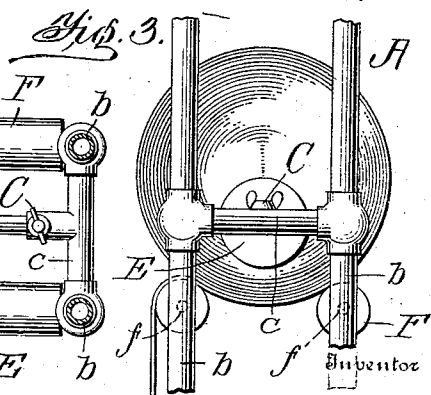
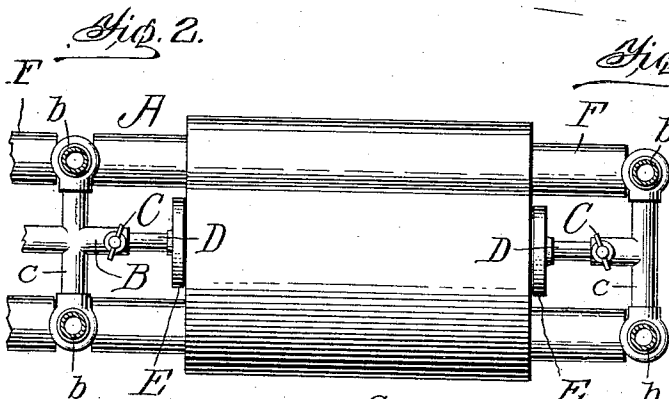
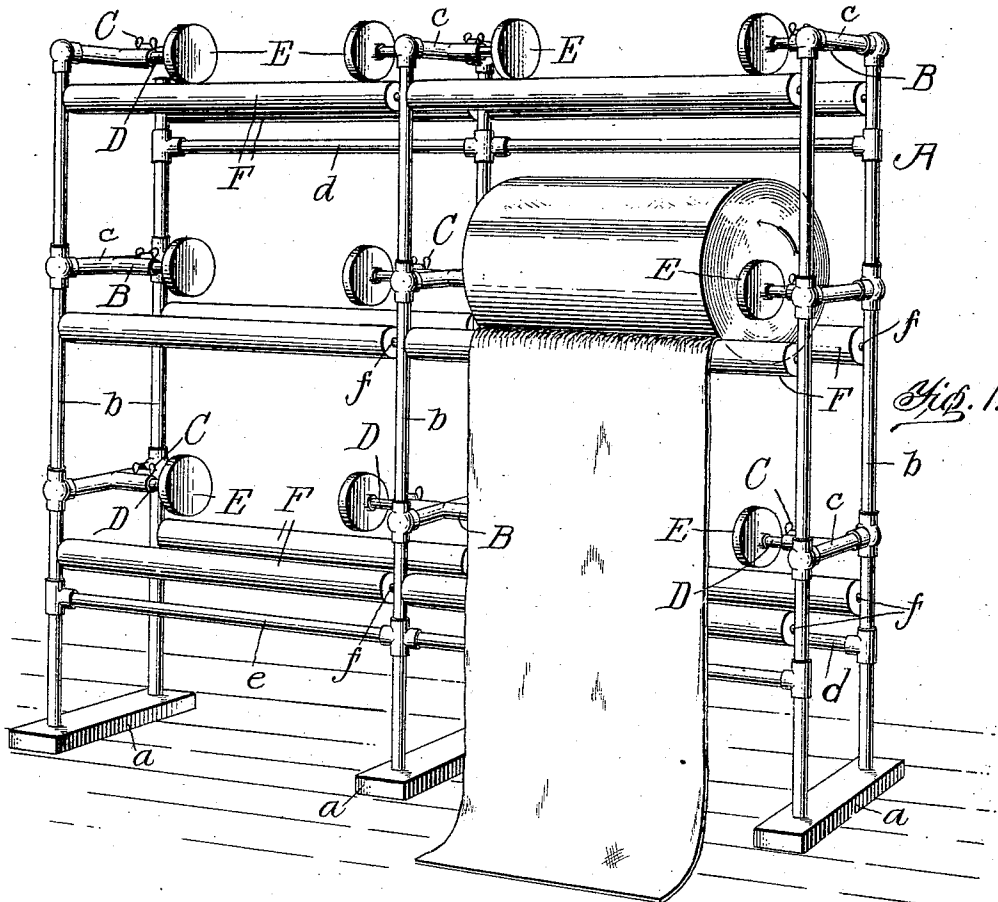


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM C. HAHN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Fort Scott, in the county of Bourbon and State of Kansas, have invented new and useful Improvements in Display-Racks, of which the following is a specification.

My invention pertains to display-racks for rolled goods—such, for instance, as carpets—and it contemplates the provision of a rack on which rolls of carpet may be quickly and easily placed and from which the rolls may be as expeditiously and readily removed and one constructed with a view of rendering it easy to turn any one of the rolls when it is desired to display an end portion of carpet or take up such portion and of assuring the re-wound rolls being quite as regular and neat in appearance as the original rolls received from the factory.

With the foregoing in mind the invention will be fully understood from the following description and claims when the same are read in connection with the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the display-rack constituting the preferred embodiment of my invention, the said rack being adapted to receive six rolls of carpet or the like and being shown with one roll of carpet in proper position thereon. Fig. 2 is an enlarged detail horizontal section of the rack, taken in a plane above the roll of carpet and illustrating said roll in plan. Fig. 3 is an end elevation of the same, and Fig. 4 is a detail section illustrating the means which I prefer to employ for keeping one end of a roll of carpet regular or even while said roll is being re-wound subsequent to the display of a stretch of the carpet to a prospective purchaser.

Similar letters designate corresponding parts in all of the views of the drawings, referring to which—

A is the main frame of my novel display-rack. The said main frame may be of any construction and material compatible with my invention without involving departure from the scope thereof. I prefer, however, to have it comprise feet *a*, of wood; pairs of upright bars *b*, of gas-pipe, fixed to and rising from the feet; cross-bars *c*, of gas-pipe, extending between and connecting the bars *b* of each pair; longitudinal bars *d*, extending between and connecting the several back bars *b*, and longitudinal bars *e*, which, like the bars

d, are of gas-pipe, extending between and connecting the front bars *b*.

Fixed to and extending laterally from the cross-bars *c* of the main frame are sleeves *B*, in which bear set-screws *C*, and adjustable endwise in the said sleeves *B* are spindles *D*, on which are loosely mounted flat-faced wheels or disks *E*. The spindles *D* are arranged to be engaged by the set-screws *C*, and hence it will be apparent that the wheels or disks *E* may be adjustably fixed in positions at various distances from their respective cross-bars *c* for a purpose which will be presently set forth.

F F are rollers, of which six pairs are employed in the present embodiment of my invention. These rollers *F* have trunnions *f* at their ends journaled in suitable bearings in the upright bars *b* of the main frame *A*, and they are arranged in pairs, as stated, in order to enable each pair to form a cradle calculated to support a roll of carpet after the manner illustrated in Figs. 1 to 3 of the drawings.

In the practical use of my novel rack it will be seen that it is simply necessary for a salesman to place a roll of carpet in the cradle formed by one pair of rolls *F* and then adjustably fix the wheels *E*, opposed to the ends of said roll, at points adjacent to the said ends. With this done, a stretch of carpet may be displayed to advantage by simply grasping one end of the carpet and drawing the same from the roll to the extent desired, since when this operation is performed the roll of carpet will turn easily on the rollers *F* beneath it. To rewind the displayed portion of carpet on the roll, the salesman has but to turn the roll in the direction indicated by arrow by applying his hand to the perimeter of the roll. Incident to the taking up of the displayed portion of carpet on the roll it will be apparent that the wheels or disks *E* will hold the roll against endwise movement in either direction and in that way will assure the displayed portion of the carpet being taken up in an even manner, so that the re-wound roll will be quite as regular and neat in appearance as the original roll received from the factory.

By virtue of the wheels or disks *E* being adapted to be adjustably fixed at various distances from their respective cross-bars *c* the rack is rendered capable of holding and displaying to advantage carpet rolls of various lengths. For this reason I prefer to have the wheels *E* adjustable with respect to

the main frame A. I do not desire, however, to be understood as confining myself to adjustably connecting the wheels or disks E to the frame A, inasmuch as in some cases the wheels or disks may have fixed locations relative to the frame A without involving departure from my invention.

The general structure herein shown and described constitutes the preferred embodiment of my invention; but I desire it understood that in practice various changes in the form, construction, and relative arrangement of parts may be made without involving departure from the scope of my invention as claimed.

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

1. A display-rack for rolled goods, comprising a frame having supports for wheels or disks, extending in the direction of its length, rollers journaled in the frame below the said supports and arranged to form a cradle for supporting a roll of goods, and wheels or disks mounted to turn on the said supports and arranged at right angles to the rollers, whereby they are adapted to present their faces to the ends of a roll of goods.

2. A display-rack for rolled goods, comprising a frame, rollers journaled in the frame and arranged to form a cradle for supporting a roll of goods, wheels or disks arranged to present their faces to the ends of the roll of goods, and connections intermediate said wheels or disks and the frame; the said connections being adjustable as to length,

whereby the wheels or disks may be positioned at various distances apart.

3. A display-rack for rolled goods, comprising a frame having upright bars arranged in pairs and cross-bars connecting the upright bars of each pair and also having longitudinal bars connecting the pairs of upright bars, rollers journaled in the upright bars of the frame and arranged to form cradles for supporting rolls of goods, supports extending laterally from the cross-bars of the frame, and wheels or disks mounted to turn on said supports and arranged to present their faces to the ends of rolls of goods.

4. A display-rack for rolled goods, comprising a frame having upright bars arranged in pairs and cross-bars connecting the upright bars of each pair and also having longitudinal bars connecting the pairs of upright bars, rollers journaled in the upright bars of the frame and arranged to form cradles for supporting rolls of goods, supports extending laterally from the cross-bars of the frame and respectively made up of sections adjustably connected together, whereby they may be increased or diminished in length, and wheels or disks mounted on said supports and arranged to present their faces to the ends of rolls of goods.

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

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