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HOSIERY EXHIBITOR AND SALE RACK.

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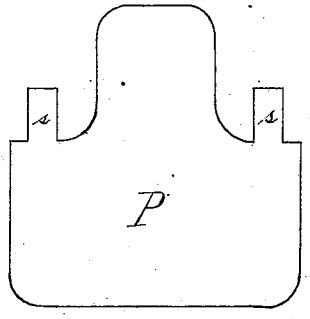


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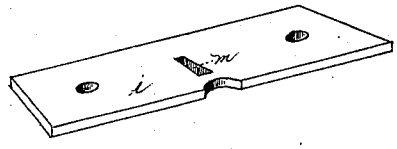
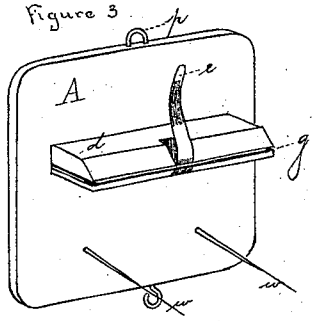


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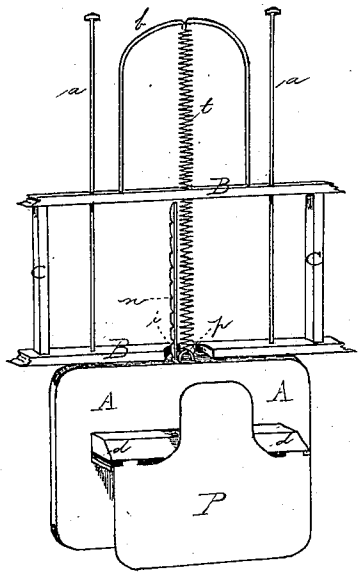


Figure 1

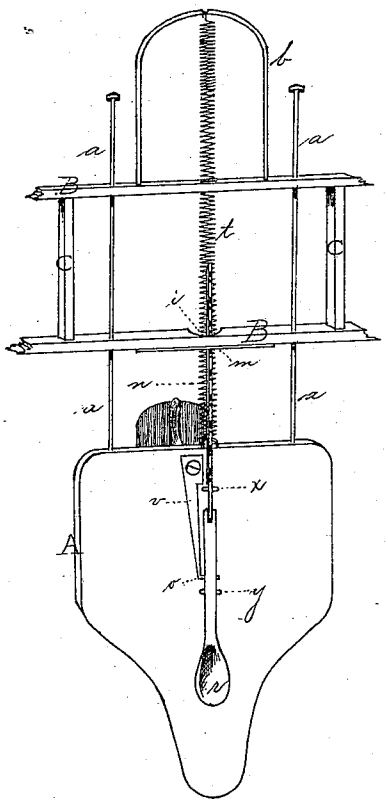


Figure 2

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE E. SLAUGHTER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Atlantic, in the county of Cass and State of Iowa, have invented a new and useful Hosiery-Exhibitor and Sale-Rack, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in hosiery-exhibitors and sale-racks in which the holder that retains the hosiery is movable and adjustable to and from the frame of the exhibitor and sale-rack; and the objects of my improvements are, first, to provide a hosiery-exhibitor and sale-rack to which the hosiery can be quickly and easily attached or detached; second, to provide an extensible hosiery-exhibitor that when suspended above the floor will admit the hosiery to be readily drawn down for examination without necessarily detaching them from the exhibitor; and, third, to provide a hosiery-exhibitor that when so suspended will draw the hosiery upward when it is desired. I attain these objects by the mechanism illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a front view of the hosiery-exhibitor and sale-rack. Fig. 2 is a rear view of the hosiery-exhibitor and sale-rack, showing the holder drawn away from the frame. Fig. 3 is a detailed view of the front of the hosiery-holder with the shield removed. Fig. 4 is a blank for the shield. Fig. 5 is a detailed view of the plate through which the notched bar moves.

Similar letters refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

The side pieces, B B, and the cross-pieces C C, which are mortised into the side pieces, constitute the frame of the exhibitor and sale-rack. The block A, the ledge *d*, the pins *w w*, the spring *e*, and the shield P, hinged to the ledge, constitute the holder of the hosiery. The guide-rods *a a* have their tops headed to prevent them from being drawn from the frame, and they slide loosely through apertures in the side pieces of the frame, and their lower ends are driven into or firmly secured to the top of the block A. The bow-shaped spring-retainer *b* is driven into the top side piece of the frame between the guide-rods, and has a notch cut into its upper end to prevent the spring from moving sidewise. The upper end of the spiral spring *t* is bent around and secured to the spring-retainer *b*, and the lower end is bent around and secured to the staple *p*, which is driven into the block A. The spring *t* passes loosely through an aperture in the top side piece of the frame. The bottom side piece of the frame is cut away, so as not to interfere with the spring *t* or notched bar *n*. The plate *i* is secured with screws to the bottom of the lower side piece of the frame, and it has a slot, *m*, through which the notched bar *n* extends and slides. It is cut away upon one side, so as not to interfere with the spring *t*. The notched bar *n* is pivoted to the block A by means of the staple *x*. It is also pivoted at its lower end to the finger-lever *r*. The finger-lever *r* is pivoted to the back of the block A by means of the staple *y*. The spring *v* is firmly secured at one end to the block A, and is pivoted at the other end to the finger-lever *r* by means of the teat *o*. This spring presses the upper end of the finger-lever toward the block, and causes the notches of the bar *t* to engage with the edge of the plate *i*, next to the back part of the slot *m*. The slot *m* is made of sufficient size to allow the notched bar to move easily through it. The pins *w w* are driven into or secured at their rear ends to the front of the block A. The spring *e* presses against the top of the shield P, and is secured to the bottom of the ledge *d* by being bent under the ledge and screwed to the same. The wire *g* is bent backward at each end, and has each end driven into the ledge a proper distance to leave a space the thickness of the shield between the front of the ledge and the wire. The shield P is hinged to the ledge *d* by bending the parts *s s* of the shield-blank, as shown in Fig. 4, around the wire *g*. The shield not only covers the points of the pins *w w*, but also prevents the hosiery from slipping off from the pins. When desired, the block A may be shaped so as to extend downward, as shown in Fig. 2.

The frame of the hosiery-exhibitor and sale-rack may be made long enough to accommodate any number of hosiery-holders. The hosiery-exhibitor and sale-rack may be suspended above the floors of stores and shops in any convenient manner.

It is evident that if the hosiery-holder be drawn downward the notched bar *n* will engage with the plate *i* and prevent the spring *t* from drawing the holder upward; but by pressing upon the lower end of the finger-lever *r* the notched bar will become disengaged from the plate, and the spring *t* will then draw the holder up to the frame. Thus while the frame is secured in one position the hosiery can be drawn down and examined and one or more pairs removed from or attached to the holder. Then by pressing the finger-lever the spring *t* will draw the hosiery upward.

By means of this hosiery-exhibitor and sale-rack the hosiery, while in full view, are prevented from being easily stolen, and are kept up out of the way of people traveling over the floor of stores and shops, yet can be readily drawn down for examination or sale.

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

1. A hosiery-exhibitor and sale-rack consisting of the frame, the spring-retainer, the block having the pins, the ledge secured to the block, the shield hinged to the ledge, the guide-rods secured to the block at their lower ends, and the spiral spring secured at one end to the spring-retainer and at the other to the block, all combined and arranged substantially as shown and described.

2. The herein-described hosiery-exhibitor and sale-rack, consisting of the frame, the block having the pins, the ledge, the shield hinged to the ledge, the shield-spring secured to the ledge, the guide-rods passing through apertures in the frame, the spiral spring secured at its lower end to the block, the spring-retainer, the notched bar pivoted to the block, the slotted plate, and the finger-lever having the spring pivoted to it, all combined substantially as described and shown.

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