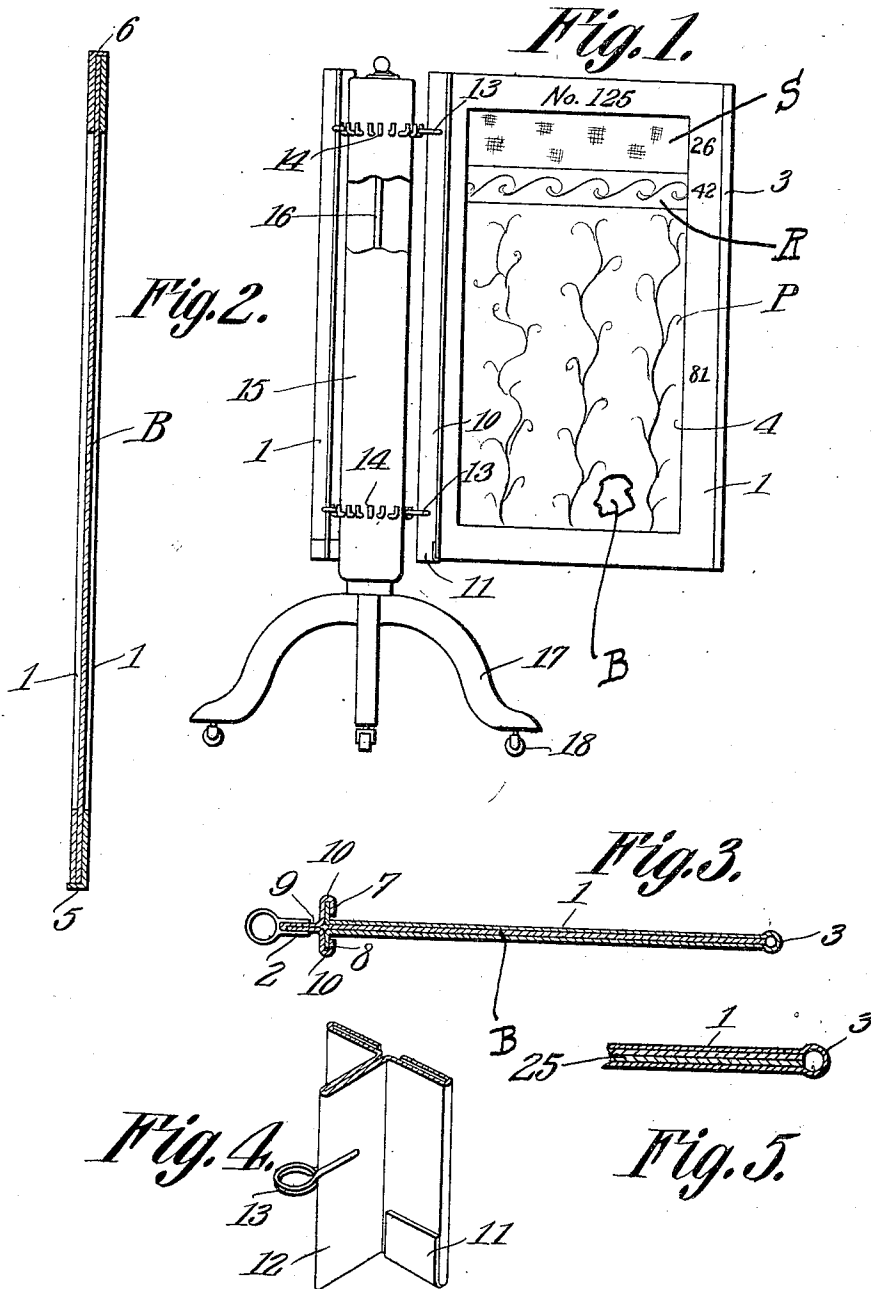


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CLARENCE D. EDWARDS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Vinton, in the county of Benton and State of Iowa, have invented a new and useful Wall-Paper-Display Rack, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a wall paper display rack.

10 The object of the invention is to provide an article of this character in which, in a ready and attractive manner, different patterns of wall paper may be exhibited to a prospective purchaser, either in the form of single sheets, which may be the design either of the wall, the ceiling or the border, or a combination of the three, whereby the customer can obtain a very definite idea as to how the room will appear when papered, and also be able to judge of the blending of the colors of the different designs exhibited.

15 A further object is to provide an article of this character that shall be simple in construction, durable in use, and in which the positioning of the samples will be facilitated.

20 With the above and other objects in view, as will appear as the nature of the invention is better understood, the same consists in the novel construction and combination of parts of a wall paper display rack, as will hereinafter be fully described and claimed.

25 In the accompanying drawing forming a part of this specification, and in which like characters of reference indicate corresponding parts: Figure 1 is a view in side elevation partly in section, of a wall paper display rack constructed in accordance with the present invention. Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view through one of the paper exhibiting frames. Fig. 3 is a horizontal sectional view through one of the frames. Fig. 4 is a fragmentary detail view in perspective of a portion of one of the frames. 35 Fig. 5 is a fragmental horizontal section showing another way of mounting the wall paper in the device.

40 Referring to the drawings, 1 designates the frame of the device and 2 a combined clamp and suspending member. The frame is struck up from a sheet of metal which is folded upon itself, the outer edge 3 being in the form of a tube to give requisite elasticity to the two frame members to facilitate positioning and removing the paper P and 45 also to eliminate the employment of a

hinge, thus to simplify the construction of the frame and reduce the cost of its production. Each of the frame members is cut away at 4 to provide a space through which the design of the paper can be observed. In order to prevent the sample paper slipping out of the frame when suspended as shown in Fig. 1, the lower edge 5 of one frame member is bent to lie under the adjacent edge of the other member, and the upper edge 6 of the latter member is bent to lie over the adjacent edge of the other member as clearly shown in Fig. 2.

The rear edges of the two frame members are bent at right angles to provide two flanges 7 and 8 that are designed to be engaged by a clamp 9, constructed from sheet metal of the same character as the frame, this clamp having two approximately U shaped flanges 10 to interlock with the flanges 7 and 8 as shown in Fig. 3, the lower edges of the two flanges 10 being upturned to provide stops 11, as shown in Fig. 4, for the purpose of preventing the frame from slipping out of the clamp. By this arrangement of clamp, the two frame members will be held firmly assembled, so that there will be no danger of the paper slipping out or becoming otherwise disconnected from the frame. 75

As a means of suspending the frame, the clamp is provided with a third flange 12 to which is secured eyes 13 that are designed to engage hooks 14 carried by a column 15 which is mounted for free rotation upon a rod 16 carried by a four-legged base 17, the latter being provided with casters 18 to facilitate moving the structure from point to point. The eyes 13 can readily be disconnected from the hooks when it is desired to change the paper exhibit. It is intended that the frames shall be consecutively numbered to correspond with the wall paper stock kept on hand, one of the frames, in the present instance, being numbered as an example 125. 95

In displaying samples, a piece of the wall paper P, a piece of the border R, and a piece of the ceiling paper S are pasted upon the opposite sides of a sheet of pasteboard B, and this sheet of pasteboard, together with the samples of paper, is then inserted between the frame members, after which the clamp is positioned and the frame then hung upon the hooks. Samples P, R and S may be designated by separate characters, 105 110

say 26, 42 and 31, these characters being placed upon the frame members, and indicating the stock numbers of the samples.

If desired and as shown in Fig. 5, two
5 pieces 25 of pasteboard may be employed, the samples being pasted upon the outer faces of the pasteboard. Each one of these pasteboards may then be removed separately when the stock represented by the samples
10 upon one of the pasteboards is sold out, the other adjacent pasteboard being permitted to remain in the frame.

It will be noted that while the structure is exceedingly simple, yet it will meet every
15 demand placed upon it, so that the vendor will be in a position to display his goods to the best possible advantage.

I claim:

20 A wall paper display rack comprising a frame consisting of a sheet of metal bent upon itself and formed tubular at its bend

to impart resiliency to the members and to obviate the employment of a hinge, the lower edge of one member and the upper
25 edge of the other being bent to over and underlie the adjacent edges of the members, and the rear edge of each member being bent at right angles to its length to provide two oppositely disposed flanges, a clamping
30 member having approximately U shaped flanges to engage with those of the frame, the lower edges of the flanges of the clamp being upturned to provide stops, and eyes secured to the clamp to suspend the frame
35 for swinging movement.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own, I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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