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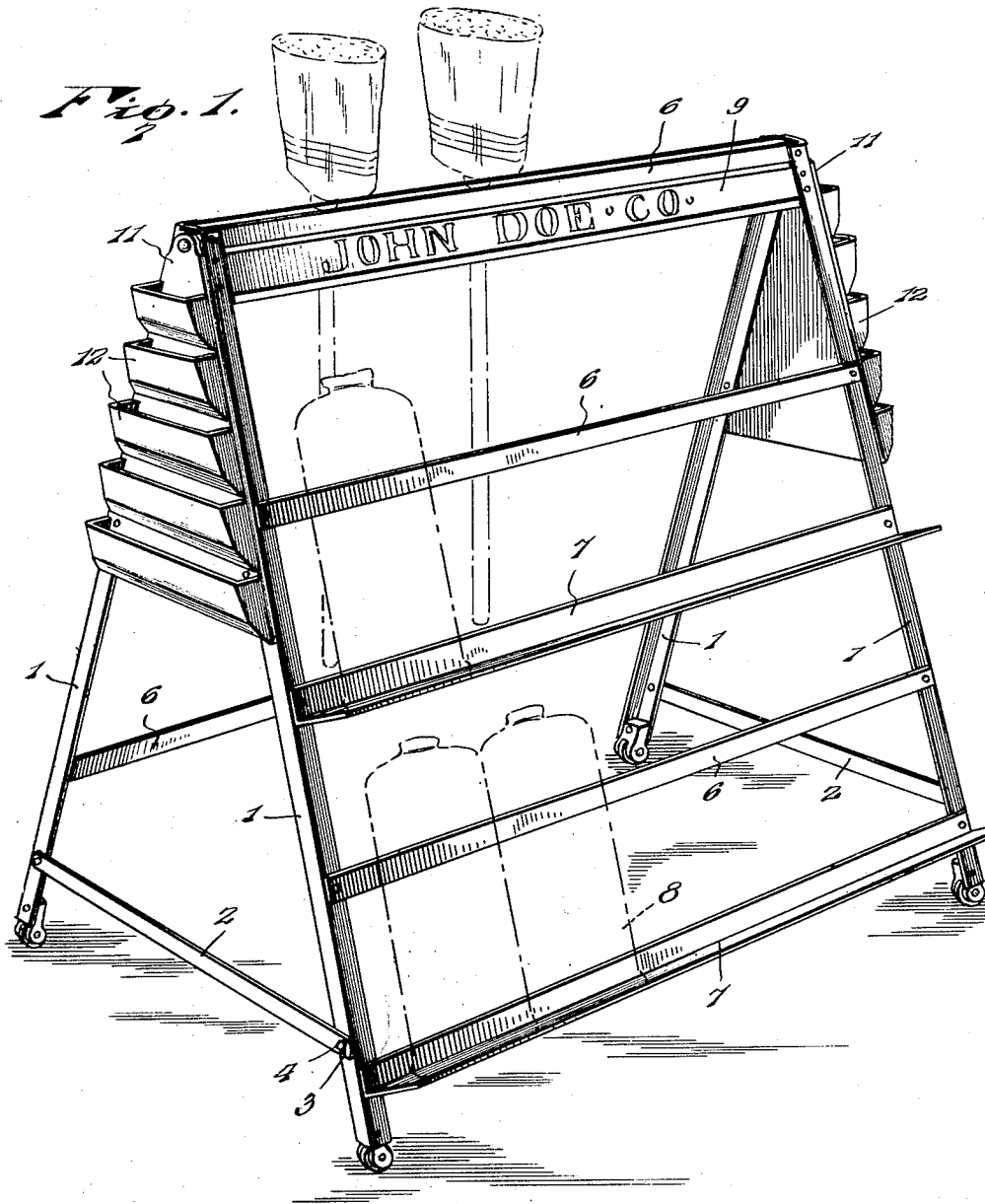
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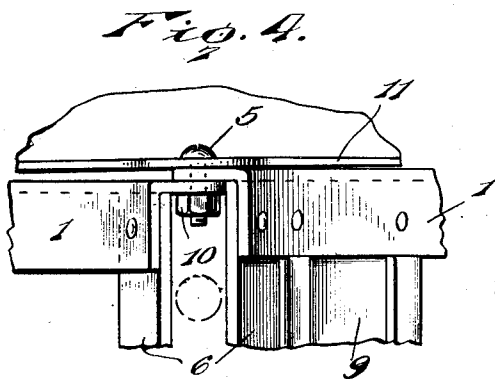
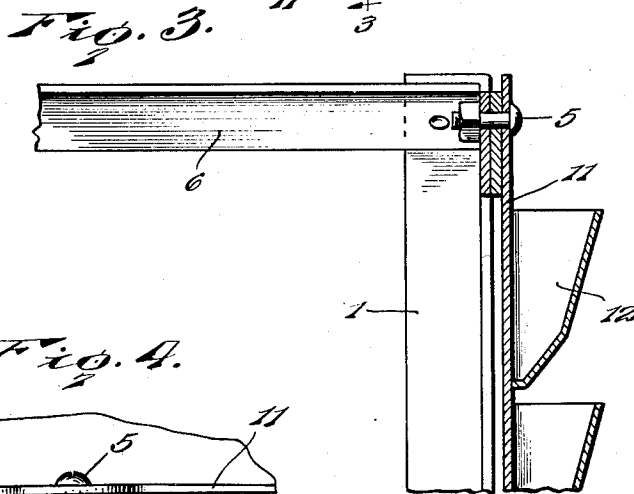
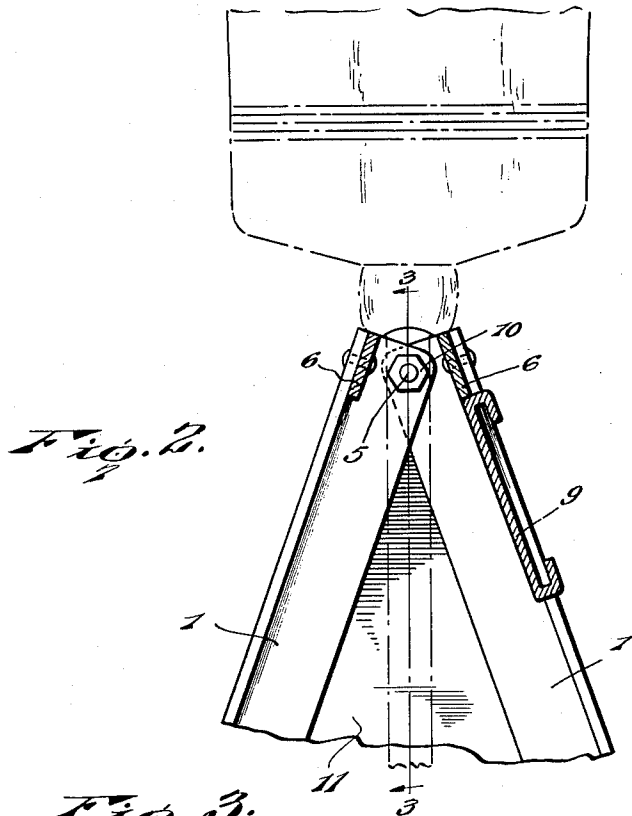
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## DISPLAY RACK

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## 1 Claim. (Cl. 211-1)

The object of this invention is to provide a simple, strong and inexpensive display rack for use in retail stores and by the use of which brooms and other articles may be conveniently and attractively displayed. The invention seeks to provide a display rack which will hold a supply of bags for use of the salesman in packaging goods which have been sold and also to provide a rack which may be easily set up for use and which may be stored in a small compass. The invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings and consists in certain novel features which will be hereinafter first fully described and then more particularly defined in the appended claim.

In the drawings,

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a display rack embodying the invention,

Figure 2 is an enlarged transverse section through the upper portion of the rack,

Figure 3 is a section on the line 3-3 of Figure 2,

Figure 4 is a detail plan view of a portion of one end of the rack.

In carrying out the invention, there are provided end frames, each of which consists of two upwardly converging angle bars 1 connected at their upper ends and when in use, held properly spaced at their lower ends and locked against collapse by latches 2 consisting of straps, each pivoted at one end to one of the legs or angle bars and at its opposite end provided with a notch 3 adapted to engage over a headed stud 4 on the other leg. The legs or end bars may be equipped with casters at their lower ends and are connected at their upper ends by bolts 5 inserted through the lateral webs of the bars, which webs overlap, as clearly shown in Figures 2 and 4. The end frames or legs are held in properly spaced relation by longitudinally extending bars or straps 6 which may be provided in any desired number and by shelves 7, the shelves consisting of angle bars secured at their ends to the end frames and having lower flanges projecting outwardly from the frames to provide rests for bags of flour, as indicated at 8 in dotted lines, or other articles of merchandise. The uppermost straps or longitudinal bars 6 are wider than the lower bars so as to more effectually withstand the greater strain placed thereon and a display board 9 may be provided at the top of the rack, as shown clearly in Figures 1 and 2 to display announcements, such

as the name of the concern in whose store the rack is set up. The display board, as shown most clearly in Figure 2, may have overturned flanges along its upper and lower edges to receive interchangeable announcement strips noting special sales, etc. Nuts 10 are mounted on the bolts 5 between the upper ends of the side members of the rack so that the rack will be firmly held in its assembled set up position, but by slightly loosening these nuts, the side members of the rack may be readily folded together so that the device may be stored in a small compass, the latch 2, of course, being first released. The rack includes bag holders which are hung upon the bolts 5 and each of which consists of a plate 11 of substantially triangular form so that its side edges will conform to the contour of the rack, and pockets or containers 12 carried by the plates and extending transversely thereof from top to bottom thereof, as clearly shown in Figures 1 and 3.

As clearly shown in the drawings, the top edges of the side frames of the rack are spaced apart but close together so that brooms may be supported on the rack by having their handles inserted downwardly between the sides of the rack and permitting the heads of the brooms to rest upon the upper edges of the sides. The pockets 12 provide firm supports for bags of various sizes and will hold the bags in proper shape so that they will not become scattered and wasted and may be very easily obtained by the salesman who desires to deposit goods therein. The shelves 7 furnish firm supports for bags of flour or other articles and the upper portions of such articles will be supported by the side bars 6 so that they will not fall through the open spaces of the rack. The rack is simple in construction while it is strong and durable and may be produced at a low cost.

Having thus described the invention, I claim:

A display rack comprising upwardly converging frames, means for pivotally connecting the upper ends of the frames, releasable means for holding the lower ends of the frames spread apart, triangular plates hung upon the pivotal connections of the frames with their side edges following the frames, and vertically spaced pockets on said plates.

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