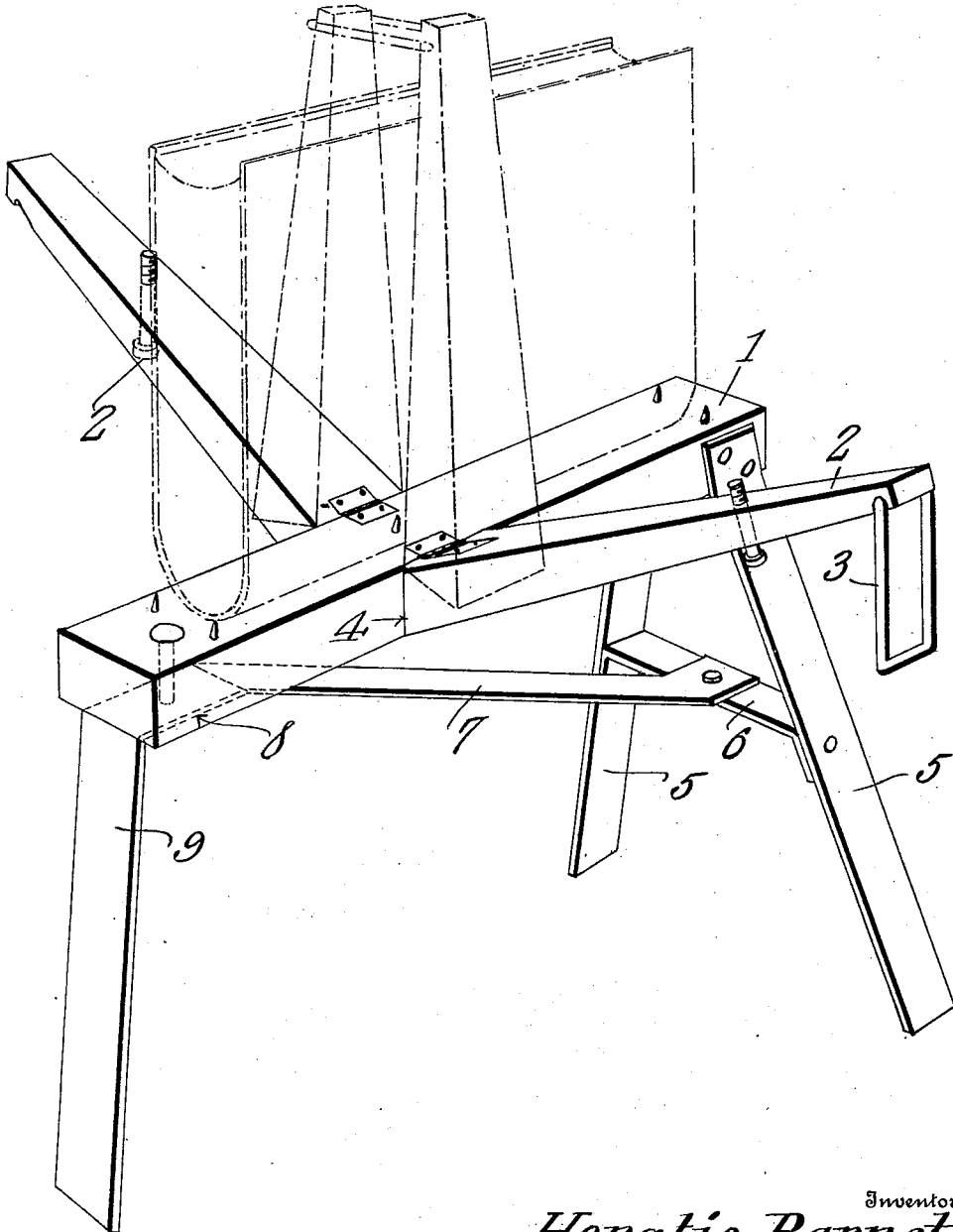


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HORATIO BARNETT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Malvern, in the county of Hot Spring and State of Arkansas, have invented a new and useful Display-Rack and Silent Salesman, of which the following is a specification.

This invention has relation to display stands, and it consists in the novel construction and arrangement of its parts, as herein-after shown and described.

The object of the invention is to provide a foldable or collapsible stand especially adapted to be used for displaying samples of goods, such, for instance, as cloth samples, or samples of jewelry, spectacles, etc.

The stand is so constructed as to be effectually braced against all strain to which it would be subjected when it is used for supporting material or articles for display purposes, and when not in use the parts of the said stand may be folded, whereby the fixture will occupy but small space.

In the accompanying drawings the figure is a perspective view of the stand and silent salesman.

The stand consists of a bar 1, to each side of which is hingedly attached an arm 2. The said arms taper toward their outer ends, and one of them is provided with a bail 3, pivotally attached thereto, and which is adapted to be swung over the outer end portion of the other arm, when the said arms are in approximately vertical positions. The inner ends of the arms are chamfered as at 4, and the said chamfered ends are adapted to bear against the sides of the bar 1 and fold the arms 2 in inclined positions with relation to each other when they are swung outwardly upon the said bar 1. The bar 1 forms a support for the back of a book or case containing the articles or goods for display purposes, and the arms 2, when in outstretched position upon the bar 1 are adapted to support the side portions of the case or back of the book containing the samples. Supporting legs are provided for the bar 1, and the said legs are so arranged as to hold the bar in an inclined position. The advantage gained by having the bar so positioned is that the material or goods supported upon the same for display purposes appear to better advantage in inclined position than they would when exhibited upon a level, for the reason that patterns or configurations can be

more readily distinguished by the eye of an observer, as is well known in the art of window-dressing and other means for displaying merchandise.

As above stated, legs are provided for supporting the bar 1. The rear legs 5 are inclined toward each other, and are inclined rearwardly with relation to the longer dimension of the bar 1. At intermediate points the legs 5 are connected together by a cross strut 6. The forward end of the bar 1 is supported by a relatively short leg 7 which is inclined with relation to the longer dimension of the bar 1, and which, at its upper end, is continued into a section 8, which lies against the under forward portion of the bar 1, and is then carried down and continued in the section 9, which is secured at its rear end to the intermediate portion of the strut 6, supported by the rear legs 5.

From the above description it will be seen that a durable and substantial structure is effected and that the device, when not in use, for display purposes, as indicated, may be folded so as to occupy but a small space. It will also be seen that by reason of the peculiar disposition and arrangement of the parts constituting the display device, when it is used for such purposes the articles supported thereon are presented in positions calculated to produce favorable impressions, and also the parts of the stand are so arranged that should persons lean upon the same while examining the articles displayed thereon, the stand will not have a tendency to move along a supporting floor or sag, or otherwise give at the points of juncture of the several parts.

Pins 10 are mounted upon the upper side of the bar 1 and are designed to engage the back of the book containing the article to be exhibited and thus hold the same against displacement relative to the bar. Clamping screws are preferably arranged within the arms 2 and are designed to be adjusted against the sides of the back of the book to hold said book tightly closed when the arms are secured together as shown by dotted lines in Fig. 1 of the drawing.

Having described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure, by Letters Patent, is:—

A display rack including an inclined bar, pointed book engaging projections extend-

ing upwardly from the bar, arms hingedly
connected to opposite portions of the bar,
and having ends designed to abut against
the bar to hold the arms in inclined posi-
5 tion, said arms being interposed between the
projections, means carried by one of the
arms for detachably engaging the other arm
to hold said arms against separation, and
adjustable means carried by each arm for

binding upon a book contained between the 10
arms.

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

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