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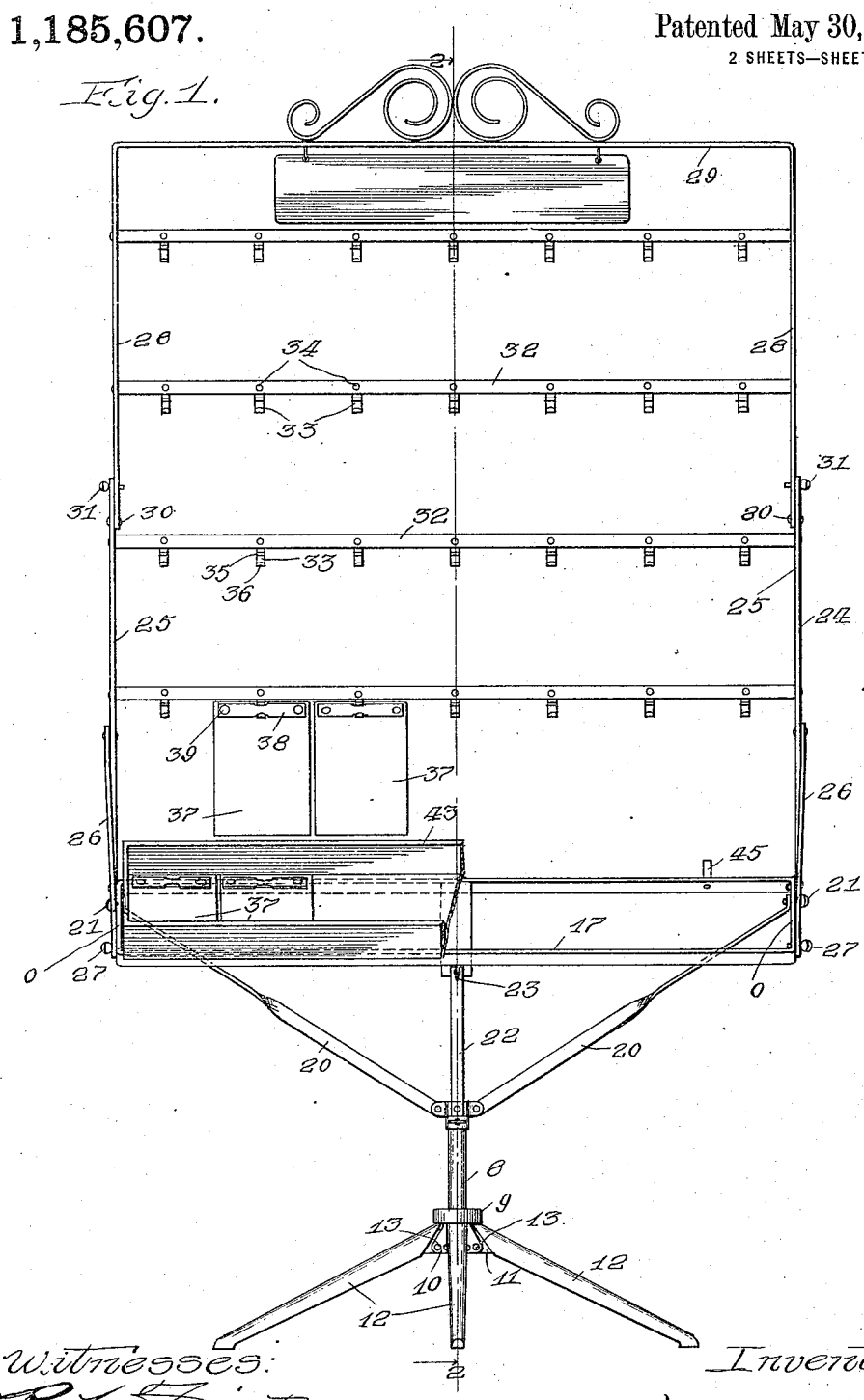
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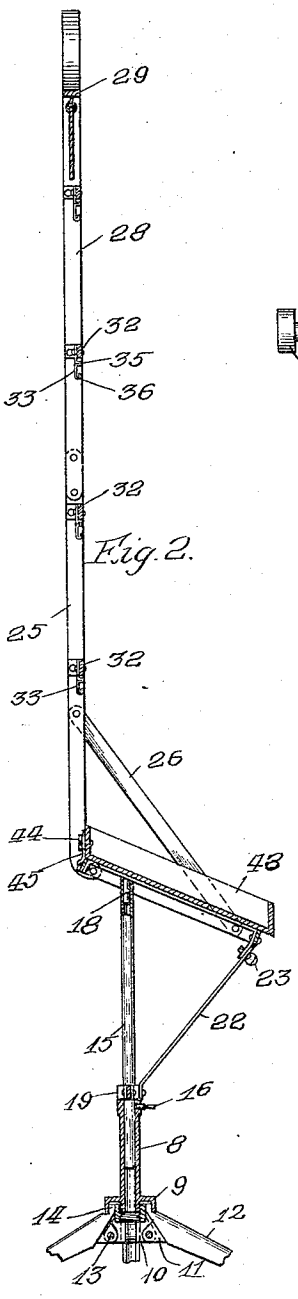


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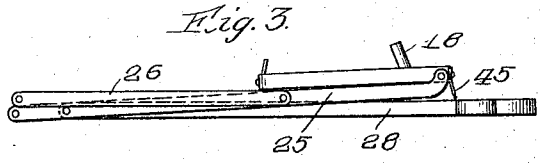


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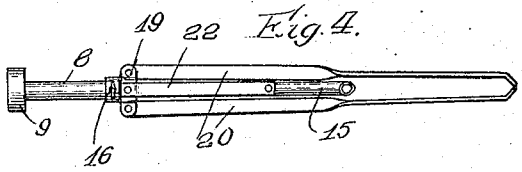


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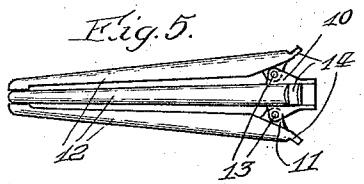


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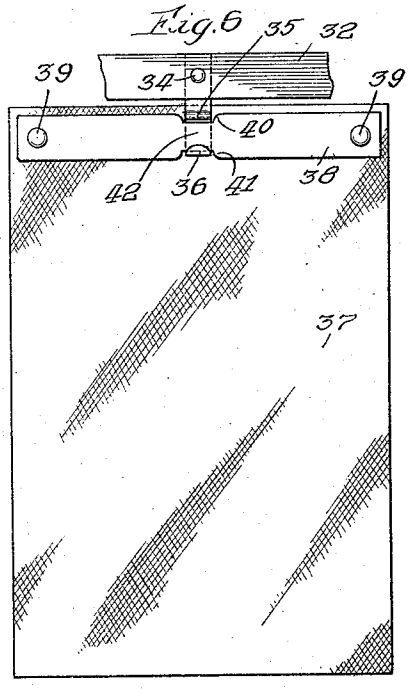
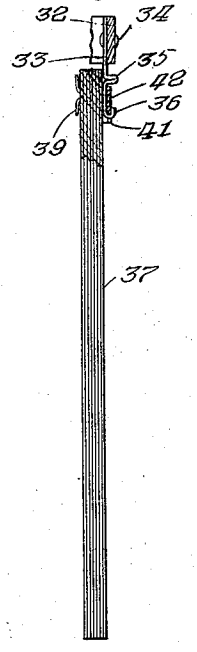


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM TEMPLIN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Glenellyn, in the county of Dupage and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Sample Racks and Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates more particularly to a stand or rack for holding samples or goods, and is particularly intended for displaying tailors' swatches. In carrying on certain lines of tailoring business, the tailors or manufacturers supply various dealers with samples of goods, so that their customers may choose therefrom, and the coats or suits are ordered from such samples. These samples are furnished gratuitously by the tailors or manufacturers, and it is desirable to have the samples displayed in the stores of the various dealers in an attractive manner. It is also desirable to provide a support or rack which will accommodate only the samples furnished by the manufacturer, who also ordinarily furnishes such racks gratuitously, so that the samples of other manufacturers will not be inserted in the place of those furnished by the original tailor or manufacturer.

Among the objects of this invention are to provide a rack or support for displaying swatches, with supporting means, whereby only such swatches as are provided with suitable fasteners may be conveniently placed in the rack; to provide a rack and holder which may be readily folded for crating and shipping; and in general, to provide such an improved device or construction as will be described more fully hereinafter.

In the accompanying drawings illustrating my invention: Figure 1 is a front view of the rack holder; Fig. 2 is a sectional view taken on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1; Fig. 3 is a detail showing the upper portion of the device in folded position; Fig. 4 is a detail showing the intermediate or stand portion of the device in folded position; Fig. 5 is a detail showing the legs in folded position; and Figs. 6 and 7 are details of the swatch supporting catches or locking devices.

As illustrated in these drawings, 8 represents a tubular post which is threaded at the bottom and is provided with an outwardly and downwardly extending flange 9. A cross-shaped leg supporting member 10 is threaded to engage with the lower end of the post 8 and is provided with radial slots for receiving lugs or projections 11 from the legs 12. Pivot pins 13 are provided for the legs so that they may be folded together, as indicated in Fig. 5. The upper ends of the legs 12 are provided with projections 14 which fit within the flange or cup 9 when the support 10 is screwed into position thereby locking the legs in extended position, as indicated in Fig. 2. A pipe or tube 15 fits freely within the post 8 and may be held in adjusted position by a set screw 16. This pipe supports a rectangular frame 17, which has a pin 18 extending from its central cross member into the pipe 15. The pipe 15 is provided with a collar 19 which rests on the post 8. Side braces 20 are pivoted to the collar 19 and extend up to the outer ends of the frame 17, where they are attached by means of thumb screws 21. A third brace 22 extends from the collar 19 to the front of the frame 17, where it is secured by means of a thumb screw 23. The rack proper 24 is carried by the frame 17. This rack comprises side strips or bars 25 which are pivoted to the ends of the frame and are provided with braces 26, which are pivoted thereto and which are held at their opposite ends by means of thumb screws 27 which engage with the frame 17. The top of the frame or rack is made of a bar or strip, which is bent around to form side pieces 28 and a cross piece 29. The ends of the top portion are pivoted at 30 to the sides 25, and thumb screws 31 serve to fasten the top portion in raised position. Cross bars 32 connect between the sides of the rack and serve to support the samples or swatches.

One of the particularly important features of this invention is the means provided for supporting the swatches and locking them in position, such means being constructed so that it would be difficult, if not impossible, to hang any swatches on the rack except those provided with certain particular forms of supporting members. In order to do this, the cross bars 32 are provided with catches 33 which are secured thereto by rivets or the like 34. The catches are made of short strips of metal provided with intermediate bends or folds 35 to form outwardly extending projections, and the lower ends of the strips are bent up to form hooks 36. Usually, a plurality of swatches 37 will be joined together to be hung on

each catch. Each bundle of swatches is provided with a plate or strip 38 which is made of such material as will hold the bundle comparatively flat across the top. In the commercial form of this device, I use celluloid for such strips. The swatches are secured to these strips by means of pins or fasteners 39. The strips 38 are cut away at the central portion, preferably at both the top and the bottom, as indicated at 40 and 41, to form a short neck 42 for engagement with the catches 33. The neck or engaging portion 42 is of sufficient width so that it fits closely between the hook 36 and the projection 35. The upper ends of the swatches preferably extend up a short distance above the strip 38, as indicated in Figs. 6 and 7. When the swatches are to be hung in position, the catch 33 is inserted at the back of the strip 38 until the neck portion 42 is in position to engage with the hook 36, when it is slipped down into the hook under the projection 35. While the strips 38 are preferably slightly flexible, yet they should be sufficiently stiff so as to hold the swatches in extended position, and the swatches will press against the back of the catch 33, thereby forming a substantial lock between the catch and the strip. By means of this arrangement it will be seen that the swatches are held at a central point and cannot move laterally with respect to the catch. Furthermore, this locking arrangement will hold the swatches or samples in position so that they will not readily become disengaged. The weight of the swatches being at the rear of the catch, also tends to hold the upper edge of the neck 42 tightly against the catch underneath the projection 35, thus holding the swatches in a substantially vertical position.

The rack proper will hold any predetermined number of swatches, but frequently additional samples are desired, and in order to hold these excess samples, I provide a box or tray 43 which rests upon the frame 17. This tray is provided with loops or clips 44 which fit over fingers 45 extending upwardly from the rear part of the frame. The frame 17 is pitched at a suitable angle so that the swatches lying in the box 43 may be readily inspected.

When the device is to be shipped, the box 43 is removed, and the frame 17 and rack 24 are folded together as indicated in Fig. 3. The post 8 and connected parts are folded as indicated in Fig. 4 and the legs 12 are folded as indicated in Fig. 5. It will thus be seen that this device can be collapsed until it will occupy comparatively little space for storage or shipping. Furthermore, when the device is set up and supplied with samples or swatches, it makes a very neat and attractive appearance and holds the swatches securely in such position that they may be readily seen and inspected.

Having thus described my invention, which however, I do not wish to limit to the exact construction or arrangement shown, except as pointed out in the following claims, what I claim is:

1. The combination with a swatch, of a flat supporting strip extending across one end thereof and having a narrow portion therein with shoulders at each side thereof for engagement with a catch having an opening of predetermined size for receiving said narrow portion.

2. In a device of the character set forth, the combination of a rack having cross bars, catches secured to said bars, said catches comprising strips of metal folded to form forwardly extending projections below the bars, and having hooks at their lower ends, horizontal strips having engaging portions adapted to fit between the hooks and the projections, with shoulders at the sides of the catches to prevent longitudinal movement, and means for securing swatches or samples to said horizontal strips.

3. The combination with a folding rack and support, of metallic strips secured to the rack, said strips having hooks at the lower ends thereof, projections adjacent to the hooks, swatch supporting members having reduced central portions fitting closely between the hooks and the projections, swatches fitting behind the strips, and means for securing said swatches to the supporting members whereby the strips will be held closely between the swatches and the swatch supporting members.

4. The combination with a hook having a projection arranged at right angles thereto and above the same, to form a limited opening, with a strip having a reduced portion in the center thereof, and adapted to fit in said opening, and means for fastening the ends of the strip to a swatch or the like.

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