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SIGN RACK.

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Fig. 1

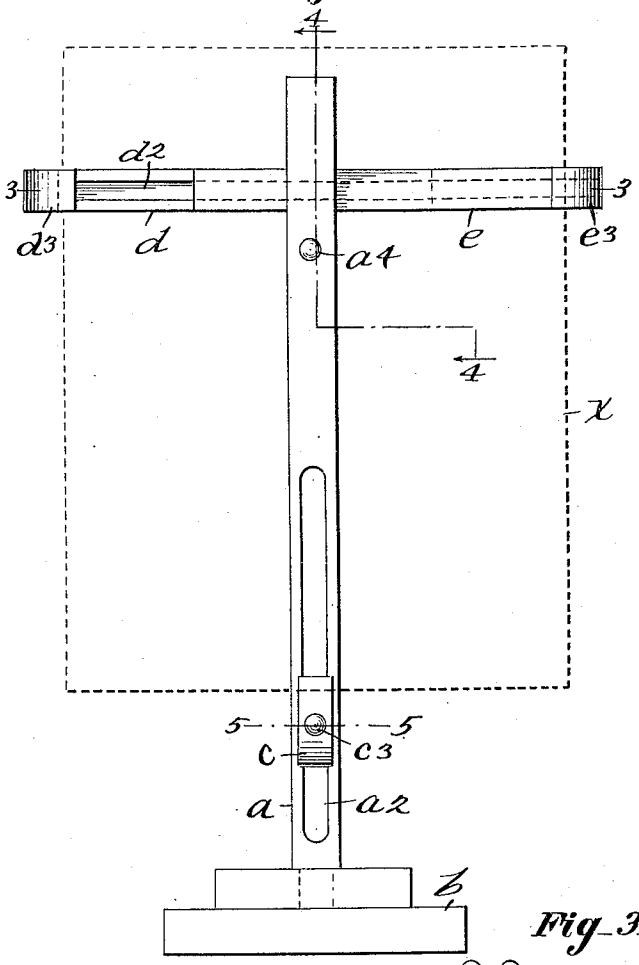


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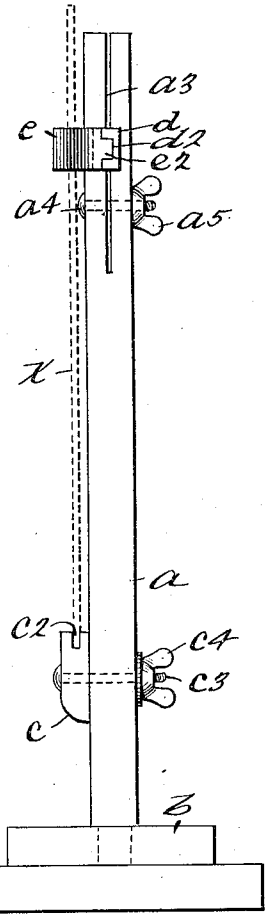


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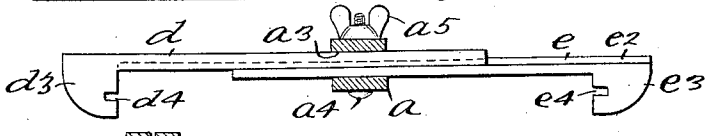


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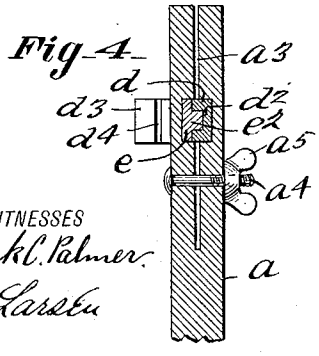
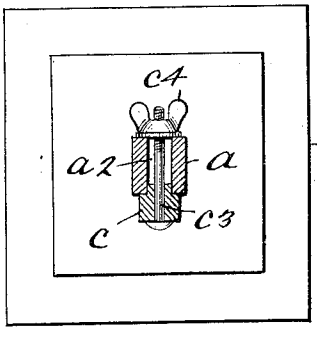


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES E. GASSON, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Kenton, in the county of Hardin and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Sign-Racks, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to racks for holding cards, such as advertising announcements and the like, and my main object is to provide such devices which are readily adaptable to cards of different sizes.

A further object is to provide such devices wherein the card may be vertically adjusted.

A further object is to provide such devices which will be substantially invisible at the front thereof; and further objects are to provide such racks which are simple in construction and use, capable of considerable latitude of adjustment, well adapted to the purpose for which they are designed, and comparatively inexpensive.

My invention is fully described in the following specification, of which the accompanying drawings form a part, in which the separate parts are designated by the same reference characters in each of the views, and in which:—

Figure 1 is a front view of my invention, with a card indicated thereon in dotted lines; Fig. 2 is a side view thereof; Fig. 3 is a plan section approximately on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1; Fig. 4 is a section taken on the line 4—4 of Fig. 1; and Fig. 5 is a plan section taken on the line 5—5 of Fig. 1.

In the drawings forming a part of this application I have shown a present preferred form of embodiment of my invention, comprising a standard a arranged on a base b, said standard having a vertical slot a^2, from front to rear, adjacent the lower end thereof, and in which is a slidably movable block c transversely slotted at its top, as shown at c^2, Fig. 2, and adjustably locked at any point in said slot a^2 by means of a threaded bolt c^3 and wing-nut c^4, this forming a bottom clip for the card indicated by dotted lines at X.

The upper end of the standard a is slotted, from side to side, as shown at a^3 and provided with a threaded bolt a^4 and wing-nut a^5 to clamp two transversely slidable arms d and e within said standard, the arm d having a longitudinal groove d^2 along its face adjacent to the arm e and said arm e being provided with a tongue e^2 resting in and slidable in the groove d^2 and said arms have, each, a forwardly directed lug d^3 and e^3, respectively, having, each, a groove d^4 and e^4, respectively, vertically arranged, and in the vertical plane of the slot or groove c^2 in the adjustable block c, and it will be seen that either or both of the arms d and e may be adjusted with respect to the standard a by merely loosening the wing-nut a^5, and the tightening thereof again locks said arms in desired positions.

In practice, the block c is adjusted vertically into desired position and the card placed, centrally thereof preferably, in the groove c^2, the arms d and e having been previously extended, after which the said arms are moved inwardly of the standard and the card arranged in the corresponding arm grooves d^4 and e^4, the wing-nut a^5 tightened and the rack and card are ready for display, but the card may just as readily be arranged well to one side of the standard, if desired, to meet conditions, as in a show-window. It will thus be seen that a considerable variation of sizes of cards may be accommodated in any one size of my rack, and the card may be arranged in any desired position with respect to the rack, and it will be noted that the only part of the rack that shows from the front is the block c, although a small portion of the arm ends are also visible but in minor degree, it being assumed that the standard is placed back of the goods being displayed, thereby not detracting from the matter on the card or the design thereon, or its attractiveness.

While I have shown a present preferred form of construction, I do not desire to limit myself thereto, but may make any changes therein which come within the scope of the following claim and, with such reservation,

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:—

A card rack, comprising a standard provided with a longitudinally arranged slot at its upper end to form resilient members,

two interengaged, horizontally slidable, card holding, arms arranged between said members, said slot being enlarged to provide a passage therefor, means for clamping said members together to lock said arms against movement, and a card clip at the lower end of said standard.

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

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