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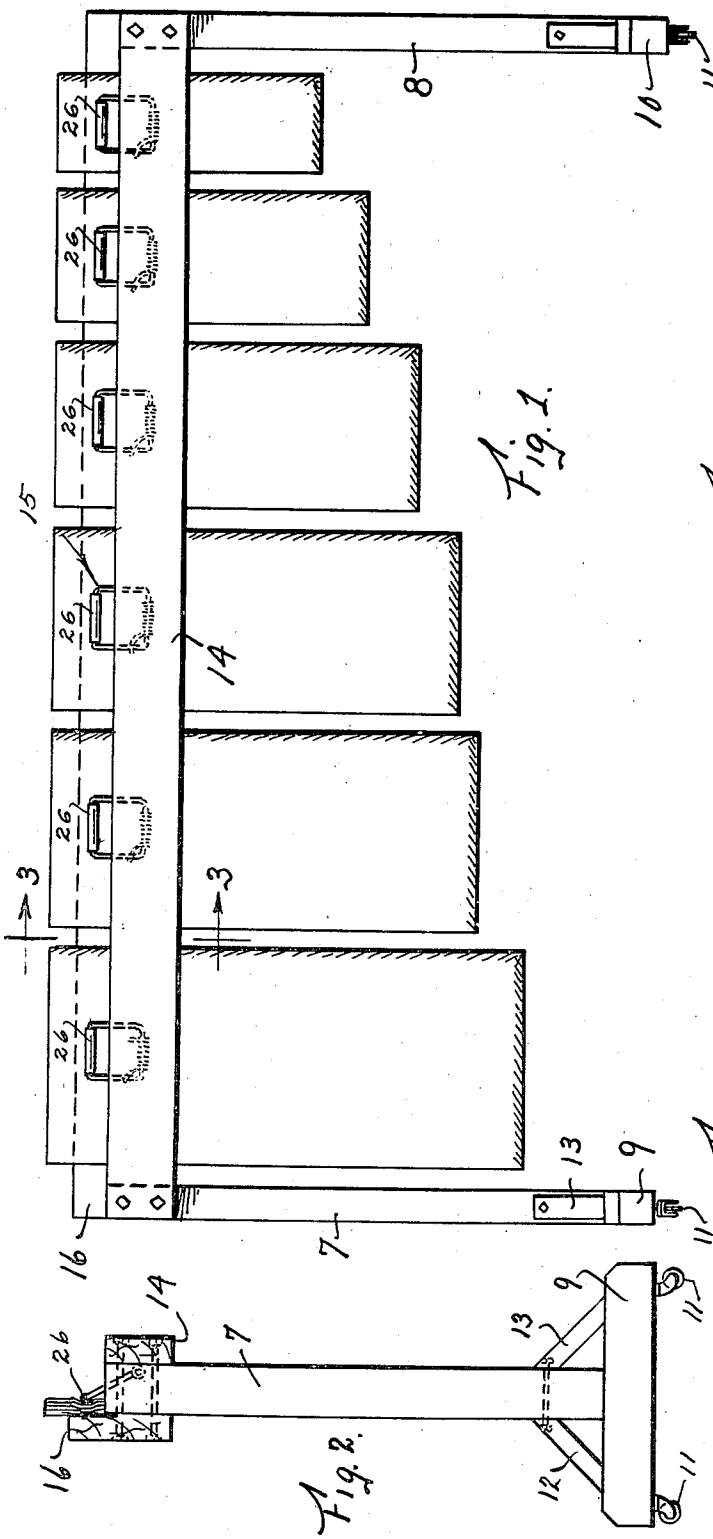



Fig. 1.

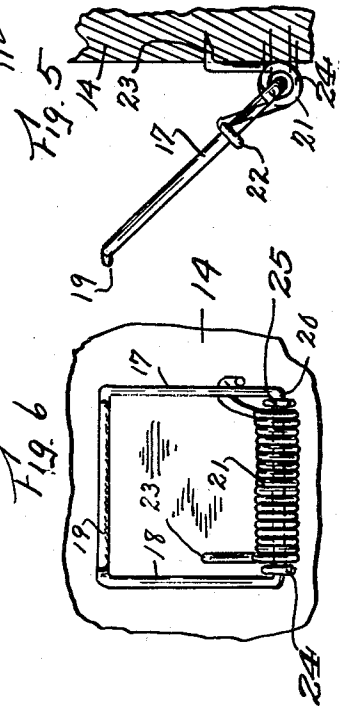



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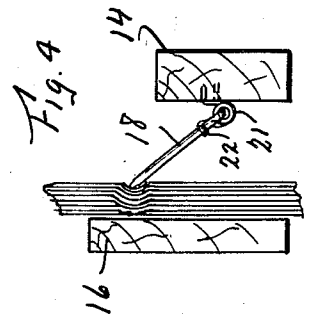



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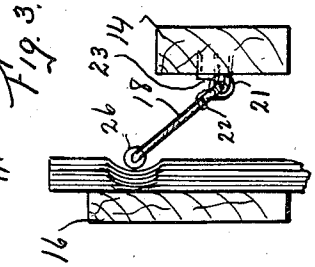



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Fig. 2.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ALBERT J. STRAUB, a citizen of the United States, and resident of Fresno, in the county of Fresno, State of California, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bag Holders, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to store furniture and the object thereof is to provide a rack or holder for holding bags of various sizes in a manner for the convenient removal of a bag of any desired size singly as required and to allow of filling each individual holder with a plurality of bags.

A further object is to provide a device of the above character so mounted as to be easily and quickly transported from place to place if desired or as desired, or the same may be securely mounted upon a wall or other desired place of use.

While I have shown and will describe my device as adapted to holding cloth bags such as are used by seedsmen and the like, it will be obvious that it is equally adaptable for holding paper bags.

Other objects and advantages will appear hereinafter and while I have shown and will describe the preferred form of my invention, I wish it understood that I do not limit myself to such preferred form but that various changes and adaptations may be made therein without departing from the spirit of my invention.

In the drawings accompanying and forming a part hereof:

Fig. 1 is a side elevation of the preferred form of my device.

Fig. 2 is a left hand elevation of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is an enlarged cross section on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 4 is a view similar to Fig. 3 in a modified form.

Figs. 5 and 6 are enlarged front and side elevations, respectively, of the bag holding members.

Referring to the drawings, my device comprises vertically extending standards 7 and 8 the lower ends of which terminate in transverse foot members 9 and 10 the ends of which are supported by caster wheels 11 of any suitable or desired construction. Brace members 12 and 13 are provided to secure members 7 and 8 against horizontal movement relative to members 9 and 10. Rigidly connected at their ends to the front side of members 7 and 8, at the upper ends thereof, is a longitudinally extending bar 14 on the inner face of which, at predetermined distances apart, are the bag holding members 15. Mounted upon the opposite sides of members 7 and 8 from member 14 is a bag holding rail or bar 16. My bag holding member comprises a rectangular frame composed of side members 17 and 18 and cross bars 19 and 20. Coiled around cross bar 20 is a coil spring 21 one end of which extends upwardly and terminates in a hook 22 which rests upon the upper face of side member 17. The other end of spring 21 extends upwardly and terminates in an inturned sharpened point 23 which is driven into bar 14 or which may be secured thereto in any other suitable manner. Cross bar 20 is held secured upon bar 14 by means of staples 24 and 25 which are driven into bar 14 at each end of spring 21. Revolubly mounted upon cross bar 19 is a roller 26 the purpose of which will be obvious.

In the use of my device the bags will be suspended at either end between the roller 26 and bar 16. When it is desired to remove a bag, either end of the same may be grasped and the bag drawn upwardly or downwardly as the case may be.

Having described my invention, what I claim is:

1. A rack for holding bags comprising a pair of spaced vertically extending end members; a bag supporting rail connecting the upper ends of said end members at the rear edges thereof; a bar connecting the upper ends of said end members opposite said bag supporting rail; a plurality of bag holding members mounted on the inner face of said bar adapted to engage and hold bags against said bag supporting rail.

2. A bag holding rack comprising side members; a bag supporting rail connecting said side members at the rear edges thereof; a bar connecting the upper ends of said side members opposite said bag supporting rail, in combination with a plurality of bag holding members mounted upon the inner face of said bar adapted to frictionally support bags between the same and said bag supporting rail.

3. In combination with a bag holding rack having a pair of spaced vertically extending end members and horizontally extending bars connecting the upper ends of said end members on opposite sides thereof, of a bag retainer formed of a single length of wire

bent to form two longitudinal members and transverse end members, one of said longitudinal members being bent to project beyond the plane of the other longitudinal member; a spring coiled around the other of said longitudinal members having one end bent to engage one of the transverse members and its other end secured to the inner face of one of said bars, said first mentioned transverse member being adapted to bear against a bag and hold the same in frictional engagement with the other bar of said frame.

4. A bag holding rack including a frame comprising a pair of spaced, vertically extending end members; rollers supporting said end members at the lower ends thereof; a pair of cross members connecting the upper ends of said end members at opposite sides thereof; in combination with a plurality of bag holding members mounted upon the inner face of one of said cross members, each of said bag holding members comprising a substantially rectangular frame pivotally mounted at one end upon the inner face of one of said cross members and having its other end adapted to bear against the opposed face of the other rail; a spring coiled around the pivoted end of said frame having one end bearing against one side of said frame and the other end connected to said cross member, whereby the free end of said frame is held in yieldable engagement against the opposed face of the other rail; and a roller revolubly mounted upon the free end of said rectangular frame.

In witness that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 2nd day of April, 1923.

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