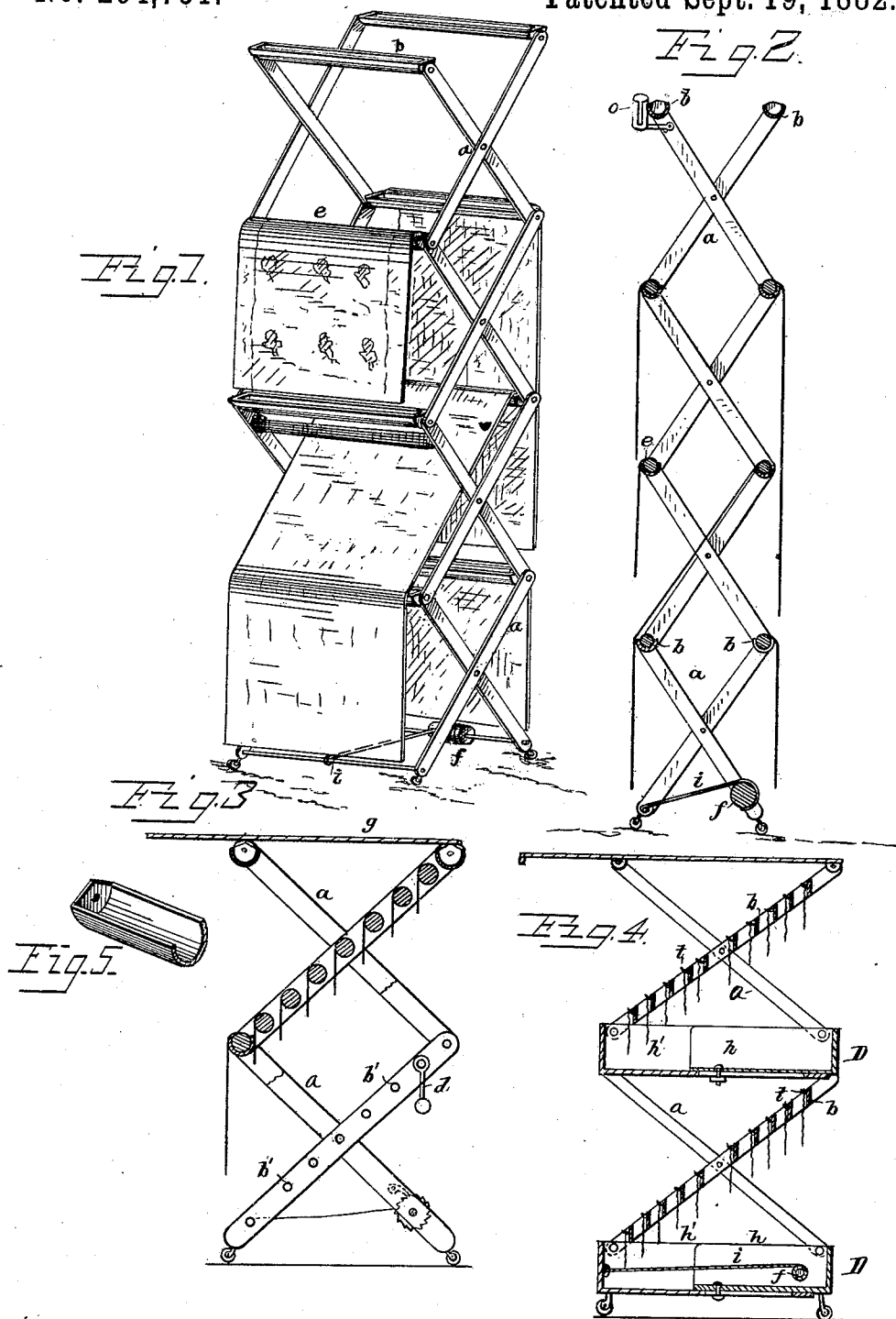


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALFRED F. POTTS, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Indianapolis, in the county of Marion and State of Indiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Display-Stands; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention is a stand for displaying goods and other articles, constructed, as fully described hereinafter, so that it may be closed together to conceal the contents or distended to fully display the same and to permit ready access thereto.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view, showing one form of my improved stand. Fig. 2 is a sectional elevation of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is an elevation partly in section, showing a modification. Fig. 4 is a sectional elevation, showing another modification. Fig. 5 is a detached perspective view of part of one of the holders.

The stand consists essentially of two side frames composed of a series of cross-bars, *a*, jointed in the manner of ordinary lazy-tongs, and connecting cross-pieces *b*, so constructed as to hold the articles to be displayed.

In Figs. 1 and 2 I have shown the stand as constructed for the display of textile or other fabrics, the cross-pieces *b* to be in the form of troughs pivoted to the bars *a*, and constituting receptacles for the rolls *c* of fabric, which may be displayed by simply drawing out the end, so as to expose any desired length, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2. When such display is not desired the fabric is rolled up and placed in the troughs *b* and the frame folded to a compact form.

To facilitate the extension of the frame, I may use a cord, *i*, connected to the lower end of one lower bar *a*, and a drum, *f*, upon a shaft extending through the opposite bar, so that upon turning the shaft the cord is wound upon the drum and the ends of the bars drawn together.

The pawl and ratchet shown in Fig. 3 serve to hold the parts in any position to which they are adjusted.

The holders for the rolls of goods may be in the form of shafts, as shown at *b'* in Fig. 3, the shafts extending through the bars *a*, and are provided with square ends, to which to apply a crank, *d*, for turning the shafts to

wind up the fabric. Any piece of fabric thus arranged may be readily displayed by drawing the end outward and over the other pieces, as shown in Fig. 3. The cover *g*, Fig. 3, hinged to the upper ends of one pair of the upper bars *a* and extending forward over the other bars, serves to protect the goods when the case is folded together.

For the purpose of displaying railroad-tickets the cross-pieces *b* are provided with hooks *t*, to which the tickets are hung, as shown in Fig. 4. A receptacle may be formed for the tickets when the case is closed by joining the lower ends of the bars *a* to the sides of a two-part box, *D*, one section, *h*, of which slides into or upon the other section, *h'*, so as to be extended and contracted as the bars are depressed or elevated.

In Fig. 4 I have shown two boxes and two sets of suspension-bars; but a greater or less number may be used.

The receptacles for the goods to be displayed may be hung to the cross-bars or supported between the bars *a* near the cross-bars.

For wall-papers, where it is desirable to display borders, I may secure a bracket, *o*, to one of the side arms, or a receptacle of any kind adapted to support the roll of border.

It will be apparent that this stand may be used for textile fabrics, paper, newspapers, and many other articles.

I claim—

1. A display-stand consisting of the two side frames, each composed of crossed and pivoted bars *a*, and cross-pieces *b*, connecting the side pieces and constituting a series of receptacles adapted to retain the articles to be displayed, substantially as set forth.

2. In a display-stand, the combination of the cross-bars *a*, cross-pieces *b*, and receptacle *D*, consisting of sections *h* *h'*, adapted to slide one within the other, substantially as specified.

3. The combination of the folding side frames, *a*, adapted to be folded to a compact form, of a series of cross-pieces, *b*, constructed to support goods to be displayed, and a bracket, *o*, as specified.

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

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