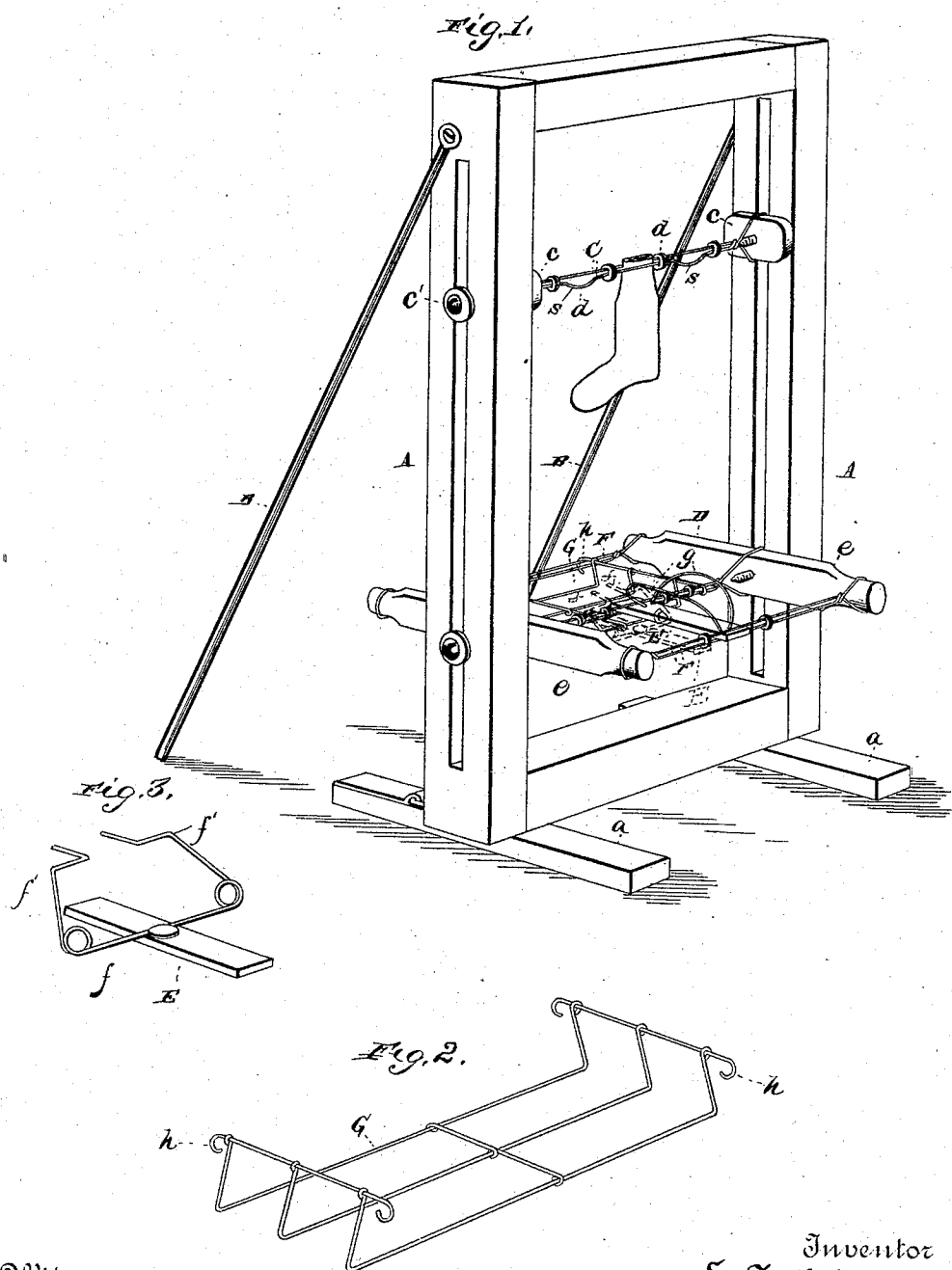


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DISPLAY-STAND.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SAMUEL T. DICKENS, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Eureka Springs, in the county of Carroll and State of Arkansas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Display-Stands; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a perspective view of the stand. Fig. 2 is a detail view of hat-holding device, and Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the rack.

This invention relates to improvements in display stands and racks, and especially to the means provided for securing the articles therein; and it consists in the novel construction thereof, as hereinafter specified.

In the accompanying drawings, illustrating the invention, the letter A designates the frame or support, shown as of rectangular form and supported upon the feet *a*, which are hinged or pivoted to the bottom piece of the frame to permit the adjustment of the latter at any desired angle, at which it is held by the pivoted parallel brace-rods B.

C represents a pair of wires extending transversely across the frame and secured at each end to binding-plates *c*, held to the side portions of the frame by set-screws *c'*, by the operation of which the tension of said wires may be adjusted. The side pieces of the frame are slotted vertically to permit the adjustment of the wires to any desired height. As many pairs of these wires may be used as may be desired. The articles to be displayed are placed between the wires, in which position they are secured by means of the rings or collars *d*. These rings or collars are designed to slide freely on the wires and serve as binders to hold the wires in close contact with each other, by means of which the articles held therein are clamped and securely held.

D represents a frame or rack adjustably hung or pivoted between the side bars of the

frame and consisting of the transverse end pieces *e*, to which are connected the ends of several parallel wires F, arranged similarly to and for the same purpose as the wires C, and also having similar tightening-screws and adjusting-collars. Secured between two pairs of these wires may be a hat-holding device E, consisting of the oppositely-curved wires *g*, held in the supporting-pieces E and adapted to engage the crown of a hat; also, a shoe-holder *f*, (shown in Fig. 3,) consisting of the spring-wires *f'*, adapted to clasp a shoe. The frame D may be adjusted to any desired height in the frame, and by means of its pivoted support may be adjusted at any angle.

For displaying articles that cannot well be held between the parallel wires a basket-like device or rack G may be provided and supported in the frame *f* by hooks *h*, formed therein. This basket is especially adapted for displaying small articles singly or in boxes, books, stationery, notions, &c.

The whole device is of simple construction and adapted to display articles of merchandise to the greatest advantage.

It is obvious that the shape and arrangement of the stand may be varied, as well as the location of the various parts described.

While I wish to claim the construction of the stand, I claim especially the provision of parallel wires provided with tension-adjusters and with the sliding rings or collars, whereby articles may be clamped firmly between said wires. To facilitate the insertion of such articles, I form loops *s* in one or both of the wires, as shown. A frame provided with one or more sets of these parallel wires may be used to great advantage as a clothes-drier, as will be readily seen, the articles of clothing being clamped therein instead of being fastened by pins in the usual manner.

Having described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The combination, with a suitable support, of one or more sets of parallel wires secured thereto, means for adjusting the tension of said wires, and rings or collars sliding thereon, substantially as specified.

2. The combination, with a suitable support, of one or more sets of parallel wires se-

cured thereto, one of said wires having loops formed therein, means for adjusting the tension of said wires, and collars or rings sliding on each set thereof, substantially as specified.

5 3. A display stand or rack comprising a frame, the feet hinged or pivoted thereto, and the pivoted brace-rods, said frame having therein parallel clamping-wires provided with sliding binding rings or collars, substantially
10 as specified.

4. A display stand or rack comprising a frame adjustable with relation to its support, parallel clamping-wires having collars or rings held in said frame, and an adjustable

display-frame below said wires, substantially 15 as specified.

5. The display stand or rack comprising the frame having the parallel clamping-wires therein and the display-frame adjustably held in said main frame, said display-frame hav- 20 ing the parallel wires, the rack, and the spring clamps or holders, substantially as specified.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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