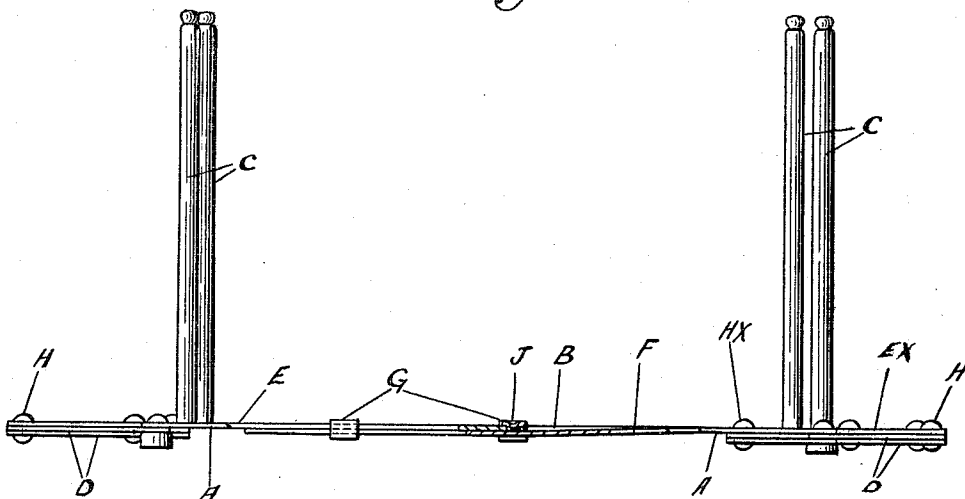
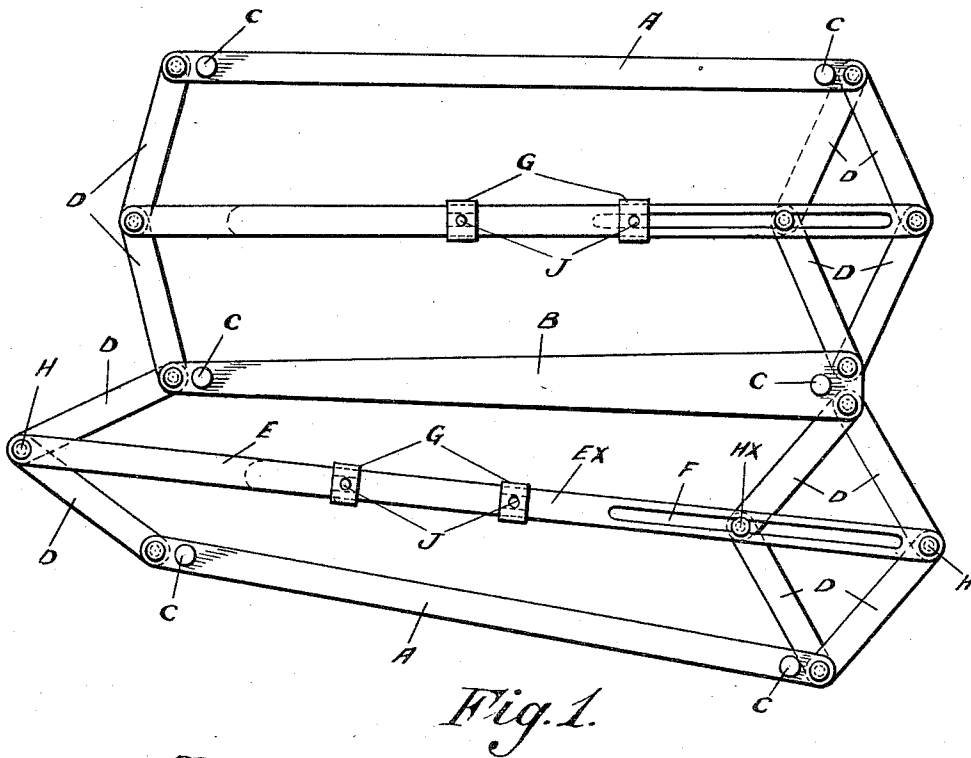


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH W. ESSEX, a citizen of the United States, residing at Seattle, in the county of King, State of Washington, have invented a new and useful Display-Fixture, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to display fixtures.

The object of the invention is to provide a display fixture of such construction as to permit of easy and quick adjustment in order that the device may be capable of holding and closely confining articles of varying sizes and shapes to be displayed.

A further object is to provide a double fixture the parts whereof are capable of independent adjustment allowing them to assume identical or different shapes as occasion may require.

With these objects in view the invention resides in a display fixture having the generic and specific features of construction of the parts substantially as hereinafter described and claimed.

The invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawing in which;

Figure 1 is a plan view of the fixture one side thereof being adjusted to have its retaining posts parallel with each other, and the other side being adjusted to have its retaining posts closer together at one end than at the other; and, Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the fixture.

In this drawing A, represent side rails and B represents a middle rail constituting part of the frame of the device. Extending upward from the faces of the side rails A and middle rails B, are posts C the lower ends of which pass through or into the rails at or near the respective ends of each of them and are secured rigidly in place in order to form secure retaining means for holding goods to be placed upon the bed formed by the side and middle rails. At one end of the device there are attached to each side rail two bars D placed one above the other, and each of which is jointed at its middle permitting it to be bent either inwardly or outwardly and each of which is attached at the other end by pivotal connections to the middle rail B. At the other end of the frame a single folding bar D extends inward from each side rail and is pivotally connected to the middle rail. Pivotaly connected to the outer members of each pair of double folding bars, at its point of pivoting

is a rod E× in which is a slot F which receives the pin H× which constitutes the pivot in the middle of the inner folding bar of each pair. Pivotaly connected to each single folding bar at the other end of the device is a rod E, connected to the folding bar by the pivot H thereof and which is adapted to lie along and slide upon the rod E×. The rods E each have connected therewith loops G, attached to them by slight counter-sinks J or otherwise, and which inclose the rods E× in a manner to allow the respective rods to have independent longitudinal movement, and at the same time to prevent their independent lateral movement.

The rods E and E× being connected as described with the single folding bars at one end, and with the double folding bars at the other end always insure the location of the rods E and E× at a middle position between the posts attached to the side rails and those on the middle rail, and thus lend rigidity to the structure, and maintain the symmetry of the form of the fixture whatever adjustment of the parts may take place.

From the foregoing it will be clear that the parts of the fixture are capable of adjustment to give varying shapes to the space inclosed by the posts C. The spaces between the respective outer rails and the middle rails may be widened or narrowed at will, and the spaces may be narrowed to an extent at one end more than at the other in order closely to confine any articles such as gloves, neckties with contracted or flowing ends, hosiery, etc., to be placed upon the frame consisting of the side and middle rails, the folding bars and the rods E and E×. The respective sides of the fixture are also capable of quick and easy manipulation to change the frame in order that articles of sufficient size may be allowed to cover the whole or a part of both sides of the fixture and to be properly retained in place for exhibition, and at the same time because of the ready access allowed the parts one article may be withdrawn separately without disturbing the remainder of the articles.

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

1. A display fixture comprising rails, upright posts projecting from the rails, a single jointed bar arranged between the respective ends of the rails at one end thereof and a pair of jointed bars arranged at the other

end, and two rods one of which is slotted capable of independent longitudinal movement, one being pivotally connected to the single pivoted bar and the other having the slot therein, being pivotally connected to one member of the pair of bars, the other member of the pair being provided with a projection entering the slot in the bar.

2. A display fixture comprising two side rails and a middle rail, uprights projecting from the rails, a single jointed bar arranged between one end of the middle rail and the corresponding end of each side rail, a pair of jointed bars arranged between the opposite end of the middle rail and the corresponding end of each side rail, and a pair of rods the members of which are capable of independent longitudinal movement and in-

capable of independent lateral movement connecting each single jointed bar and a pair of jointed bars, one rod being pivotally connected to a single jointed bar, the other rod being slotted and being pivotally connected to one member of a pair of pivoted bars, the other member of the pair being provided with a projection entering the slot in the rod, whereby the shape and width of the space between the middle rail and either side rail may be changed independently of that on the other side, and the symmetry of such spaces will be preserved.

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