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Fig. 1.

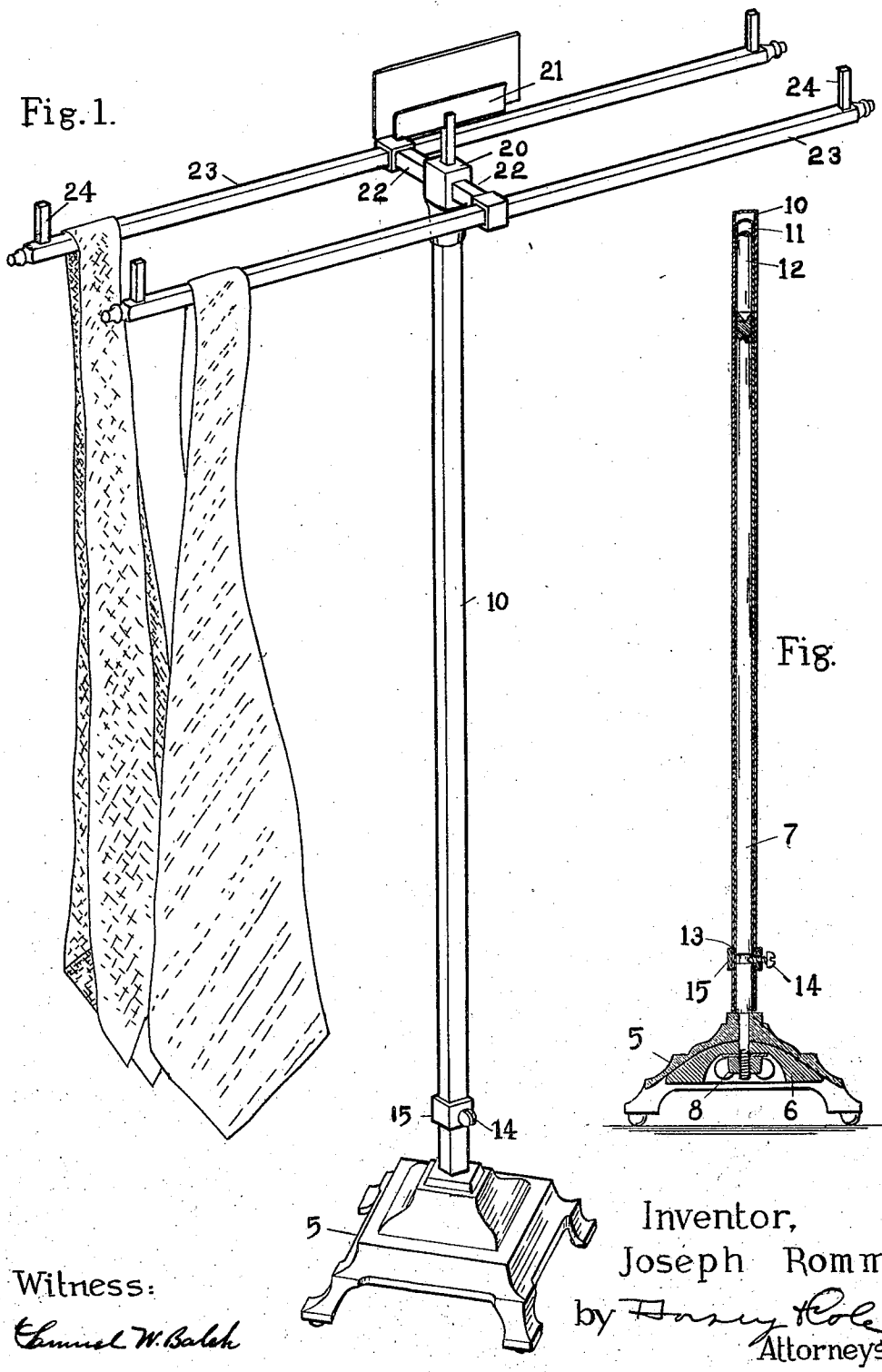


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH ROMM, a citizen of the United States of America, and a resident of the city of New York, borough of Manhattan, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Display Racks, of which the following is a specification.

The object of this invention is to provide a display rack especially suited for carrying neckwear. Neckwear as usually made has one end flared and is laid over a rack bar so that the face side of the flared end is presented to the customer's view. A further object is to further increase the capacity of such a rack without further encroachment on the counter space, and to so construct the rack that the neckwear may be placed thereon in such a manner that only the faces of the flared ends will be presented to view. A further object is to so construct the rack that any selected piece of neckwear will be readily removable.

In the accompanying sheet of drawing, which forms a part of this application,

Figure 1 is a perspective of a display rack embodying this invention, and

Figure 2 is a vertical section through the base and vertical member, the upper part of the latter being broken away.

The display rack comprises a supporting means in the form of a base consisting of a brass shell 5 within which a block 6 of iron is held to add weight so that the rack will not be easily overturned. A rigid upwardly projecting round rod 7 is carried by the base. The lower end of the rod is reduced, thereby forming a shoulder, and passes through central holes in the shell and block. The shoulder bears against the top of the shell and the lower end of the reduced portion is threaded to receive a nut 8 by which the block and rod are clamped in place. A vertical member consisting of a square brass tube 10 within which is a round tube 11 covers the vertical rod and is rotatable thereon. A plug 12 at the upper end of the vertical member bears on the top of the vertical rod. The vertical rod has a circumferential groove 13 which is engaged by a screw 14 through the vertical member so that the base will be prevented from falling away if the rack is lifted by the vertical member. A band 15 reinforces the vertical member at the screw.

At the upper end of the vertical member is a head 20 which supports a clip 21 for a price or descriptive card and two short oppositely projecting arms 22, 22 through which parallel rack bars 23, 23 are rigidly supported from the vertical member at their middle points in a horizontal plane. The rack bars are at equal distances on opposite sides of the vertical axis of the vertical member about which they are revolvable, conveniently at a height of 27 inches from the underside of the base and spaced $4\frac{1}{4}$ inches apart. The ends of the bars are free and not connected to each other so that in removing a tie it may be taken off at the end instead of having to be lifted clear and the rack can be more conveniently filled. Near the ends of the rack bars are upstanding pegs 24, 24 which keep the ties from accidentally falling off the ends, or being thrown off in case the rack should be revolved rapidly. The pegs are spaced apart $16\frac{3}{4}$ inches leaving room on each branch for twelve ties in four groups, three ties being laid one on the other in each group, so that the capacity of the rack is four dozen ties.

Since the vertical member and the rack bars turn together the rack bar can be turned around to bring the ties into view conveniently by taking hold of the lower part of the vertical member and it is not necessary to reach up to the bars which are placed high or to touch the ties.

The foregoing detailed description has been given for clearness of understanding and no undue limitation should be deduced therefrom, but the appended claims should be construed as broadly as permissible in view of the prior art.

What I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States is:—

1. In a display rack for neck-ties, a head, a pair of spaced horizontal parallel rack bars free at the ends and rigidly connected to the head, a hollow vertical member depending from the head and connected thereto at a point equi-distant from the said rack bars, said hollow member being of such length that when ties are hung upon the rack bars a portion of the hollow member will project below the ties to form a handhold, whereby the rack may be rotated, a tube substantially co-extensive in length with the vertical member and arranged therein, a plug carried within the tube adjacent the upper end thereof, a base, a rod supported by the base and rotatably fitting

within the tube, said rod bearing at its upper end against the plug, and means arranged at the hand-hold portion of the said hollow member for allowing rotation of the hollow member relatively to the rod and for preventing accidental displacement of the said hollow member from the rod.

2. In a display rack for neck-ties, a head, a pair of spaced horizontal parallel rack bars free at the ends and rigidly connected to the head, a hollow vertical member depending from the head and connected thereto at a point equi-distant from the said rack bars, said hollow member being of such length that when ties are hung upon the rack bars, a portion of the hollow member will project below the ties to form a hand-hold whereby the rack may be rotated, a tube substantially co-extensive in length with the vertical member and arranged therein, a plug carried within the tube, a base, a rod supported by the base and rotatably fitting within the tube, said rod bearing at its upper end against the plug, and means for allowing rotation of the said hollow member upon the rod and for preventing accidental displacement of the said hollow member from the rod.

3. A display rack comprising a base, a rod carried by the base, a tube rotatably enclosing the rod and projecting beyond the upper end thereof, bearing means between the rod and the portion of the tube extending there-above, a hollow member enclosing the tube, and tie-supporting means carried at the upper end of the hollow member, and geometrically arranged with respect to the axis thereof, the length of the hollow member being such that when ties are hung upon the tie-supporting means, the lower end thereof will project below the ties to afford a hand-hold.

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