent the frame-work or casing in which the receptacles embodying my invention are mounted; B, the tubes or receptacles proper of said invention; C, the covers thereto, and D stay bars or strips by which they are united at or near their rear portions.

The frame-work A consists of a preferably wooden structure constructed in compartments of a suitable size to receive the sections or groups of the receptacles of my invention. Manifestly this casing may be constructed in various ways, and it is only necessary that it be of a size and character suitable to support the several groups of receptacles into which in practice my improved sales-rack is most conveniently divided.

The receptacles B are tubular in form and are preferably constructed of sheet metal, usually tin. In practice they are assembled in groups to form a section of the sales-rack, and in my own establishment I have made these groups to consist of sixteen receptacles each. They are united at the front ends by a square plate, through which openings have been made of a size equal to the diameter of said tubular receptacles, and the ends of said tubular receptacles are soldered or otherwise made fast in said openings.

The covers C are preferably circular in form, of a size a little larger than the tubular receptacles, and are hinged to the plate in which the front ends of said tubular receptacles are secured, preferably at a point immediately above the ends thereof and in a position to cover said ends when closed or swung into a position substantially parallel with and close to the surface of said front plate. When hung by their upper edges, as shown, and as I prefer, they will remain closed by gravity and need no fastenings. Fastenings, however, may be supplied, if desired. Upon the outer surfaces of these doors or covers are pasted samples of the papers contained within the receptacles, and by this means the salesman is enabled to select paper for display to customers by a mere glance over the front of my improved sales-rack without handling any other paper than that which he desires to display.

The rear ends of the receptacles B, I prefer should remain open, although they can be covered, if desired. In practice they are usually next to the wall of the building, the whole structure being in the position of ordinary shelving. They are secured in groups or sections by the stay bars or strips D, which pass through them, as shown most plainly in Figs. 2 and 4, and which are soldered to their outer surfaces or otherwise suitably secured thereto.

The whole structure is an exceedingly convenient and desirable device for the purpose.

Having thus fully described my said invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The combination, in a sales-rack for wall-paper, of a series of receptacles, the front ends of which are secured in orifices formed therefor in a plate and provided with hinged cov-

ers, and the rear ends whereof are secured together and supported by stay bars or strips extending between them, substantially as shown and described.

2. The combination, in a sales-rack for wall-paper, of a series of tubular receptacles mounted in a frame-work, each adapted to contain a roll of wall-paper, and covers to said receptacles bearing upon their outer surfaces samples of the papers contained within the receptacles, respectively, and said frame-work, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

3. The combination, in a sales-rack for wall-paper, of a frame-work divided into sections, and groups of receptacles, each receptacle adapted to contain a single roll of wall-paper, said groups being each of a size to fit into a sectional division of the frame-work, substantially as shown and described.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, at Indianapolis, Indiana, this 10th day of October, A. D. 1890.

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