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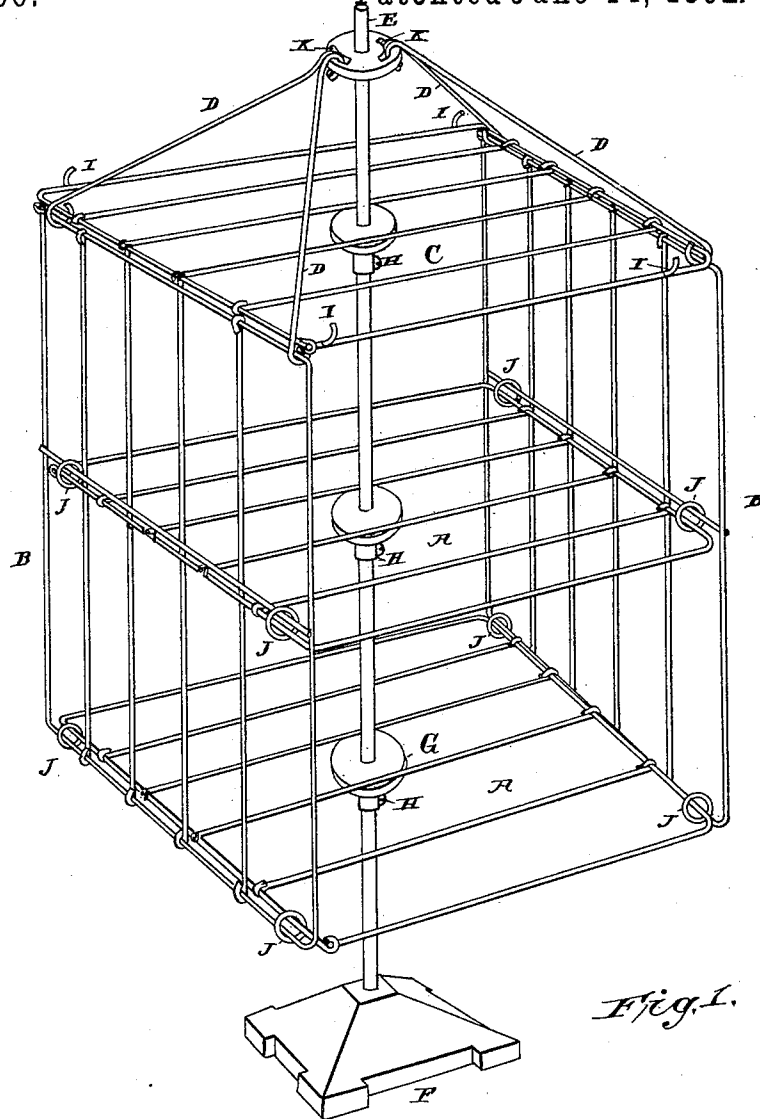


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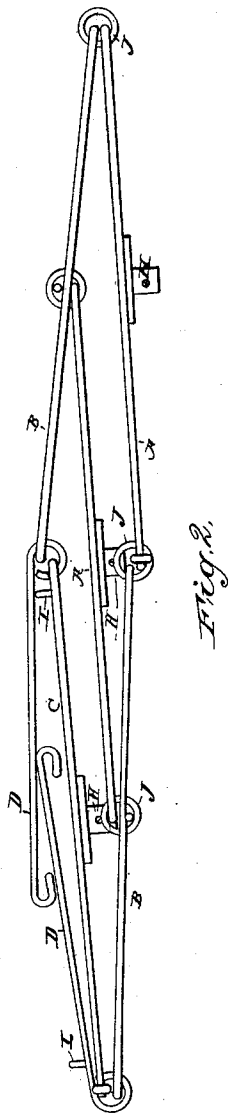
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LOUIS C. TAYLOR, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city of Trenton, county of Mercer, and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Library-Furniture, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to provide a portable folding and revolving rack for holding books or displaying merchandise, which shall be of sufficient strength adequately to support the objects which it is designed to hold and which can be readily taken apart or set up and which is capable of being folded into a small light package for easy transportation.

One form of my invention is shown in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a two-shelved rack. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the same when folded.

The same letters indicate similar parts in both the figures.

A indicates the shelves; B, the sides; C, the top; D, the braces; E, the standard upon which the shelves are mounted and around which they revolve; F, a suitable detachable foot in which the standard is set; G, the shelf-supporting disks secured to the said shelves and fitting loosely around the standard and capable of revolving around the same; H, the adjustable supporting thimbles or sleeves held rigid upon the standard by set-screws; I, the lugs projecting from the top shelf on all four sides to serve as racks to support open books or merchandise to be specially displayed; J, the rings by means of which the shelves and sides are loosely but firmly held together.

The shape and size of this display rack may be varied very largely at pleasure and may be made of wire, metal, bamboo, or any other light and strong material and be solid or open, as shown, according to the character of the goods displayed thereon, and each side and each shelf, though preferably made as an independent solid frame, as shown in the drawings, might be made in two or more pieces and hinged together and capable of folding, if de-

sired. Of course the number of sides may be largely varied to meet the demands of the uses to which the rack is to be put.

A specially-useful application of this device is its use for a special set of books, such as the *Encyclopædia Britannica*, all the volumes of which, including the indexes, could be kept on two shelves put back to back, while four volumes could be kept constantly open on the four racks at the top. Another useful application of this device is its use when made with a number of shelves or sections for the display of merchandise, particularly fine grades of dress materials and other dry goods.

To fold this rack, the set-screws or other proper fastenings in the thimbles H are released and the whole rack is then pushed upward, so that the disks in turn rise above the standard E. The upper disk is then separated from the braces D by slipping the same out of the slots K in said disk, and when all the disks have been removed from the standard the device is folded over into the position shown, Fig. 2, the standard and suitable detachable foot being removed and the rings or other suitable joints with which the sides and shelves are held together allowing sufficient play for the sides and shelves to slip by each other, as shown in said figure.

I claim—

A portable folding and revolving display-rack, which consists of shelves centrally mounted one above the other upon a removable standard around which they revolve, adjustable supports secured to said standard, one below each shelf and supporting the center thereof, independent frames serving as sides for said shelves, each frame being loosely connected to each of said shelves by rings or similar devices, and lugs projecting from the top of said rack and serving to hold books when open, substantially as shown and described.

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