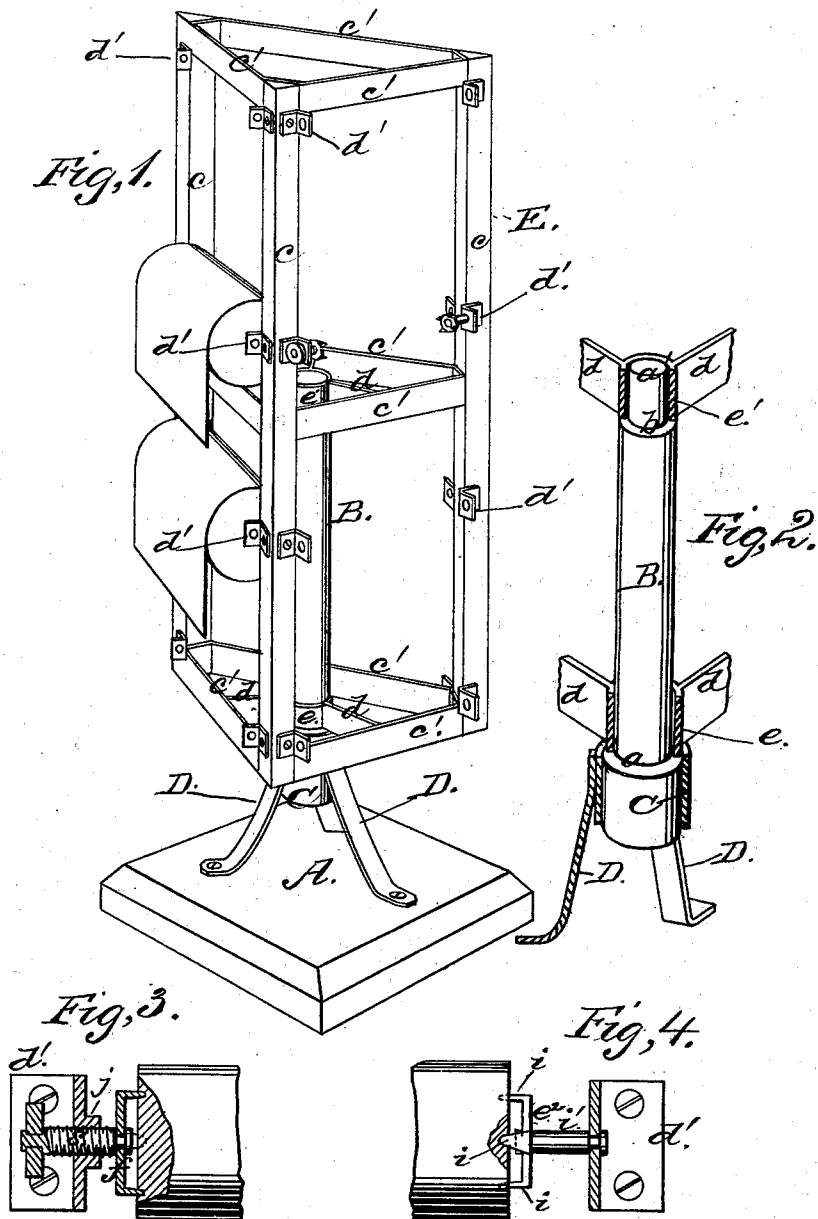


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SAMUEL T. DICKENS, of Joplin, in the county of Jasper and State of Missouri, have invented a new and valuable Improvement in Counter-Stands for Rolled Goods; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the construction and operation of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a representation of a perspective view of my improved stand for roll-goods. Fig. 2 is a detail perspective section of the spindle and journal-rings; and Figs. 3 and 4 are detail views of the grippers.

This invention has relation to improvements in counter-stands for exhibiting roll-goods, such as carpets, jeans, and the like.

The nature of the invention consists in the construction and novel arrangement of parts, as hereinafter shown, described, and claimed.

In the annexed drawings, the letter A designates a broad base, upon which is erected an upright, B, of suitable length. This upright is usually stepped into a metallic socket, C, supported by legs D from the base; but I may use other constructions if I so elect. The upright has near its lower end a collar or shoulder, *a*, and at its upper a rabbet, *a'*, forming a shoulder, *b*.

E indicates a strong upright frame, which is triangular in horizontal section and composed of the triangular corner-bars *c*. The corner-bars are provided with three or more braces, *c'*, one above the other, the two lower ones being supported by means of the arms *d*, the journal-rings *e e'* of which work, respectively, on the collar or shoulder *a* and the shoulder *b* aforesaid. The upright serves, consequently, as a spindle, upon which the frame-stand revolves horizontally.

At regular intervals upon the corner-bars *c* are secured the angle-plates *d'*, the wings of

which are at right angles to each other. These plates are arranged in pairs from bottom to top of the frame, there being as many rows as may be required. One of each pair is provided with a projecting arm, *i'*, upon which rotates a disk, *e²*, having gripping-points *i*, and the other with a female threaded sleeve, *j*, in which is seated an adjusting-screw, *s*, carrying on its end a disk, *f*, also provided with gripping-points, and rotating readily upon the said screw. The bolt or roll of cloth is placed between the grippers *e f* and the screw *s* turned until they take hold upon the ends of the said roll with sufficient force to sustain it. It may be now unrolled to exhibit the color and texture of the same to a purchaser with ease, and as readily rerolled.

The advantage of this exhibitor is that in a comparatively small space upon a counter or floor of a store a large number of rolls of goods may be arranged, and the lumbering up of the counter prevented, and that each and every roll may be shown to a customer without laborious handling and rearranging.

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

The roll-goods exhibitor consisting of the triangular frame E, provided with triangular corner-bars *c*, the braces *c'* on said frame, one above the other, the lower ones of which are supported by means of arms *d*, having journal-rings *e e'*, the angle-plates *d'*, secured in pairs on said frame, and the adjustable grippers supported by said plates, the upright B, seated in socket C, and provided with shoulders *a b*, whereby the rings *e e'* are adapted to be passed over said upright and engage the shoulders thereof, as shown and described.

In testimony that I claim the above I have hereunto subscribed my name in the presence of two witnesses.

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