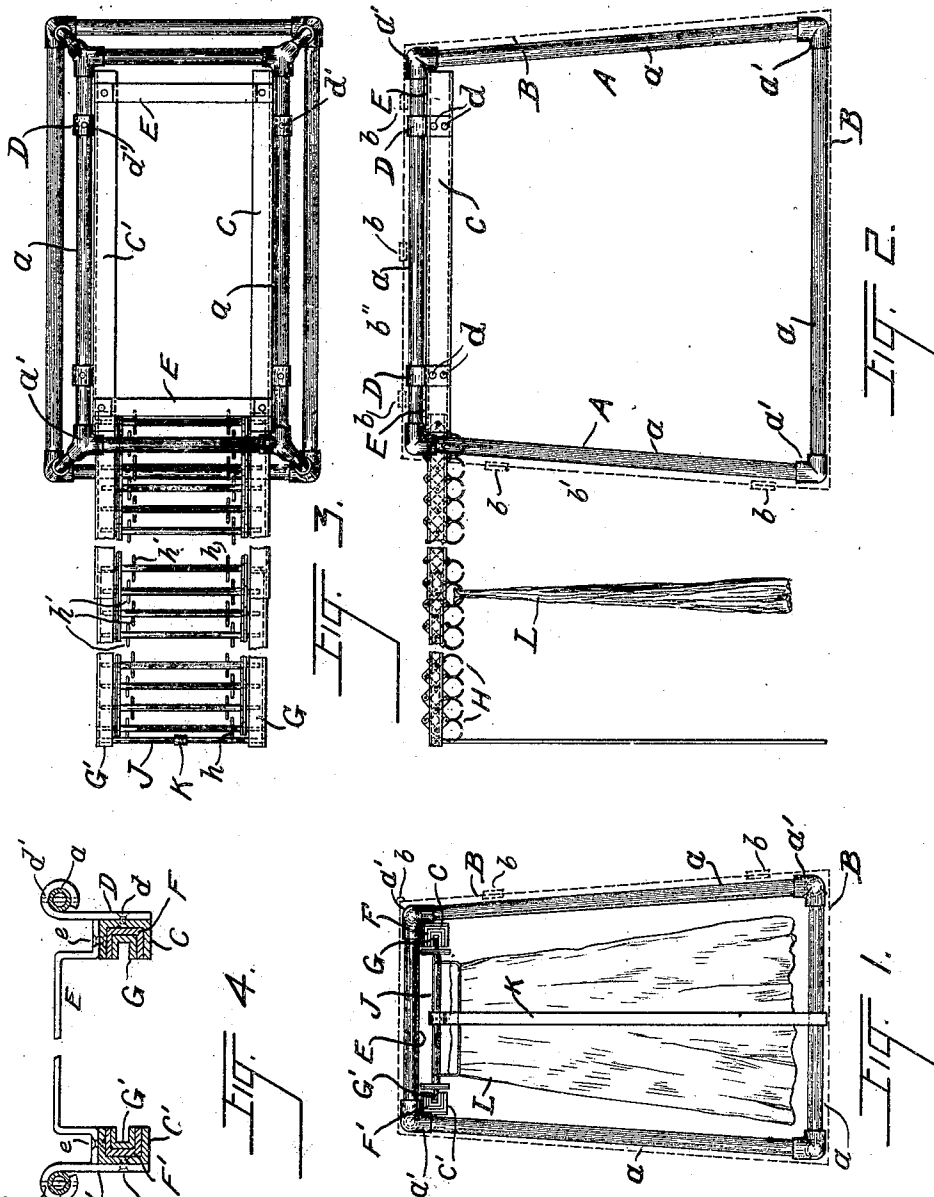


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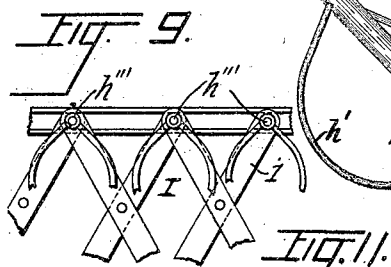
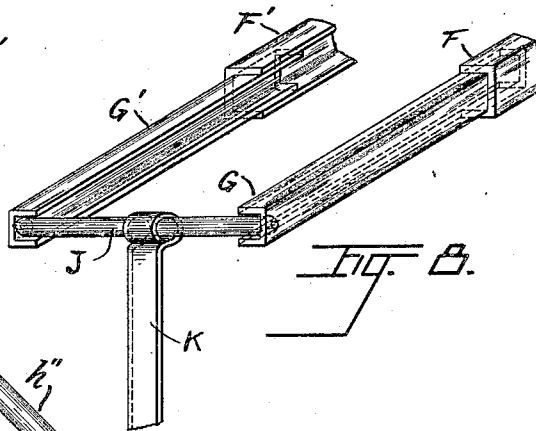
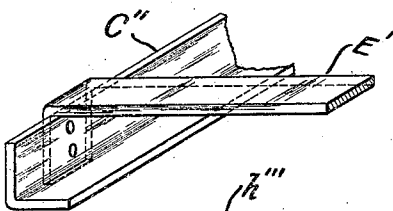
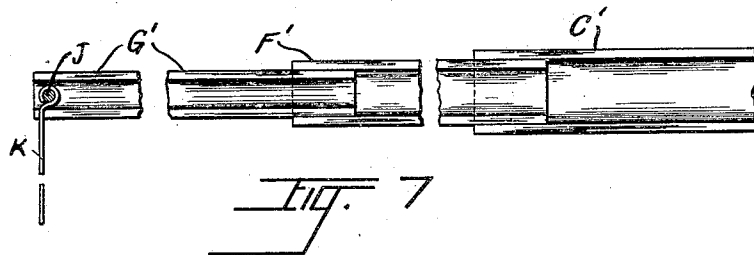
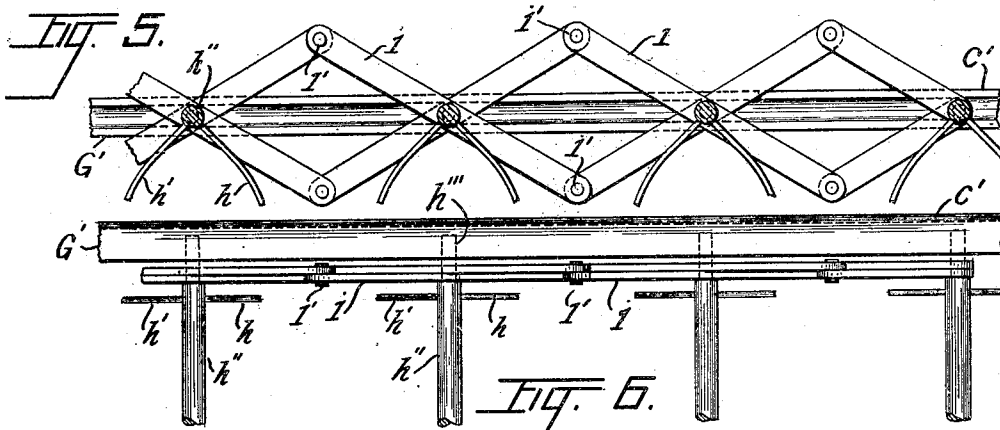
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH DANZIGER, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Display-Racks, of which the following, when taken in connection with the drawings accompanying and forming a part hereof, is a full and complete description, sufficient to enable those skilled in the art to which it pertains to understand, make, and use the same.

This invention relates to racks for the display of skirts, trousers and other articles of clothing.

The object of the invention is to obtain a device in which skirts, trousers and other articles may be hung and which, when goods are contained therein, and not to be displayed, may be contained within a small compass; and a device which, when the goods held therein are to be displayed, may be extended so that said goods may be easily examined and readily taken therefrom.

A further object of the invention is to obtain a device of the character described which may be used as a permanent fixture or which may be made portable and, together with the articles held therein, be transported, as in a trunk or case.

A further object of the invention is to obtain a device of the character described which will be durable, slightly in appearance, light in weight, and not liable to get out of order.

I have illustrated a construction embodying my invention in the drawings referred to in which;—

Figure 1 is an end view of a device embodying said invention. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the device illustrated in Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a top view of the device. Fig. 4 is a vertical sectional view, on an enlarged scale, of the adjustable runways of the device. Fig. 5 is a side elevation of a portion of the equalizing mechanism of the device. Fig. 6 is a top plan view of one end of the portion of the equalizing mechanism of the device which is illustrated in Fig. 5. Fig. 7 is a side elevation of one side of the adjustable runways of the device. Fig. 8 is a perspective of one end of the adjustable runways of the device. Fig. 9 is a perspective showing a modification of the stationary member of the adjustable runways and the manner of tying the opposite sides thereof

together. Fig. 10 is a perspective of the spring clothes clasp member. Fig. 11 is an elevation of a modification of the lazy tongs members of the device.

A reference letter applied to designate a given part is used to indicate such part throughout the several figures of the drawings, wherever the same may appear.

A is a frame built up from tubes *a*, *a*, and elbows *a'*, *a'*. Frame A forms the base or standard on which the movable parts of the device embodying my invention are mounted. The broken lines B, Figs. 1 and 2, indicate a casing or shell built on or around the frame A to form a trunk or case.

C, C', are the stationary members of an adjustable runway, and such stationary members are rigidly secured to the upper horizontal tubes *a* of frame A, by means of the straps D, D', screws *d*, *d*, and pins or rivets *d'*, *d'*.

E, E, are tie straps rigidly secured to members C, C', as by screws, *e*, *e*.

F, F', and G, G', are movable members of the adjustable runway of the device. Member F is longitudinally movable in the stationary member C of the runway, and member G is longitudinally movable in member F. In the same manner the member F', is longitudinally movable in member C', and the member G', is longitudinally movable in member F'.

When the movable members are drawn out, as indicated in Figs. 2 and 3 of the drawings, a runway of very nearly the added length of members C, F, and G, is obtained; and when such movable members of the runways are closed together; that is, with member F, F', wholly contained in members C, C', and members G, G', wholly contained in members F, F', the adjustable runway is the length of such members C, C'.

H, Fig. 10, is a clothes holding member of the device. A large number of clothes holding members H are used in the device embodying this invention, and all thereof are substantially duplicates, the only difference therein consisting of the location of the spring portions *h*, *h'*, in base *h''*, and the length of such spring portions. This difference in such spring portions *h*, *h'*, is well illustrated in Fig. 3 of the drawings, and the purpose is simply to permit the close grouping of such members H when the adjustable runway is closed together.

The base h'' of the member H is preferably a rod and h''' , h''' , are the ends of the rod. Ends h''' are arranged to fit loosely in the members of the runway and be movable therein. To preserve, at all times, parallelism while providing means to control the distance between the members H, I provide the lazy tongs I and mount the members (i , i), of such lazy tongs on the ends h''' of base h'' so that such ends form the pivots which are midway of the ends of the several members i , i ; and I pivotally attach the ends of such members i , i , together by pivots i' , i' , (see Fig. 6).

J is a rod tying together the outer ends of members G, G', of the adjustable runway, and K is a rod, arranged to form a leg, which is mounted on the rod J. When the members F, F', and G, G', are drawn out to extend the adjustable runway, the leg K supports the outer end of such runway.

b , b , are hinges by means of which end b' and top b'' of the casing B are hinged to the remainder thereof, so as to be opened and closed.

L is a skirt held in one of the clothes holding members H. To insert an article, as a skirt, in the clothes holding member H, such article is drawn between the spring members h , h' , with the waist band above the horizontal portions of such spring members, as is well illustrated in Figs. 1 and 2.

In Figs. 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6 I have illustrated the ends h''' of base h'' of members H as forming the pivot midway of the ends of members i of the lazy tongs I. I do not intend, however, to limit myself to this construction as such end h''' may form the pivot at the end of the members i and is so shown in Fig. 11. To permit the insertion of articles in the device the adjustable runway is extended to substantially its full length and the several clothes holding members H are drawn out in the runway by extending the lazy tongs I. The articles desired to be held are then inserted, as described, in such clothes holding members. When the desired number of articles are inserted in the several members H the movable members of the runway may be slid together thus forcing the several clothes holding members H closely together, so that the adjustable runway, together with the clothes holding members and the articles held therein, are all contained in the frame A. The frame may then be located wherever desired in a room and if a shell or casing is built thereto one side and one end of such shell or casing may be hinged to be opened. When it is desired to display the goods held in this device the several members forming the adjustable runway may be drawn out, as hereinbefore described, and the clothes holding members H drawn out into substantially the position illustrated in Figs. 2, 3, 5, and 6. I do not

desire to limit myself to the number of movable members to the adjustable runway, but I have found in practice that where such runway comprises a stationary member and two movable members, sufficient extension of the lazy tongs I is obtainable to permit the easy insertion and withdrawal of garments from the clothes holding members H, and to permit inspection of such garments, while such members H and the garments therein are pressed closely together when closed and contained in frame A.

In the modification illustrated in Fig. 9 the stationary member (C'') of the runway is made of a right angle beam, instead of a U-shaped beam, and such stationary member is attached to the other stationary member by strap E'.

Having thus described my invention what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:—

1. In a display rack, the combination of a runway comprising a plurality of elements arranged to move longitudinally relative to each other, a plurality of clothes engaging members movably mounted in the runway, said clothes holding members arranged to form a series and means to connect said members said connecting means arranged so that when the elements of the runway are longitudinally extended with the clothes holding member at one end of the series moved to the extended end of said runway and the other end member of said series held stationary the intervening members are positioned from each other.

2. A frame, a stationary member of a runway rigidly secured in the frame, additional and movable members of such runway mounted in the stationary member, and a support attached to one end of one of the movable members, in combination with a plurality of clothes holding members mounted in the runway, each of such clothes holding members consisting of a base having the ends thereof movable in the runway with spring jaws rigidly secured in the base in combination with means to maintain such bases parallel and determined distances from each other.

3. A frame, consisting of pipes and side L's, oppositely placed stationary members of a runway rigidly secured in the frame, additional members of such runway longitudinally movable in the stationary members, a connection joining the outer ends of the movable members of the runway, and a leg attached to such connection, and arranged to form a support, in combination with a plurality of clothes holding members, respectively provided with a base arranged to move in the members of the runway, and lazy tongs, the bases of the clothes holding members arranged to form pivots of the several members of the lazy tongs.

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