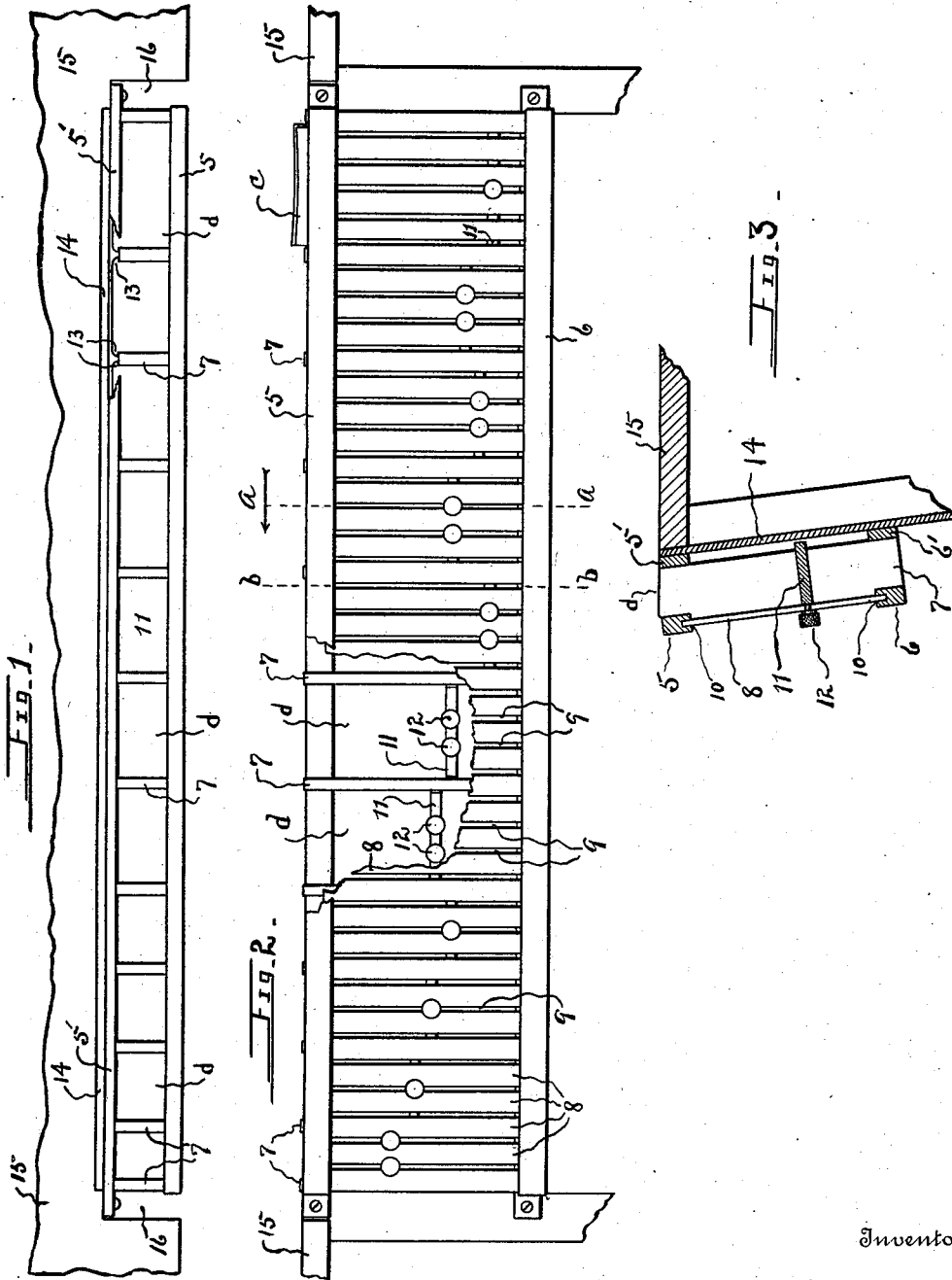


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, OTTO R. HAMMER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Harlan, in the county of Shelby and State of Iowa, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Paper-Bag Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention has for its object the provision of a container, rack or holder within which paper bags may be placed and held ready for withdrawal, the device being especially adapted for use in retail stores where paper bags of various sizes are generally used for the deposit therein of merchandise, when sold.

The invention has reference to an elongated container having its front side formed as a rack and divided into compartments, the compartments having open, upper ends and being of various sizes and provided with vertically adjustable ledges or shelves. It may be secured upon a wall, counter or other support, and bags of assorted sizes may be held ready for convenient withdrawal from the compartments as required, the parallel, upright strips of the rack being suitably spaced apart to permit removal of dust or obstructions from the compartments and for ventilation, and providing channels or recesses for the insertion and movements therein of screw-members for making vertical adjustments of the shelves.

The invention consists of the novel construction, combination and arrangement of parts as described herein and claimed and as illustrated in the drawing, it being understood that changes in form, size, proportion and minor details may be made within the scope of the claims without departing from the spirit of the invention or sacrificing any of its advantages.

In the drawing, Figure 1 is a plan view, partly broken, of a bag holder embodying my invention, a support therefor being added. Fig. 2 is a front view, partly broken, of the same. Fig. 3. is a view in transverse section, between lines *a a* and *b b* of Fig. 2.

Referring now to the drawing for a more particular description, the bag holder consists, in part, of the upper pair of parallel, adjacent rails or strips 5 and 5', the lower pair of parallel, adjacent rails or strips 6 and 6', a plurality of upright partitions 7 uniform in width being disposed at longitudinal intervals, transversely between and secured to the rails or strips of each pair,

to provide between said partitions the elongated rectangular compartments *d*.

At 8 are indicated numerous, parallel, upright slats disposed substantially parallel and spaced apart to provide recesses 9 therebetween. The slats are secured to rails 5 and 6 by any suitable means, and preferably have their ends mounted in grooves formed in the inner faces of these rails.

As thus described a rectangular container is provided, its front side being ribbed or formed as a rack. It may have any desired length and number of compartments, and the lengths of the compartments, longitudinally of the container, conform to the usual widths of the bags to be contained therein. Each compartment is provided with a loose fitting shelf or ledge 11, disposed substantially at right angles to the ribs or strips 8. The shelves are engaged by screw-members 12 which traverse recesses 9; and by use of members 12 the shelves may be drawn against strips 8 and may be secured thereto at any desired distance between rails 5 and 6, to support bags *c* when placed in the compartments.

Since the bags are of various lengths, the shelves are adjustably mounted, as described, to provide compartments having lengths corresponding to that of the bags; and by making vertical adjustments of the shelves, the bags may be supported in assorted sizes so that their upper ends will project a suitable distance above the partitions and upper pair of rails, for separate, convenient removal.

Each shelf is provided at its rear end with holder-members or lugs 13 adapted to bear upon the rear edges of the two partitions between which it is disposed, these lugs being for the purpose of supporting the rear end of the shelf and maintaining the shelf substantially at right angles to strips 8; and at 14 is indicated a plate for inclosing the rear side of the container, said plate being disposed rearwardly of the lugs of the shelves, and secured to rails 5' and 6'.

The device may be mounted upon any desired support, as upon the counter 15, provided with the recess 16. If mounted in the recess, the rail 5 will be disposed flush with the top of the counter, and the device, as thus mounted, will not be obtrusive.

Having fully described the several parts of the structure, a further explanation relating to use or operation is not necessary.

What I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is,—

1. A device for the purpose described, comprising an elongated, upright container having one of its sides formed of adjacent strips to provide therebetween substantially parallel recesses, and provided at longitudinal intervals with transverse, upright partitions to form elongated compartments of unequal widths, open at their upper ends; shelves disposed in the compartments, and screw members traversing said recesses in engagement with the shelves.

2. A bag holder, comprising a rectangular, elongated container having one of its sides formed of substantially parallel strips with spaces therebetween, and provided between its ends with partitions to form elongated, rectangular compartments therein; shelves disposed in the compartments; and adjustable means disposed in the spaces for securing the shelves at selected distances between the ends of the compartments.

3. In devices for the purpose described, an elongated, upright container having one of its sides formed of adjacently disposed strips to provide therebetween substantially parallel recesses, and provided at unequal,

longitudinal intervals with transverse, upright partitions to form therebetween elongated compartments with open, upper ends; shelves disposed in the compartments and provided with lugs for engagement with the partitions; and screw members traversing said recesses in engagement with the shelves.

4. A bag holder comprising a rectangular, elongated container having one of its sides formed with substantially parallel strips and intervening spaces, and provided between its ends with partitions to form elongated, rectangular compartments therein; shelves disposed in the compartments and provided with holder-members adapted to engage the partitions; and adjustable means disposed in the spaces between the strips for securing the shelves at selected distances between the ends of the compartments.

In testimony whereof I have affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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