

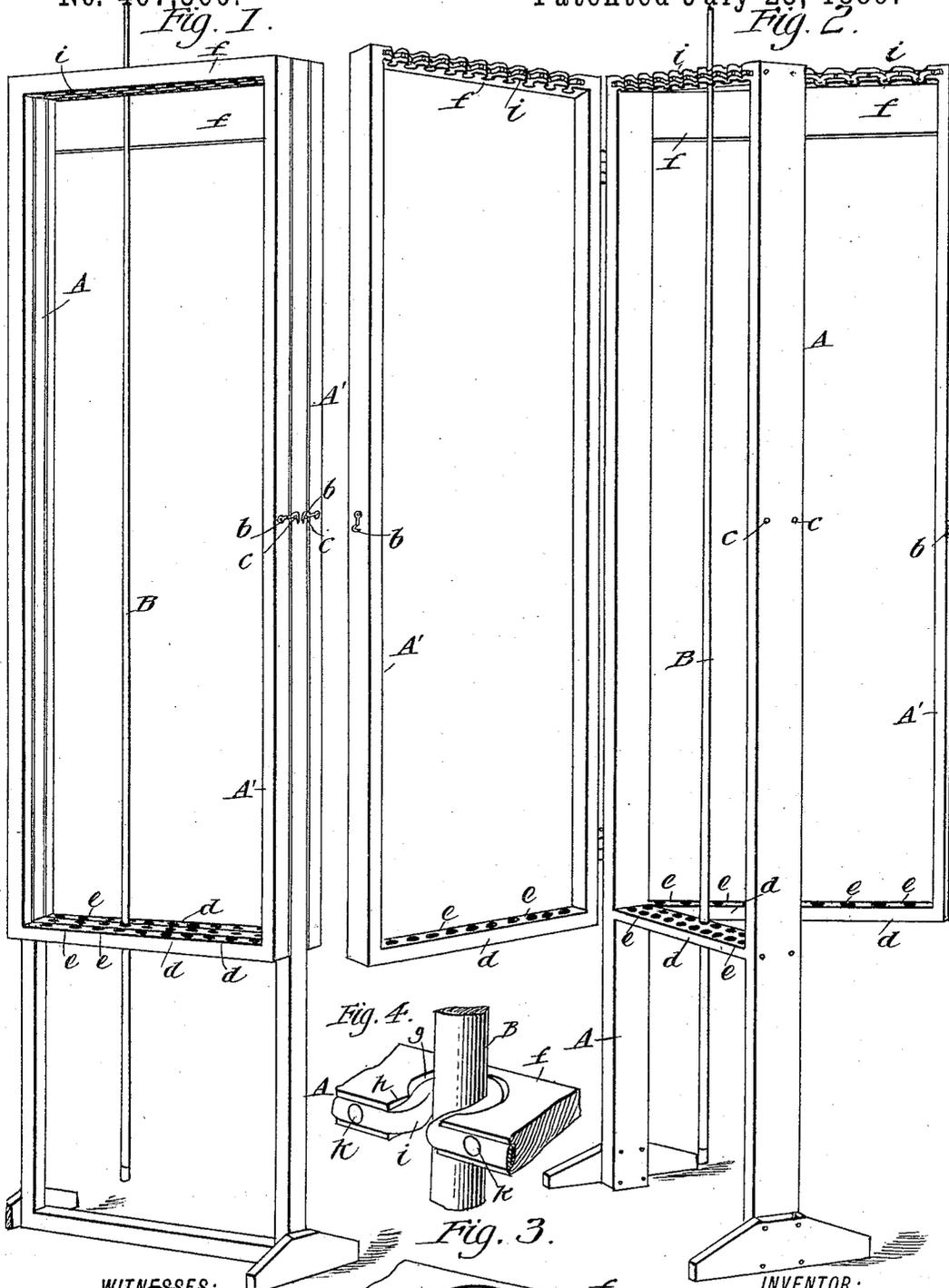
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, DANIEL THEODORE WILSON and FRANK COMAN RHEUBOTTOM, both of Union City, in the county of Branch and State of Michigan, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Portable Whip-Racks, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention consists in a portable whip rack or exhibitor of novel construction, substantially as hereinafter described, and pointed out in the claim, and which is designed to be placed in front of a place of business, and serves to hold, without injuring, marring, or crooking them, a series of whips in rows and fully exposes the same to view, so as to attract attention from passers-by, but prevents the goods from being extracted without unlocking or opening the rack.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 represents a view in perspective of a whip-rack closed embodying our invention; Fig. 2, a perspective view of the same open; Fig. 3, a view in perspective of certain fastening means for securing the whips in position with facility for removing them when required; and Fig. 4 is a similar view to Fig. 3, showing the upper part of a whip in position.

A indicates a central rectangular frame of any desired height and provided with feet at its base to enable it to stand in an upright position. Hinged to this frame A on its opposite sides are two other similar frames A' A', but shorter than the frame A, so as only to extend downward to within some distance from the bottom of the latter. Thus arranged, these outer frames A' A' are free to shut over or against the sides of the central frame, as shown in Fig. 1, and to which, when so closed, they may be secured by hooks *b* and pins *c*, or by any other suitable lock or fastening; or said outer frames A' may be swung open when required, as shown in Fig. 2. These frames A A' form a compound whip-rack—that is, each constitutes a whip-rack in itself—and each is constructed with a perforated lower rail *d* to receive the butt or

thicker end portions of a series of whips arranged in rows through them, one whip only B here being shown. The perforations in these rails *d* are indicated by the letters *e*. The whips may be inserted through them when the whole rack is in a horizontal or inclined position, or they may be otherwise inserted, as desired. The tops of said frames are provided with a rail *f*, constructed to form pockets *g*, (see Fig. 3,) having contracted mouths *h*, and arranged opposite or over the perforations *e* in the lower rail *d*. Each of these pockets *g* is fitted with a rubber or other flexible loop-like lining *i*, arranged to extend out through and lap over in front of the mouths *h*, where they may be secured, as by tacks *k* or otherwise. These flexible-lined pockets constitute a fastening device for holding or clasping the whips in place at any desired point below their outer ends, and will readily adjust themselves to whips of different sizes and prevent them from being marred or injured. The butt-end portions of the whips also being secured in place by the perforated lower rails *d*, said whips will be prevented from coming in contact with each other and from marring or injuring one another. Cards may be attached to each row of whips, indicating their prices. The whips being fastened in position near their outer ends keeps them straight and prevents them from lapping over and getting crooked.

The whole rack, being locked or fastened, can readily be carried from place to place without displacing the whips, inasmuch as the latter are secured in position near both of their ends and cannot get out of place even when the rack is tipped into a horizontal position.

If desired, the outside frames A' may be elongated below the perforated rails *d*, with a cross-bar framed across their bottoms for the butts of the whips to rest upon, and said outside frames may be covered with coarse-mesh wire screens to protect the whips from being handled and making it impossible to remove them when locked in.

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

The combination, with the central whip-

rack frame A, of the outer whip-rack frames A', hinged thereto, and fastenings locking or securing the several frames together when closed one upon or against the other, said
5 frames being each constructed with a lower rail *d*, having one or more rows of perforations *e*, and an upper rail having pockets *g*, constructed with contracted mouths *h* and

provided with flexible loop-like linings *i* to said pockets and their mouths, essentially as shown and described.

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