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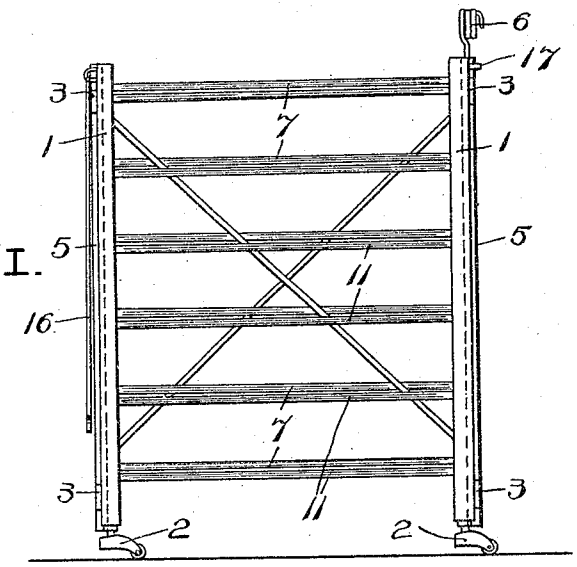


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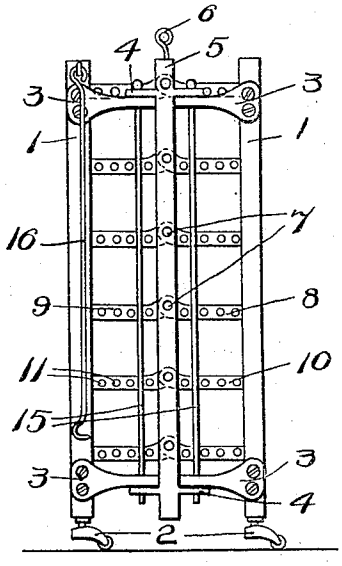


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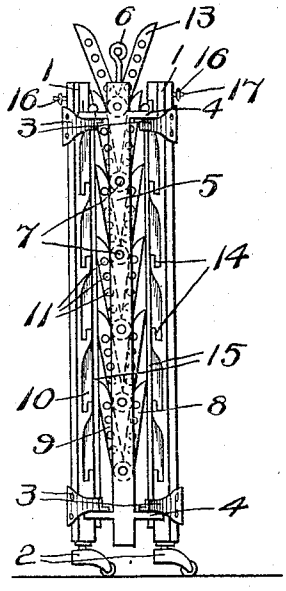


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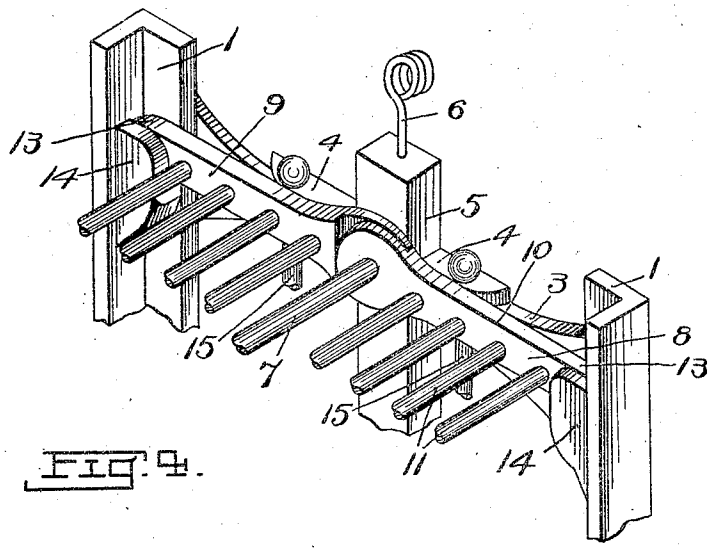


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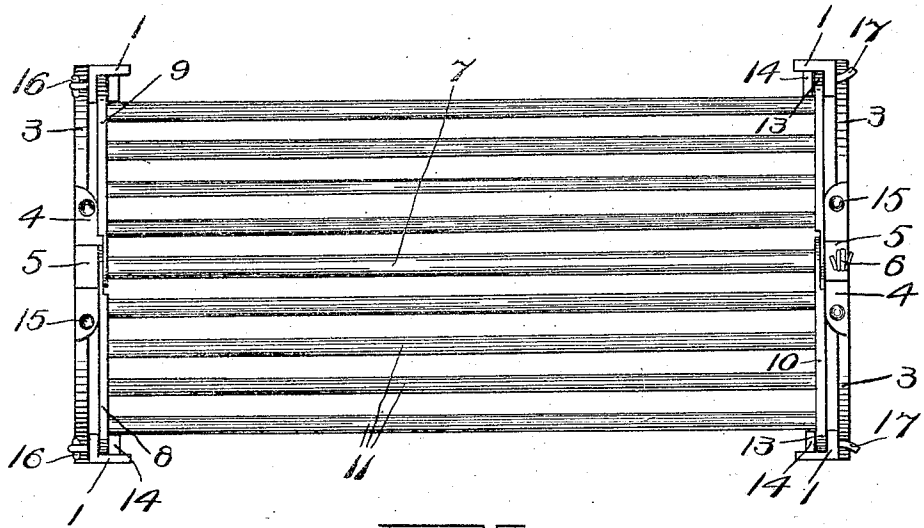


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH WILFRID BLAIS, and I, GEORGES LECOURT, subjects of the King of Great Britain, residing at 902 Lafontaine street, and 587 Laval avenue, respectively, both in the city of Montreal, in the Province of Quebec, in the Dominion of Canada, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Racks for Boots and Shoes; and we do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same.

The present invention relates to a "portable rack or stand" for temporarily storing articles within a room or buliding, and an object of the present invention is to provide a rack of this character which may be readily moved from place to place within the room or building.

A further object of the present invention is to provide a portable rack of the character aforesaid which can be readily folded in a compact form when not in use so that it may be stored in a room or building and take up but a comparatively small amount of space.

With the above and other objects in view which will hereinafter appear as the description continues, the invention consists of the novel features of construction, combination and formation of parts as will be hereinafter more fully described and particularly pointed out in the appended claims.

In the accompanying drawings has been shown the simple and preferred form of the invention, it being understood, however, that no limitation is necessarily made to the precise structural details herein exhibited, but the right is hereby reserved to any changes, alterations or modifications to which recourse may be had that come within the scope of the claims without departing from the spirit of the invention of sacrificing the efficiency of the same.

In the accompanying drawings:

Figure 1 is a front elevation of the rack embodying the present invention when presented for use.

Fig. 2 is an end elevation of the same.

Fig. 3 is an end elevation of the rack when in its folded position.

Fig. 4 is a detail perspective view, and Fig. 5 is a plan view of Fig. 1.

Referring now more particularly to the accompanying drawings wherein like and corresponding parts are designated by similar reference characters through the several views.

The rack embodying the present invention comprises four end posts indicated by the numeral 1 which are preferably made of angle iron as shown and are supported upon the casters or rollers 2. Secured to the posts or standards 1 adjacent to their upper and lower ends are the arms 3 which are hingedly connected to the lugs 4 carried by the vertical bars 5. These bars 5 are arranged at each end of the rack and support a plurality of shelves which are to be later described, and secured to the upper end of one of the bars 5 is a spring clip 6 to which may be connected a tag or suitable tab which may have thereon a designation mark for identification of the goods carried by the rack.

In the drawings we have illustrated the rack as having six shelves, but, of course, it is to be understood that any number of shelves may be used as is desired. Connecting the bars 5 are the bars 7 to which are pivotally connected the sections 8 and 9 of the shelves. Each of the shelves comprises two sections 8 and 9 and each section consists of end bars 10 which are connected by means of the spaced rods 11. The enlarged ends of the bars 10 are provided with projections 13 which are adapted to be seated within the recessed projections 14 carried by the posts or standards 1. The arms 3 and the lugs 4 are hingedly connected by extending the vertical rods 15 through the same. Carried by the posts 1 are the hooks 16 which are adapted to engage the eyelets 17 for locking the posts together as will be later described.

It is evident from the foregoing that when the rack is presented for use, the posts 1 may be swung outwardly upon their hinged connections and the sections of each shelf permitted to drop down until the projections 13 rest within the recessed members 14 which provide a support for the outer ends of the sections 8 and 9 of the shelves and also rigidly lock the posts 1 in their proper open position. When it is desired to fold the rack up into a compact form so that it will take but a comparatively small amount of space, the sections 8 and 9 of the shelves may be swung upwardly until they assume the positions as shown in Fig. 3 and the posts 1 are then moved inwardly until they rest against the sections 8 and 9 and

subsequently the hooks 16 are brought into use for connecting the posts at each side of the rack together, thereby holding the sections of the shelves in their raised or folded positions.

Having thus fully described our invention, what we claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. A rack of the character described, comprising a pair of end members, a pair of vertical posts connected with each end member, each end member being disposed between the corresponding pair of posts and each post having recesses, and shelves carried by said end members, each shelf comprising a pair of foldable sections the outer ends of which are adapted to rest within said recesses to retain the posts in open position.

2. A foldable rack of the character described, comprising a pair of end bars, rods connecting said bars, supporting posts hingedly connected to said bars, a sectional shelf hingedly connected to each of said rods, recessed projections carried by said supporting posts, the outer ends of said sections adapted to rest within the recessed projections carried by said posts for retaining the posts in open position, and locking members carried by said posts for retaining said posts and hinged sections in their closed positions.

Signed at Montreal, Canada, this twenty-fourth day of January, 1916.

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