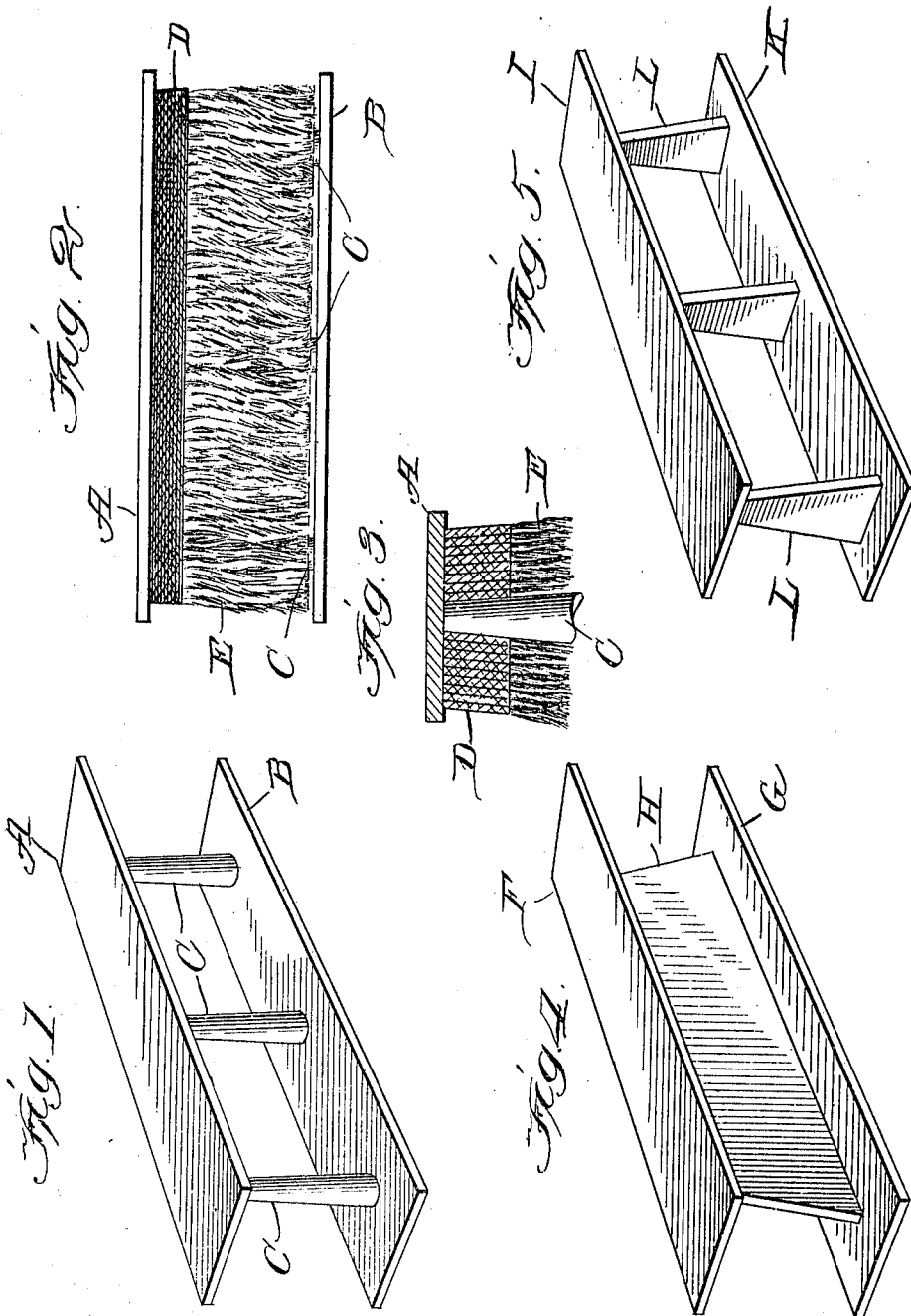


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LILLIE McGRATH, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, county of Cook, State of Illinois, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Holders or Racks for Fringes, and declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it pertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification.

Difficulty has been experienced in mounting fringe, lace and the like so that it may be exposed for sale in a neat and convenient bolt or roll without danger of being mussed or soiled when handled by clerks or customers.

My invention has for its object to provide a rack or holder upon which fringe, lace and the like may be wound and securely held in such a manner that it may be displayed in the natural position without fear that the loose ends of the fringe will be soiled or crumpled by contact with the counter or shelf or by reason of being handled.

The various features of novelty whereby my invention is characterized will hereinafter be pointed out with particularity in the claims; but for a full understanding of my invention and of its object and advantages reference may be had to the following detailed description taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, wherein:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a preferred embodiment of my invention; Fig. 2 is a side view showing the fringe wound in place; Fig. 3 is a view, partly in section, showing a fragment of the holder and the fringe; and Figs. 4 and 5 are perspective views of modified forms of holders or racks.

Referring to Figs. 1-3 of the drawings, A and B represent two parallel flat pieces united by two or more tapered spindles C. Any suitable material may be used in the construction of these parts and they may be held together in any suitable way. The member A is located adjacent to the small ends of the spindles and therefore forms the top of the holder or rack, while the member B, situated at the opposite ends of the spindles, forms the base which is adapted to rest upon a counter, a shelf or other surface. The length of the spindles is preferably made somewhat greater than the width

of the fringe, lace and the like which is to be supported upon the holder or rack and the top and base members are made large enough to cover the edges of the desired amount of fringe wound over the spindles. 60

I have illustrated my invention as applied to a rack for holding fringes. The woven portion or band D of the fringe is wound over the spindles as a core directly beneath the top of the holder, the loose fibers or threads E hanging down with their lower ends clearing the base. Unless the fringe is wound too loosely the band will be securely held in place against the top of the rack by reason of the wedging action of the spindles and the fibers will hang naturally without danger of sagging below the base so as to touch the supporting surface or be caught between the base and the supporting surface. 75

In Fig. 4 I have shown a somewhat different arrangement, the top and base members, F and G, respectively, being connected together by a wide flat piece H, which is narrower at the top than at the base. The fringe, lace and the like is wound about the member H and is supported thereby in the same manner as by the spindles in the first form. 80

In Fig. 5 I have shown a still further form wherein the top and base, I and K, respectively, are joined by two separated, flat tapered uprights L, over which the fringe or lace is adapted to be wound. 85

It will now be seen that I have provided a simple and novel holder or rack for fringe which permits fringe to be displayed advantageously without danger of injury in any way, regardless of the length or character of the loose fibers. In the same way lace or other material portions of which are looser in texture than the rest may be displayed and guarded against injury. 90 95

While I have described in detail only a few forms of my invention, I do not desire to be limited to these specific forms, but intend to cover all arrangements which fall within the terms of the definitions of my invention constituting the appended claims. 100

I claim:

1. A rack comprising a horizontal supporting base, a horizontal top member, and a vertical core extending from the center of the base to the center of the top member, said core increasing gradually in size below 110

the top and the length of the core being slightly greater than the width of a band to be wound thereon.

2. A rack or holder comprising an elongated horizontal base, an elongated horizontal top, and a connecting core which increases in size from the top toward the base, the dimension of the core longitudinally of the base being much greater than the dimension measured transversely of the base.

3. A rack or holder comprising a base, a

top, and a core comprising a plurality of tapered spindles connecting the base with the top, the smaller ends of the spindles being adjacent to the top.

In testimony whereof, I sign this specification in the presence of two witnesses.

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