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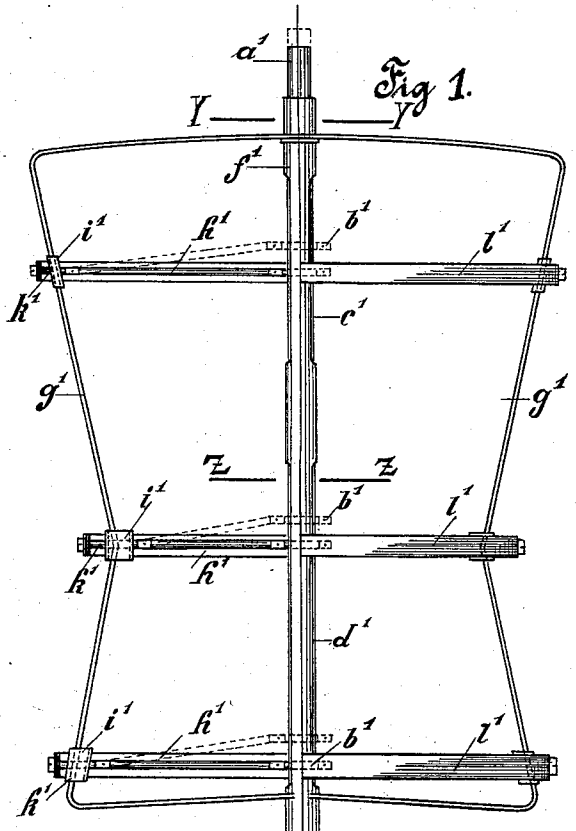


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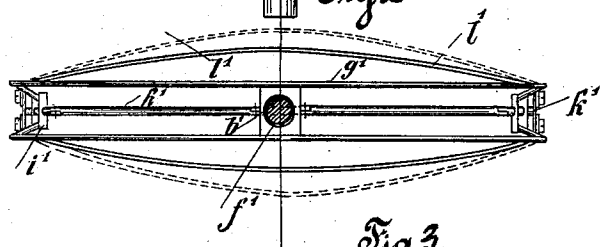
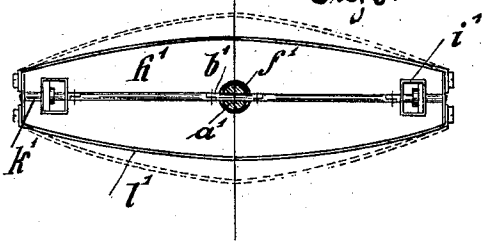


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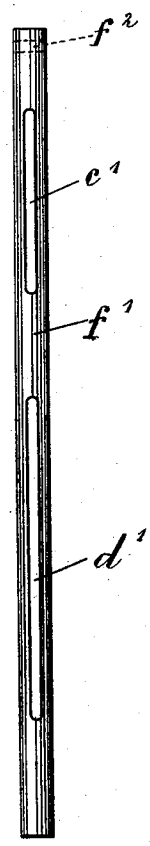
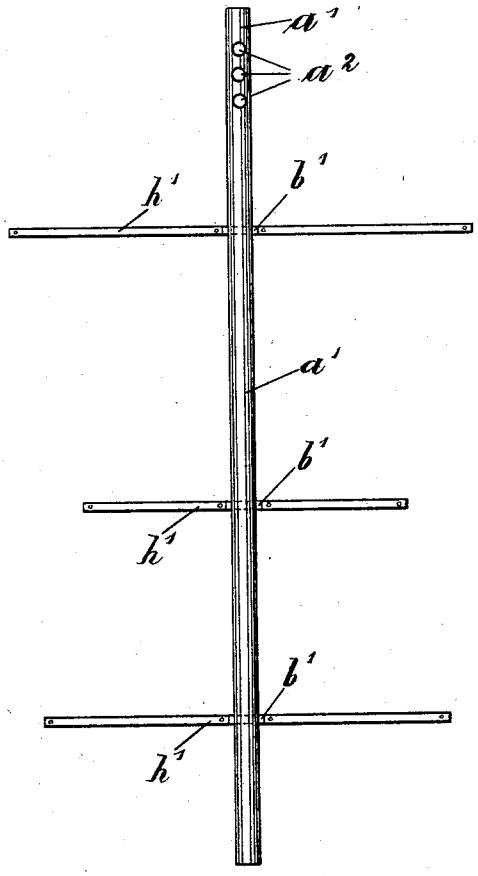


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MAX RAHN, of 41/42 Friedrichstrasse, Berlin, in the Kingdom of Prussia, German Empire, have invented new and useful Improvements in Show-Stands, (for which I have obtained a patent in Germany, No. 87,939, bearing date February 22, 1895; in Great Britain, No. 4,266, bearing date February 27, 1895, and in France, No. 245,505, bearing date March 2, 1895,) of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in show-stands in which a rod operates in conjunction with a tube fixed to a frame adapted to support clothes and the like and provided with elastic strips of metal; and the object of my improvements is to bulge out the elastic strips, so as to take more or less the form of the sample to be exhibited. I attain this object by means of the mechanism illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a front view of the show-stand; Fig. 2, a section on the line $y\ y$, Fig. 1; Fig. 3, a section on the line $z\ z$, Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a detail view showing in side elevation the tube f'; and Fig. 5 is a detail view showing in front elevation the rod a', bolts b', and links h'.

The show-stand comprises a tube f', slotted at c' d', and a rod a', adapted to slide in the said tube. A frame g' is connected at its upper and lower ends with the tube f' and provided at certain distances apart with guide-pieces i', through the middle of which pins k' pass freely, being connected at their outer ends with thin elastic strips l' of metal. The inner ends of the pins k' are connected by links h' to bolts b', which pass through the rod a' and the slots c' d' of the tube f'.

By moving the rod a' outward the bolts b' are raised, as indicated by dotted lines in Fig. 1, and the pins k' are thrown inward, and with them the ends of the elastic strips l', which now bulge out, as shown in dotted lines in Figs. 2 and 3. The elastic strips are held in the position shown in dotted lines in Figs. 2 and 3 by sticking a pin through one of the holes a^2 of the rod a' and the hole f^2 of the tube f', Figs. 4 and 5. The sample to be exhibited is then laid upon the elastic strips, bulged out in such a manner that they tally with the contours of a certain portion of the human body. When the rod a' is moved inward, the elastic strips l' return into their normal position and the frame is flattened down for convenience of packing up or storage.

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

In a show-stand, the combination of a slotted tube, with a frame fixed to the slotted tube and having guide-pieces, a rod having pins and adapted to slide in the said slotted tube, pins passing freely through the guide-pieces, elastic strips connected to the outer ends of the pins of the guide-pieces, and links connecting the inner ends of the pins of the guide-pieces with the pins of the sliding rod, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

In witness whereof I have hereunto signed my name in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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