

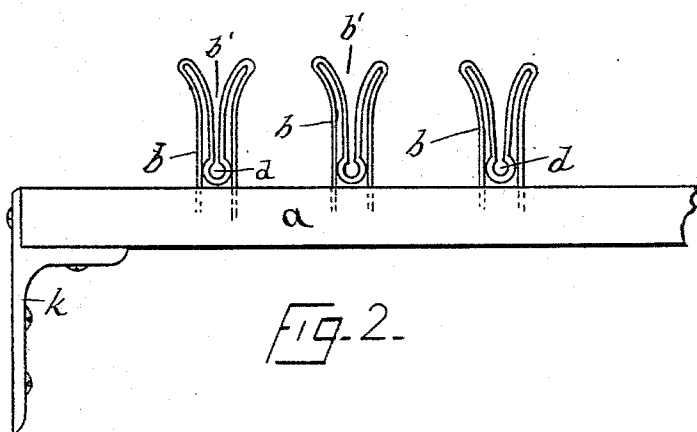
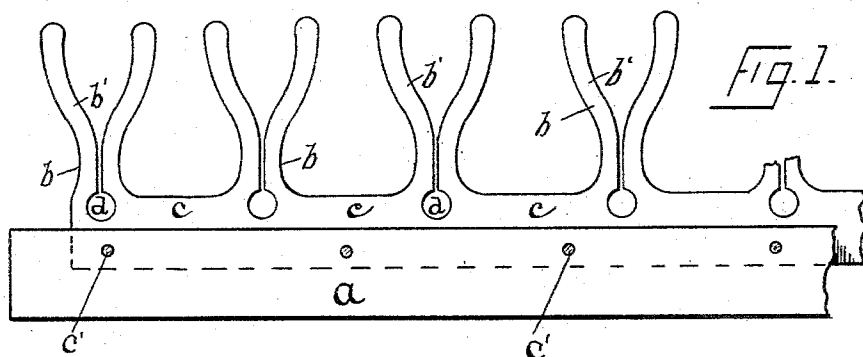
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LEOPOLD STRAUSS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Norwich, in the county of New London and State of Connecticut, have made certain new and useful Improvements in Display-Frames, which improvements are fully set forth and described in the following specification, reference being had to the accompanying sheet of drawings.

My invention is in that class of display-frames designed to support goods formed of knit or woven fabrics—such as gloves, handkerchiefs, scarfs, tidies, towels, &c.—my immediate object being to provide a device of simple and cheap construction which may be suspended in show-windows, over counters, or in show-cases for the purpose of supporting and exhibiting to the public the above-mentioned class of goods, the construction being such that a great number of pieces or samples of goods may be exposed to view.

It has been quite a common practice heretofore to pin this class of goods over strings or wires, or to secure them by spring-clips, which, being detachable, are easily displaced and frequently lost. My device provides a mode of suspension which will not perforate or injure the goods and which may be quickly operated.

In order to more clearly explain my invention, I have annexed hereto a sheet of drawings illustrating in two separate views display frames or rods embodying my said invention, the clasps in Figure 1 being formed from a strip of punched sheet metal and in Fig. 2 of independent sections of wire bent and inserted in a wooden rod. In both of said figures that portion of each supporter which clasps the fabric is identical in shape and action. The general principle of said clasp is that of a gradually-narrowing slit, into which a portion of the fabric is drawn and wedged. This slit in itself is old in the class of "stocking-supporters," as I am fully aware.

The letter *a* in the drawings indicates a rod made preferably of wood, which material is both light and cheap and well adapted to the purpose. Secured to said rod is a series of clasps, *b*, formed with a gradually-narrowing slit, *b'*, as above noted. In Fig. 1 said clasps

are punched from a strip of metal, a connecting portion, *c*, being left between the clasps. This strip *c* is then entered in a channel or groove in rod *a* and secured in place by pins *c'*.

It will be noticed that the clasps here shown differ from those heretofore used in having an enlarged opening, *d*, at the base of the slit *b'*. This opening I have found of great convenience in detaching goods from display-frames located at a considerable height. Such goods may be easily removed from the clasp by drawing them downward, in which case the fabric passes below the slit *b'* into the clearing or relieving opening *d*, and may then be freely withdrawn.

In Fig. 2 the clasps *b* are formed of independent sections of wire, the inner outline of each being shaped substantially like the corresponding portion of the clasps in Fig. 1, above described. Each arm of said wire is then doubled back upon itself and sharpened at the ends which extend below the slit *b'* and are driven into the rod *a*, as indicated in dotted lines.

My complete device may be suspended by cords in a show-window, or may be rigidly attached to the wall by a bracket of substantially the form shown at *k*, Fig. 2.

Said rods *a* may also be made circular in cross-section and used with the form of display-frame described in patent to W. B. Foster, June 16, 1885, No. 320,122, in which case said rods would take the place of the rods *C* therein described, and could be readily adjusted to any desired position.

Having described my invention, I claim as new and wish to secure by Letters Patent—

A display-frame consisting of a multiple of clasps supported and connected by an intervening bar, each of said clasps being formed with a gradually-narrowing slit to receive the fabric, and having also an enlarged relieving-opening at the base of said slit, as and for the purpose specified.

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