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WALL PAPER DISPLAY RACK.

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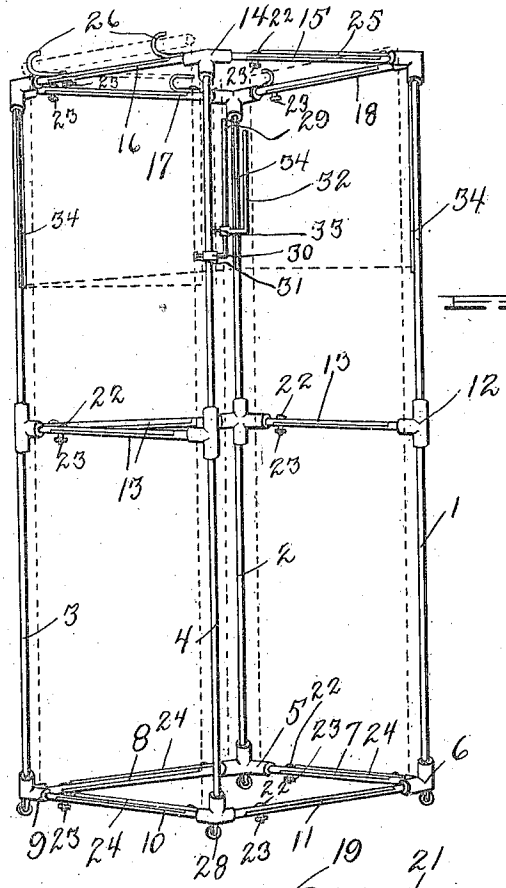


FIG. 1.

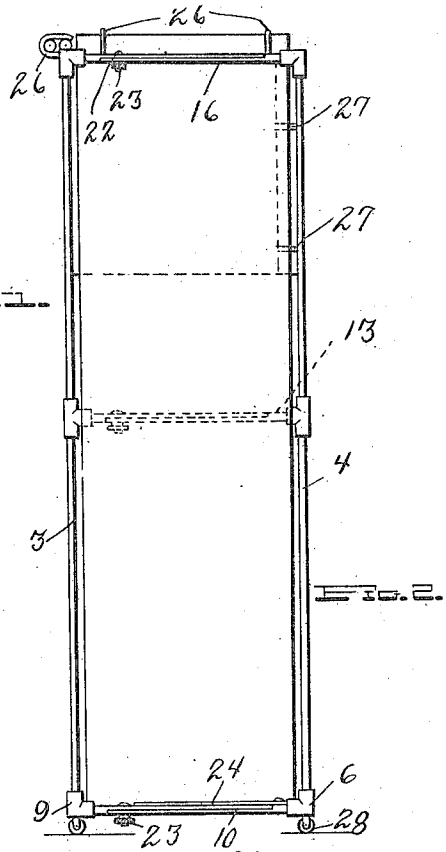


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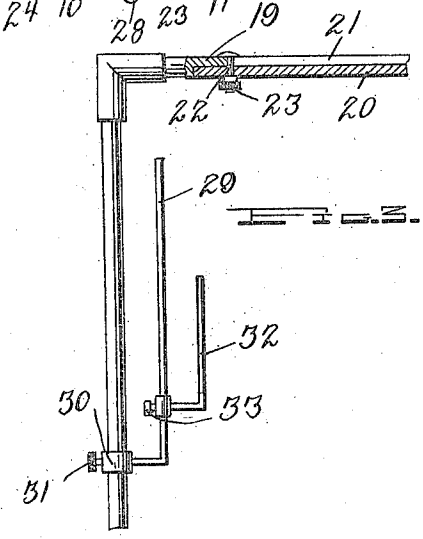


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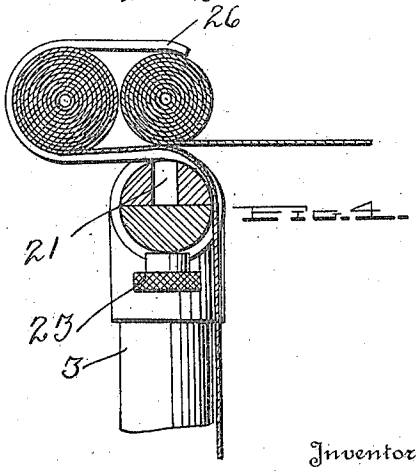


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, AUGUST QUIRAM, a citizen of United States, residing at Varna, in the county of Marshall, State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Wall-Paper-Display Racks; and I do hereby 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.

This invention relates to a wall paper display rack.

An object of the invention is to provide a rack by means of which wall paper may be displayed in such manner that an observer may be able to judge how the said paper will look when in place upon the walls of a room.

A further object of the invention is to provide a device of such character that the separate rolls of paper may be put in place thereon or detached therefrom in a very short time without injuring the rolls.

A still further object of the invention is to so construct the device that it may be adjusted to accommodate paper of different widths.

With these and other objects in view, such as will appear as the description progresses, my invention comprises the combination and arrangement of parts as set forth in and falling within the scope of the invention as defined by the claims.

Referring to the drawing:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my device.

Fig. 2 is a side elevation thereof, showing a strip of paper thereon.

Fig. 3 is a fragmental detail showing the border supporting means.

Fig. 4 is an enlarged sectional view with the means for holding the roll.

Referring to the drawing wherein like parts are indicated by like characters throughout the several views:—

My device comprises a rectangular frame of skeleton formation having four vertically extending posts which, for convenience, will be designated by the reference characters 1, 2, 3 and 4. Connecting the posts 1 and 2 at the bottom thereof and secured to the said posts by three-way connections 5 and 6 is a rod 7 and connecting the posts 2 and 3 is a rod 8 joined to the said posts by the connections 5 and 9. The posts 3 and 4 and 4 and 1 are connected in a similar manner by rods 10 and 11, respectively.

Connected to the middle portions of the posts 1 to 4 inclusive and secured thereto by connections 12 are a series of rods 13 which connect the said aforementioned posts with the exception of 1 and 4 so as to hold the same in the particular form determined by the rods 7 to 11 inclusive.

Secured to the upper end of the posts 1 to 4 inclusive by joints 14 is a top member which is made of rods 15 to 18 inclusive joined to hold the top of the rack in the same form that the bottom is held.

These rods 7 to 11 inclusive, 13 and 15 to 18 inclusive are made of two sections indicated in Fig. 3 of the drawing as 19 and 20, said sections being semi-cylindrical in formation. In the upper section 19 is formed a longitudinally extending slot 21, while in the lower section 20 is formed a hole. A bolt 22 extends through the said slot 21 and through the hole and on the lower end of this bolt is engaged a binding nut 23 by means of which the said sections 19 and 20 may be frictionally held together. Because of the fact that the section 19 of each of the aforementioned rods has a slot therein, the said sections may be extended with relation to each other and thus provision is made for the accommodation of papers of different widths.

On each of the bottom rods 7, 8 and 10 is secured at one end thereof and spaced in parallel relation thereto a bar 24 made of spring metal and adapted to bear against the adjacent portion of each of said rods, the function of these bars will hereinafter appear.

A bar 25 similar to these bars just described is attached to the rod 15 at the upper end of the rack.

In order that the paper remaining in the roll may be clamped in place, I have provided on the rods 16, 17 and 18 a plurality of hook-members 26 in which the roll of paper is adapted to rest. The hook-members on the rod 17 being of such form as to accommodate two rolls of paper.

On each of the lower corners of the rack is provided a caster 28 so that the rack may be pushed into any desirable position in order that the proper light may be obtained.

Adjustably secured to the posts 4 adjacent the upper end thereof is a spaced parallel arm 29 which has a collar 30 on the lower

end thereof, which collar encircles the said rod and is maintained in any of its adjusted positions by a thumb screw 31, and on this arm is a similar but smaller arm 32 which is held in position by a thumb screw 33.

The posts 1, 2 and 3 are provided with clamps 34, the purpose of which will appear later.

In placing the paper upon this rack, the free ends of the rolls of paper are engaged beneath the clamping rods 24 on the rods 7, 8 and 10. The paper is then stretched over the sides of the device by unrolling the same and the remaining rolls are engaged beneath the hooks 26. After this wall paper has been put in place assuming, for instance, that it is desirable to display a plate rail effect, the paper forming the portion above the plate rail is engaged so that the end thereof will extend beneath the rod 34 on the post 1 and the clamping rods 34 on the posts 2 and 3 will maintain the paper between themselves and the said posts. The remaining roll is placed upon the arm 29, the said arm extending up through the roll and thus the portion of the paper that, in the room, will form the portion above the plate rail is held in place upon the rack. Now should it be desirable to put a border on this portion, the border is clamped beneath the rods 34 and the roll remaining is positioned on the arm 32.

The ceiling paper is then put in place by clamping the free end beneath the arm 25 and the roll beneath the hooks 26 on the rod 17, at which time the paper will be exhibited in such manner as to indicate the appearance of a room in which the said paper is used.

When it is desired to display paper of a greater width it is only necessary to adjust the horizontal spacing rods in a manner previously described.

It may be seen that I have provided a rack for the display of wall paper which is constructed in such manner as to exhibit the paper so that it will indicate how it will look on the walls of a room and I have made provision in the device for adjusting the same to accommodate papers of different widths.

While I have illustrated and described a particular embodiment of my invention it has merely been for the sake of convenience and I do not wish to be limited to that particular embodiment as it is obvious that numerous changes may be made in the details of construction thereof without in any way departing from the spirit of the invention or exceeding the scope of the appended claims.

What is claimed is:—

1. In a wall paper displaying device a skeleton frame having one side uninterruptedly open to face the observer, means for holding a plurality of strips of wall paper on the remaining sides of the frame, and means for holding a strip of ceiling paper over the top of the frame and means for holding border strips around the frame beneath the ceiling strip and inside the wall strips.

2. In a wall paper display device, a skeleton frame having an uninterruptedly open front side, said frame being adjustable with respect to the width and depth thereof, means to hold the frame in adjusted position, means to secure strips of wall paper on the sides and back of the frame, means to secure a strip of ceiling paper on the top of the frame, and border supporting elements arranged within and vertically of the upper part of said frame.

3. In a device for displaying wall paper, a rectangular frame having an uninterruptedly open front side, wall paper roll holders carried by the upper side and rear portions of said frame, the holders on the side portions being arranged to hold a single roll of wall paper and the holders on the rear portion being arranged to hold a roll of wall paper and a roll of ceiling paper, clamps for the wall paper at the lower side and rear portions of the frame, and a clamp for the ceiling paper at the upper front portion of the frame.

4. In a device for displaying wall paper, a rectangular frame having an uninterruptedly open front side, wall paper roll holders carried by the upper side and rear portions of said frame, the holders on the side portions being arranged to hold a single roll of wall paper and the holders on the rear portion being arranged to hold a roll of wall paper and a roll of ceiling paper, clamps for the wall paper at the lower side and rear portions of the frame, and a clamp for the ceiling paper at the upper front portion of the frame, means adjustable vertically of and supported by said frame, said means being arranged to hold rolls of border paper beneath the ceiling paper and within the side and rear walls of paper, and other means to lock the last-mentioned means in adjusted position.

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

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