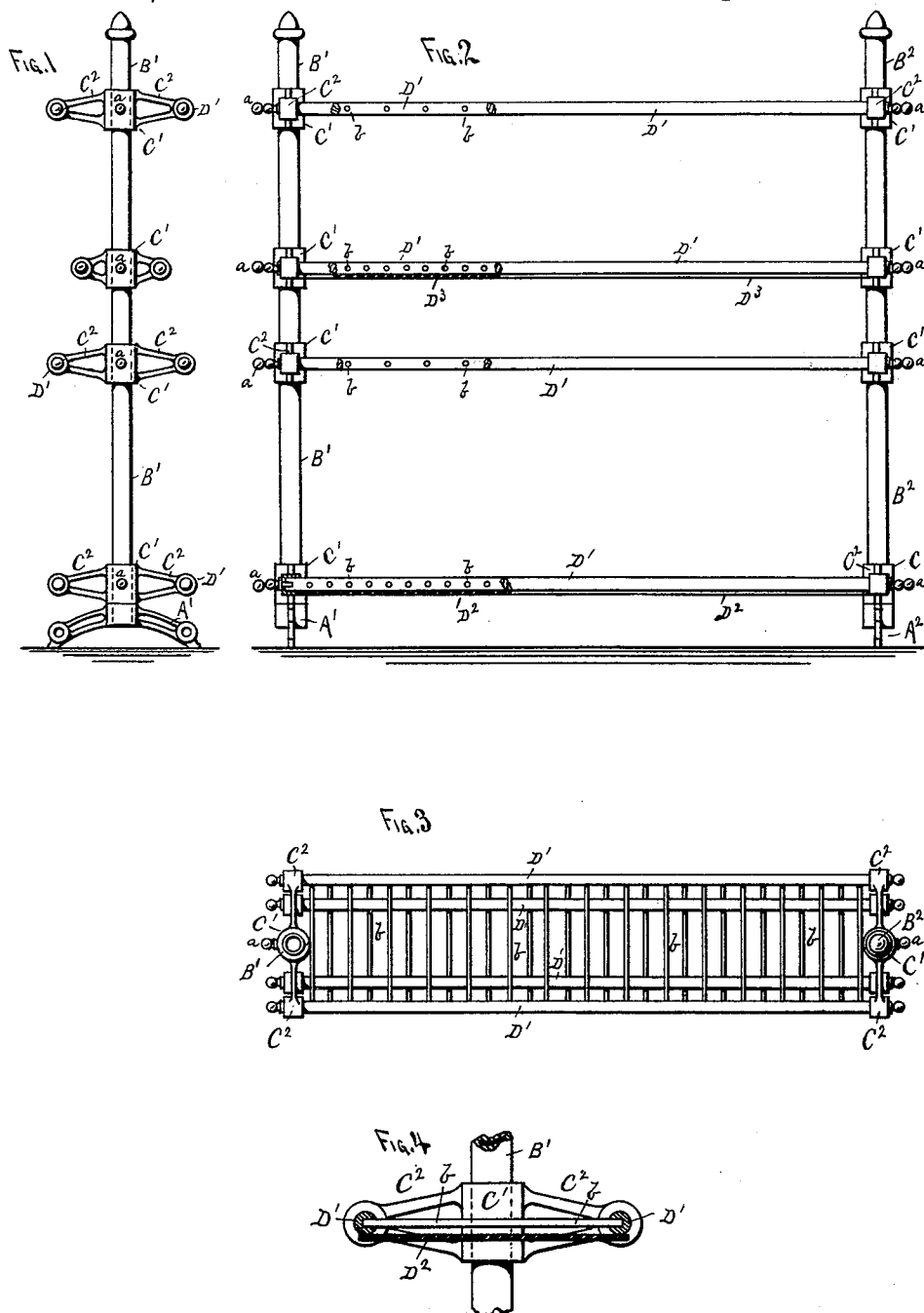


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SAMUEL VAN RANSAELAER HENDRYX, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Farmington, in the county of Dakota and State of Minnesota, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Display-Racks for Parasols, Umbrellas, &c., of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to frames or racks for the display of parasols, umbrellas, walking-sticks, and similar goods in stores, &c.; and it consists in the construction and arrangement as hereinafter shown and described.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is an end elevation, Fig. 2 is a side elevation, partially in section, and Fig. 3 is a plan view, of one of my improved racks. Fig. 4 is an enlarged sectional detail of a portion of one end of the rack.

A' A² represent two base-frames, in which upright standards B' B² are set, as shown. At suitable intervals upon each of these standards small cross-frames are secured, these cross-frames consisting of central collars, C', and oppositely-projecting arms, C², in the outer ends of which arms the ends of horizontal rods D' are secured, as shown, these rods connecting the two sets of bases, standards, and cross-frames, and forming a self-supporting frame-work or rack, as shown. Each opposite pair of the frames C' C² and their connecting-rods D' form a separate rack adapted to be adjusted upward and downward upon the standards, and held at any desired point of elevation by set-screws *a* in the collars C'. I have shown four sets of these adjustable racks, which will be the number usually employed; but a greater or less number may be used, if required. The lowermost rack is usually set, as shown, as near the floor as possible, and with its collars C' resting on the bases A' A², and with a bottom, D³, secured across beneath its rods D', to form a support to the lower ends of a series of umbrellas or parasols, and the next rack set at a convenient height above it to support the handles of the same series of umbrellas or parasols. The third rack from the bottom, as will be seen, is narrower than the others, so that the handles

of the umbrellas or parasols supported by the lower racks may project up outside of its rods D'. The narrow rack, as shown, is provided with a bottom board or plate, D³, to support the lower end of another series of umbrellas or parasols, and the upper rack is supported at a suitable distance above the narrow rack to support the handles of the same umbrellas or parasols. By this means two tiers of umbrellas or parasols may be supported in each complete rack or frame. Cross-wires *b* are shown connecting each opposite pair of the rods D', the spaces between the wires in the open rack being far enough apart to receive the body part of a parasol or umbrella when closed, and the wires in the closed racks, or those having the bottoms D² D³, being as close again to each other, or provided with twice as many of the wires *b*. Each of the spaces between the wires of the closed racks is intended to receive the lower ends of one of the parasols or umbrellas, while each of the spaces between the wires in the open racks is intended to receive two of the umbrellas or parasols, the umbrellas or parasols being inserted from opposite sides of the open racks, and with their lower ends crossing in the closed racks. By this simple arrangement I produce a rack or frame for supporting umbrellas and parasols that can be easily and quickly adjusted to suit different-sized goods, or that can be readily taken apart for shipment or storage. The standards B' B² are preferably made of metal tubes, and the rods D' may also be made of tubes; but they may be made of wood or metal, as desired, or partially of wood and partially of metal.

This invention may be employed to display other articles than umbrellas and parasols, such as walking-sticks, whips, fishing-rods, and similar goods, and under some circumstances it might be found advantageous to dispense with the wires *b*; hence I do not wish to be confined to the use of the wires *b*, as they are not an essential feature of the invention, and their absence would not affect the functions or mode of operation of the other parts of the invention.

Closely-woven wire-cloth or other similar

suitable material might be used in place of the boards D² D³, if desired.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new is—

- 5 1. In a display-rack for umbrellas, parasols, and the like, vertical standards and a support for the lower ends of the umbrellas, &c., said support consisting of cross-pieces carried by the standards, rods connecting the cross-pieces
10 on the two standards, and a bottom or rest supported by said cross-pieces and rods, in combination with a vertically-adjustable support for the upper ends of the umbrellas, &c., said support consisting of cross-pieces vertically
15 adjustable on said standards and rods connect-

ing said cross-pieces on the two standards, substantially as set forth.

2. A display-rack for umbrellas, parasols, and the like, consisting of the standards B' B², supported in bases A' A², cross-frames C' C²,
adjustable upon said standards B' B², rods D',
connecting said cross-frames, separating-wires
b, and bottoms D² D³, substantially as set forth. 20

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in the presence of two subscribing witnesses. 25

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