

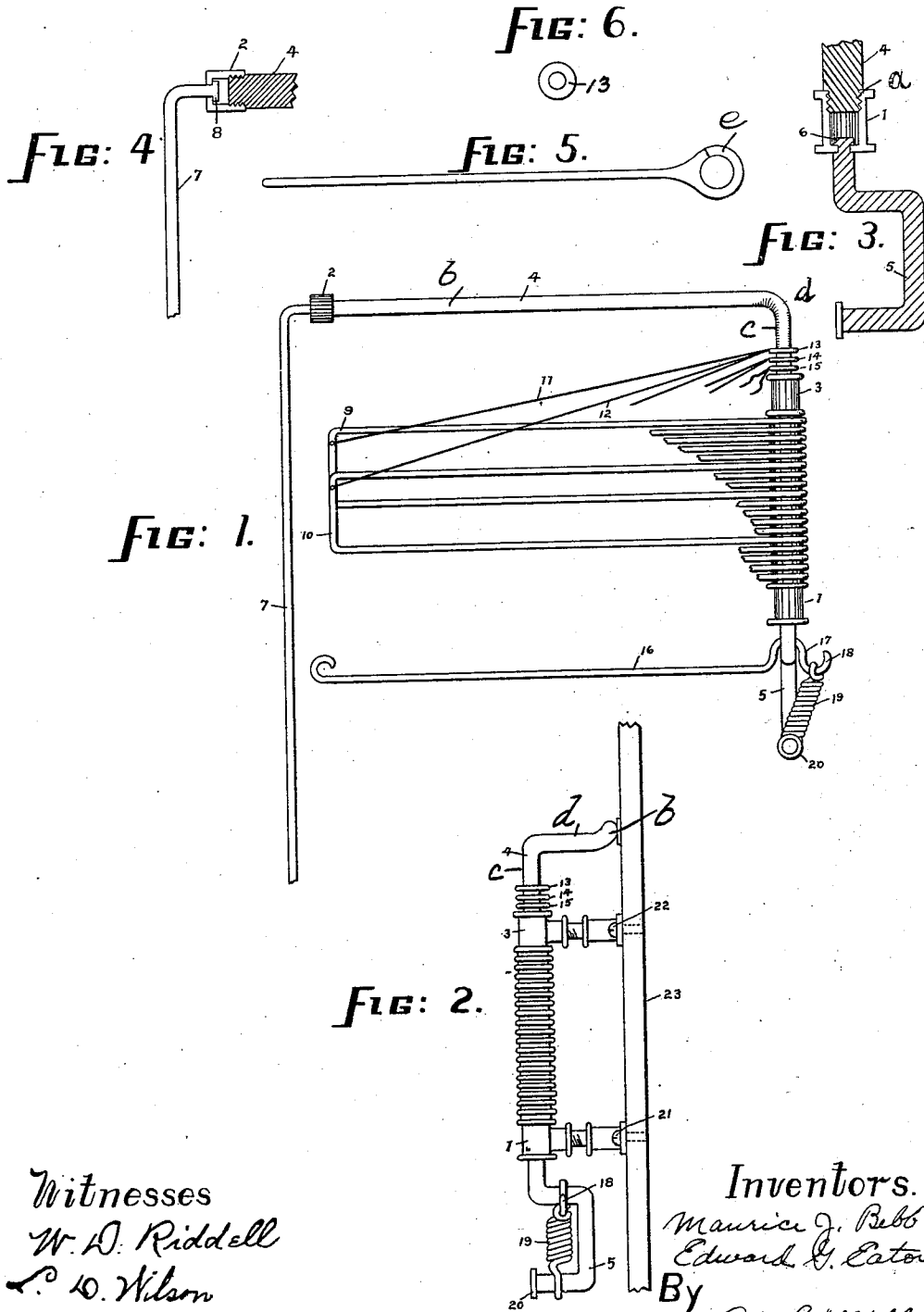
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, MAURICE J. BEBB, residing at Xenia, Greene county, and EDWARD G. EATON, residing at Athens, Athens county, Ohio, citizens of the United States, have invented a new and useful Curtain-Display Rack, of which the following is a specification.

Our invention relates to a device which is used as a rack upon which lace curtains and other fabrics are displayed for inspection or sale.

We have so constructed our device as to economize the space required by having it adapted to be folded up when not in use and also have it readily adapted to be attached either to the wall of a room or a frame especially constructed for that purpose.

The object sought in our invention, in addition to that already expressed, is to save time in handling these goods and keep them from soiling while being shown and also to display the curtain or fabric, giving its effect when it is placed in its proper position.

For a more complete description of our device reference is had to our drawings hereto annexed and made a part of this specification, in which corresponding characters represent similar parts.

In the drawings, Figure 1 shows the rack ready for use. Fig. 2 shows it closed and swung around near the wall and also the means by which it is attached to the wall. Figs. 3 and 4 are sectional views of parts. Fig. 5 is a detail view of one of the supporting-arms for the lace curtains. Fig. 6 is a plan view of one of the rings indicated at 13, 14, and 15.

In Figs. 1 and 2 numerals 1 and 3 are two brackets, which are fastened to a wall 23 by means of screws 21 and 22. These brackets are T-shaped and support the main frame 4 of the rack, the upper part of the T's being tubular, as shown by 1 in Fig. 3, the T 3 being like 1, except that it has no screw-thread connection with the frame C, the said frame simply turning in this T 3. This connection is shown more plainly in Fig. 3, in which the lower end of the frame 4 is screw-threaded at a to fit into similar screw-threads in the head of the T. By this connection the frame 4 may be turned.

The main frame 4 consists of an upper arm extension b, the vertical part c, which turns in the T 3 and in the upper part of the T 1, and a portion d, which extends at right angles to the portion c, at the top thereof, and connects the same with the extension b, being also at right angles to the latter. Near the outer end of the arm extension of 4 is attached a rod 7, used to swing the arm or hinge 4 to whatever position desired, and in making the connection between 4 and 7 we employ a cap 2, fastened upon the end of 4 and being fastened to 7 by a swivel connection, as shown by 8 in Fig. 4.

To the main frame 4 are attached any number of arms, such as are shown by 9 and 10, these arms each having an eye e, adapted to turn upon the main frame 4. Above the T 3 and encircling the main frame 4 are placed rings, (shown by 13, 14, and 15,) and to these rings are attached a wire, and the wire is fastened at its other end to the outer end of the arms, (shown by 9 and 10.) These wires are indicated by 11 and 12. Each arm extending from the main frame has one wire brace, such as 11 or 12, fastened to a ring around the frame, as above described.

To the lower part of T 1 is swiveled a rod 5 or bracket, as shown in Figs. 2 and 3. Upon this rod 5 or bracket is swung a rod 16, having its one end bent to fit the rod 5, and a hook 18, to which is attached a coil-spring 19, which in turn is connected to the rod 5, a flange 20 being formed on the end of said rod to prevent the spring from slipping therefrom. The manner in which 16 fits on 5 is shown by 17, Fig. 1.

We do not confine ourselves to the precise form or arrangement of angle of rod 5, as it may be constructed differently without departing from our invention.

Rod 16 is to support a display-curtain which is to be used as a background, over which will be displayed the lace curtains, and the spring 19, which is attached to the end of 16, allows the rod 16 to be pressed down at will and to be brought up between the lace curtains. In addition to the motion just described in rod 16 the rods 4, 9 or 10, and 16 are all swung in a semicircle, but may either be swung separately or together, as may be desired.

In using our rack we place the lace curtains

or fabrics to be displayed upon the arms 9 or 10, two (2) curtains on each arm 9 or 10. As many pairs of curtains may be displayed as there are arms upon the rack, and the arms
 5 are swung out as each pair of curtains are desired to be shown, and by means of the display-curtain on rod 16 (whose motion and use have already been described) any pair of curtains may be swung out into the proper place
 10 and be displayed with the proper effect. A covering is attached to arm 4 and is used to keep out the dust and dirt from the curtains or fabrics on the rack. This arm and covering form a door, and by the use of rod 7 the door
 15 can be opened and closed at will.

Having described our invention, what we claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In combination, a swiveled frame comprising a vertical portion, a horizontal portion
 20 *b* and an intermediate horizontal connecting portion *d* at right angles to the portion *b* and an arm to hold the samples, said arm being swiveled to the vertical portion, substantially
 25 as described.

2. In combination, the frame, a horizontally-moving arm thereon adapted to support the goods, and an arm arranged below the horizontally-moving arm and pivotally supported
 30 to swing vertically and means for normally holding the pivoted arm in a horizontal position, substantially as described.

3. In combination, the swiveled frame, an arm thereon, a bracket 5 below the frame
 35 and a spring-operated arm supported by the bracket, substantially as described.

4. In combination with a frame having a vertical portion, arms swiveled thereon, brackets for supporting the frame, a horizontal bar
 40 at the upper part of the frame arranged to have movement independent of the swiveled arms and an arm swiveled to the outer end of said upper bar and depending therefrom, substantially
 45 as described.

5. In combination, a series of arms swiv-

eled about a common axial line, brackets supporting the said arms at a slight distance from the wall, and a bar having swinging movement in a horizontal plane above the said
 50 arms, said bar having a bent portion *d* extending from the axis of the swiveled arms and reaching to a point above the attached ends of the brackets to bear on the wall which supports the said brackets, substantially as described.
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6. In combination, a frame, arms swiveled thereto to swing horizontally, an arm below the said swiveled arms arranged to swing horizontally and vertically, and means for pivotally supporting the said arm to allow the said
 60 horizontal and vertical swinging movement, substantially as described.

7. In combination, a frame, swinging arms carried thereby, a bracket swiveled below
 65 said frame and a vertical movable arm pivoted to said bracket with means for holding the said arm normally up, substantially as described.

8. In combination with a frame having horizontally-swinging arms for holding the samples, an arm arranged in a plane below that of the swinging arms having movement both horizontally and vertically, means for pivotally supporting the said arm to allow the said
 75 horizontal and vertical movement and adapted to hold a display-curtain, a spring for holding the said arm normally up in a horizontal position, and means for supporting the parts, substantially as described.

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