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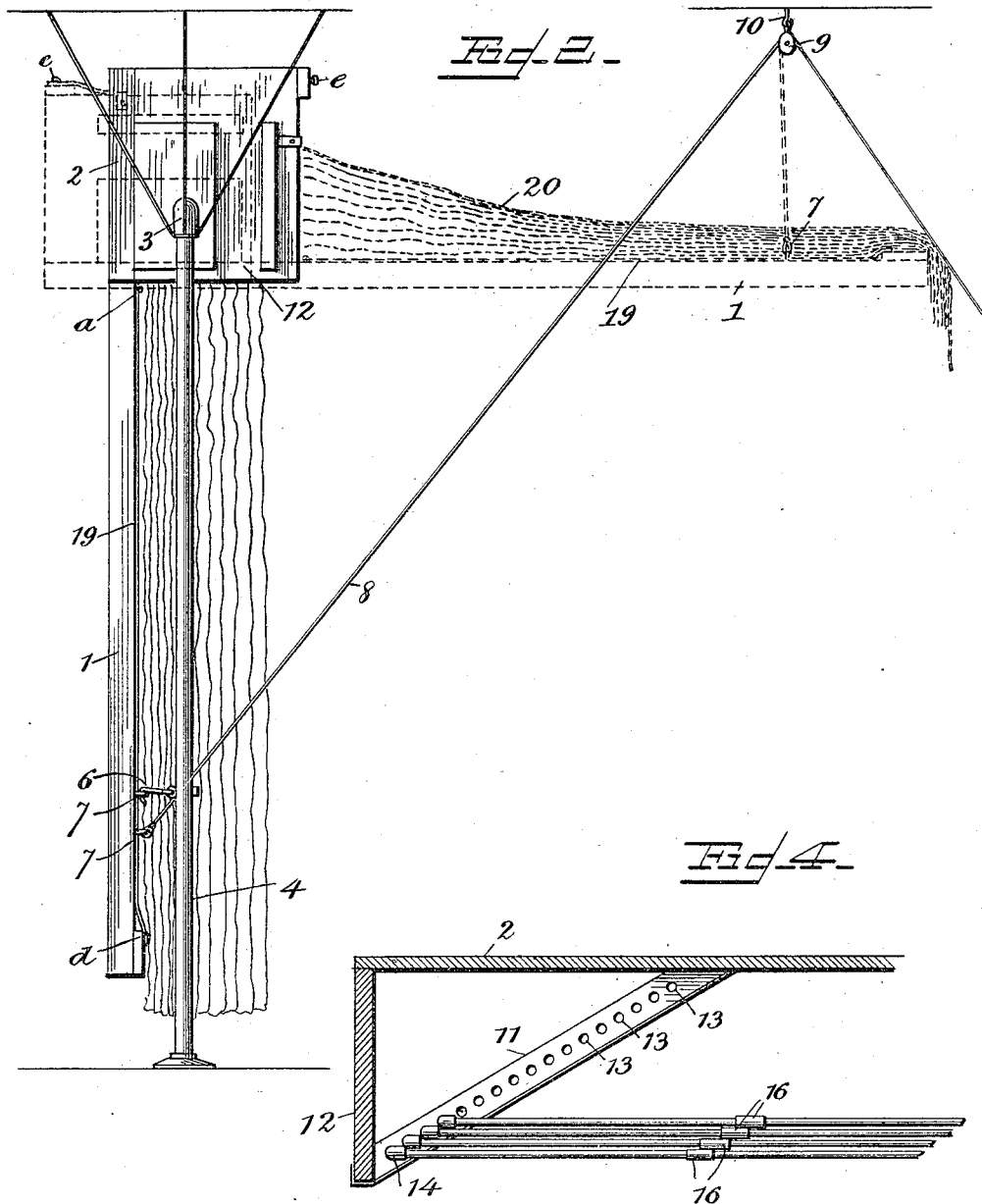
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HAROLD F. MERTZ, a citizen of the United States, residing at Mason, in the county of Ingham and State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Display-Racks; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to a display rack for curtains and has for its object to provide a rack of this type by means of which any desired number of curtains may be suspended from suitable supporting rods which are adapted for folding into a suitable frame or which may be swung outwardly at right angles to clearly display any one or more of the curtains.

A further object of the invention is to provide a curtain fixture which is pivotally mounted upon suitable supports and which may be swung into a horizontal position in order to place it out of the way and to allow persons to pass thereunder.

With these and other objects in view, the invention consists of certain novel features of construction, combination and arrangement of parts as will be more fully described and particularly pointed out in the appended claims.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a front elevation of the curtain fixture; Fig. 2 is a side elevation, the dotted lines indicating the horizontal position of the curtain frame; Fig. 3 is an elevation of a fragment of the upper part of the frame with one of the curtain supporting poles swung at right angles; and Fig. 4 is a fragmentary horizontal section taken above the pole supports.

Referring to the drawings for a more particular description of the invention, 1 indicates a flat rectangular curtain support provided at its upper end with the rectangular casing, 2, which casing is pivotally mounted upon the upper ends, as 3, of the upright supports, 4, screwed or otherwise attached to the floor or other support. One of the supports is provided with a hook, 6, adapted to engage with a catch, 7, of the supporting frame, 1, in order to hold the latter in approximately vertical position. The supporting board, 1, is also provided at opposite sides with the eyes, 7, with which are engaged the lower ends of the operating cords, 8, which work over pulleys, 9, sus-

ended by hooks, 10, from the ceiling, by means of which cords the supporting board, 1, and casing, 2, may be swung into a horizontal position.

An obliquely disposed, rearwardly extending pole supporting bar, 11, extends from the front edge of the end piece, 12, of the casing, 2, to the inner or front face of the supporting frame, 1, and is provided with a plurality of longitudinally spaced vertical apertures, 13, in which is pivotally mounted the inner ends of a corresponding series of curtain poles, 14, from which the curtains are suspended. The poles, 14, are supported in approximately horizontal position by the tubular supporting members, 15, the upper ends of which are provided with the cylindrical portions, 16, to receive the same and the lower ends of which are mounted to turn in suitable openings or apertures, 17, formed in a lower obliquely and rearwardly disposed supporting bar, 18.

A strip of canvas, 19, is stretched over the face of the supporting frame from the points, *a*, *b*, *c* and *d* to protect the lower curtain from dust when the supporting frame is in inoperative or horizontal position. A piece of canvas, 20, is attached at the points, *e* and *f*, to the casing, 2, and is stretched over all of the curtains when the supporting frame is in horizontal position.

From the foregoing description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, the construction and operation of the invention will be readily understood without requiring a more extended explanation.

Various changes in the form, proportion and the minor details of construction, may be resorted to without departing from the principle or sacrificing any of the advantages of this invention.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is:—

1. A display rack of the class described comprising a pivotally mounted supporting frame, a casing at the upper end thereof, a plurality of curtain poles arranged in spaced relation in said casing, a series of pivoted supporting members mounted in the casing and provided at their upper ends with cylindrical portions to receive the curtain poles, and means for swinging the curtain supporting frame into a horizontal position.

2. A display rack of the class described comprising a pivotally mounted curtain supporting frame, means upon which said frame

is mounted, means for holding the frame in a vertical position, means for swinging the frame into a horizontal position, a casing at the upper end of the frame, an obliquely and rearwardly disposed curtain pole supporting
5 bar provided with a series of longitudinally spaced apertures arranged near one of the upper corners of the casing, a plurality of curtain poles pivotally mounted at their inner ends in the apertures of said support-
10 ing bar, a second obliquely and rearwardly disposed supporting bar beneath the first mentioned bar, a plurality of curtain pole supports pivotally mounted in said last mentioned supporting bar and provided at their
15 upper ends with tubular portions to receive the curtain poles.

3. A display rack of the class described,

comprising a flat pivotally mounted frame, a casing at the upper end thereof, a protective strip of material over one face of the supporting frame between the bottom of the casing and the lower end of the frame, a plurality of curtain poles pivotally mounted in the casing, a series of pivoted supporting
25 members mounted in the casing to support the poles, and a flexible cover attached to the casing to cover the curtains.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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