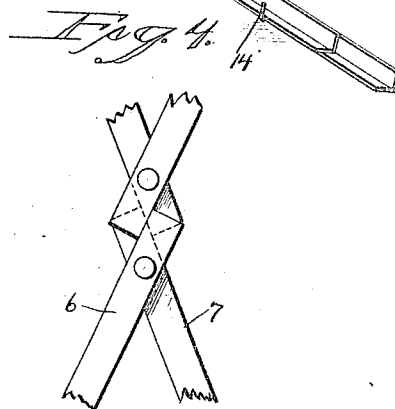
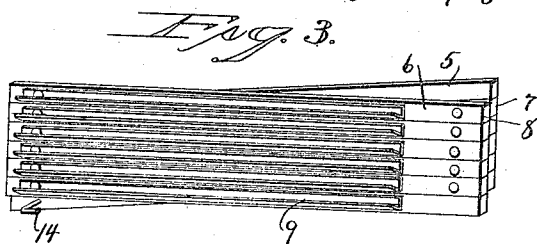
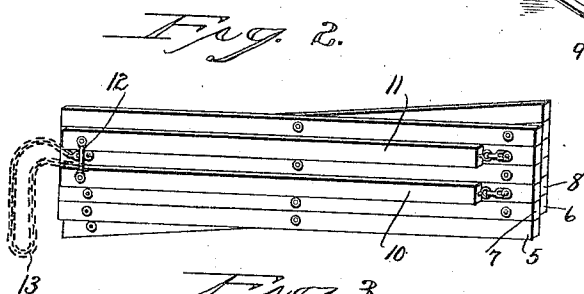
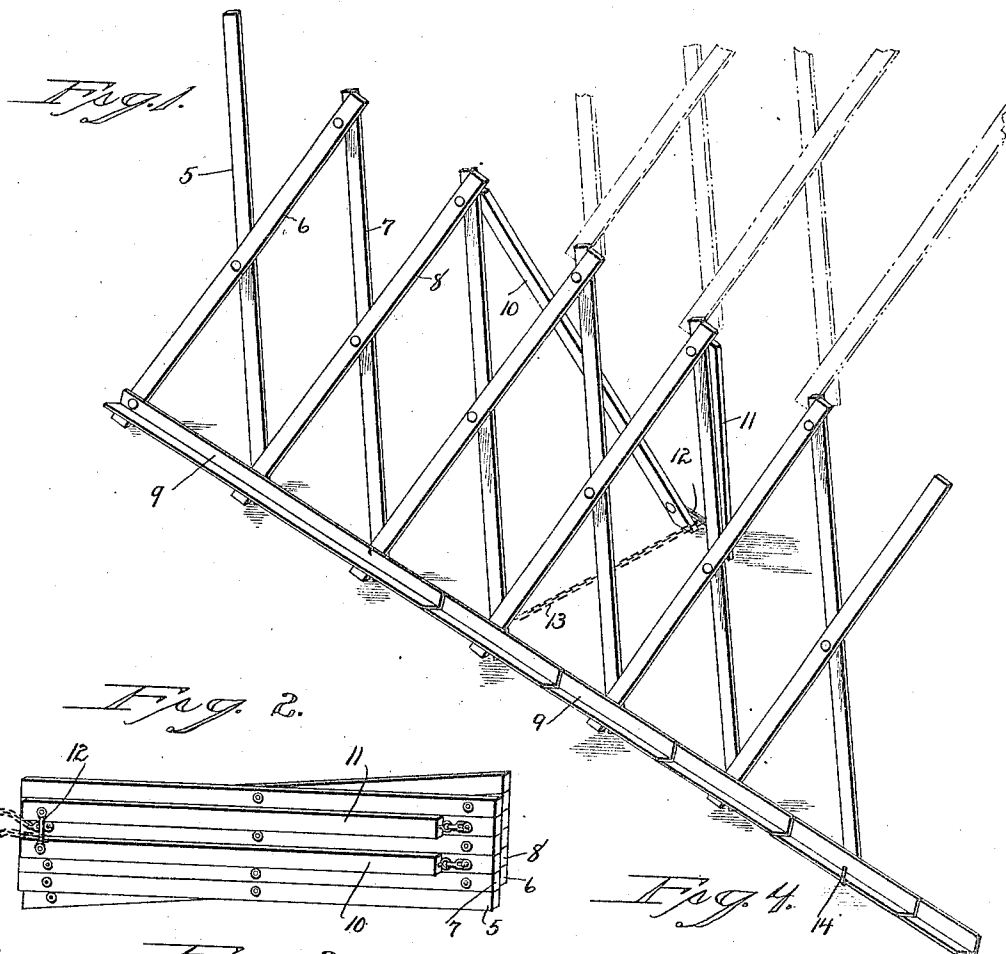


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN B. RATTO, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Display-Racks; and I do hereby declare the following, when taken in connection with the accompanying drawings and the characters of reference marked thereon, to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, and which said drawings constitute part of this application, and represent, in—

Figure 1 a perspective view of a display rack constructed in accordance with my invention and shown in the open position.

Fig. 2 a rear view of the rack in the closed position.

Fig. 3 a front view of the rack in the closed position.

Fig. 4 a broken front view showing the lower ends of one rack interlocked with the upper ends of another rack.

This invention relates to an improvement in display racks adapted for a variety of uses, such as showing pictures, cards, sheet music, etc., the object being to provide an adjustable rack adapted to rest upon a showcase or in a show-window, and adapted to be folded into small compass when not in use; and the invention consists in the construction hereinafter described and particularly recited in the claims.

In carrying out my invention, I employ a series of levers 5, 6, 7 and 8, the inner levers 5 and 7 being pivotally connected at their centers with the outer levers 6 and 8. The lower ends of the levers 5 and 8 are pivotally connected together and the upper ends of the levers 6 and 7 are pivotally connected together, this series being repeated according to the size of the rack which is of the lazy tongs type. Preferably and as herein shown, the ends of the levers at the top and bottom project beyond their pivotal points for the purpose as will hereinafter appear. Pivotaly connected with the lower ends of each of the outer levers is a rest 9 which when the levers are extended are adapted to be turned down one against the other so as

to form a continuous rest, the end lever being supported by a pin or hook 14, as shown in Fig. 1 of the drawings. The rack is supported by braces 10 and 11 loosely connected at their upper ends with two of the levers and connected together at their lower ends by a link 12 which is connected with one of the levers by a flexible connection 13, these braces extending rearward so as to support the rack as an easel. This rack may be extended longitudinally to the limit of the movement of the levers.

If a double rack is desired, one rack is set upon the upper ends of the first rack as indicated in broken lines in Fig. 1, the projecting lower ends of the levers of the second rack interlocking with the projecting upper ends of the first rack. These racks when not in use are folded together into compact form, as shown in Figs. 2 and 3 of the drawings, the rests 9 folding together and extending in line with the levers, as shown in Fig. 3 of the drawings.

I claim:—

1. A display rack comprising a series of inner and outer levers pivotally connected together as lazy tongs, and a series of rests pivotally connected with the outer levers and adapted to bear one upon another.

2. A display rack comprising a series of inner and outer levers connected together as lazy tongs, a series of rests pivotally connected with the outer levers, and braces pivotally connected with two of the levers and adapted to support the rack in an inclined position.

3. A display rack comprising a series of inner and outer levers arranged as lazy tongs, the ends of the levers projecting beyond their pivots, whereby one rack may be superimposed upon another, and means for supporting the rack in an inclined position.

In testimony whereof, I have signed this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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