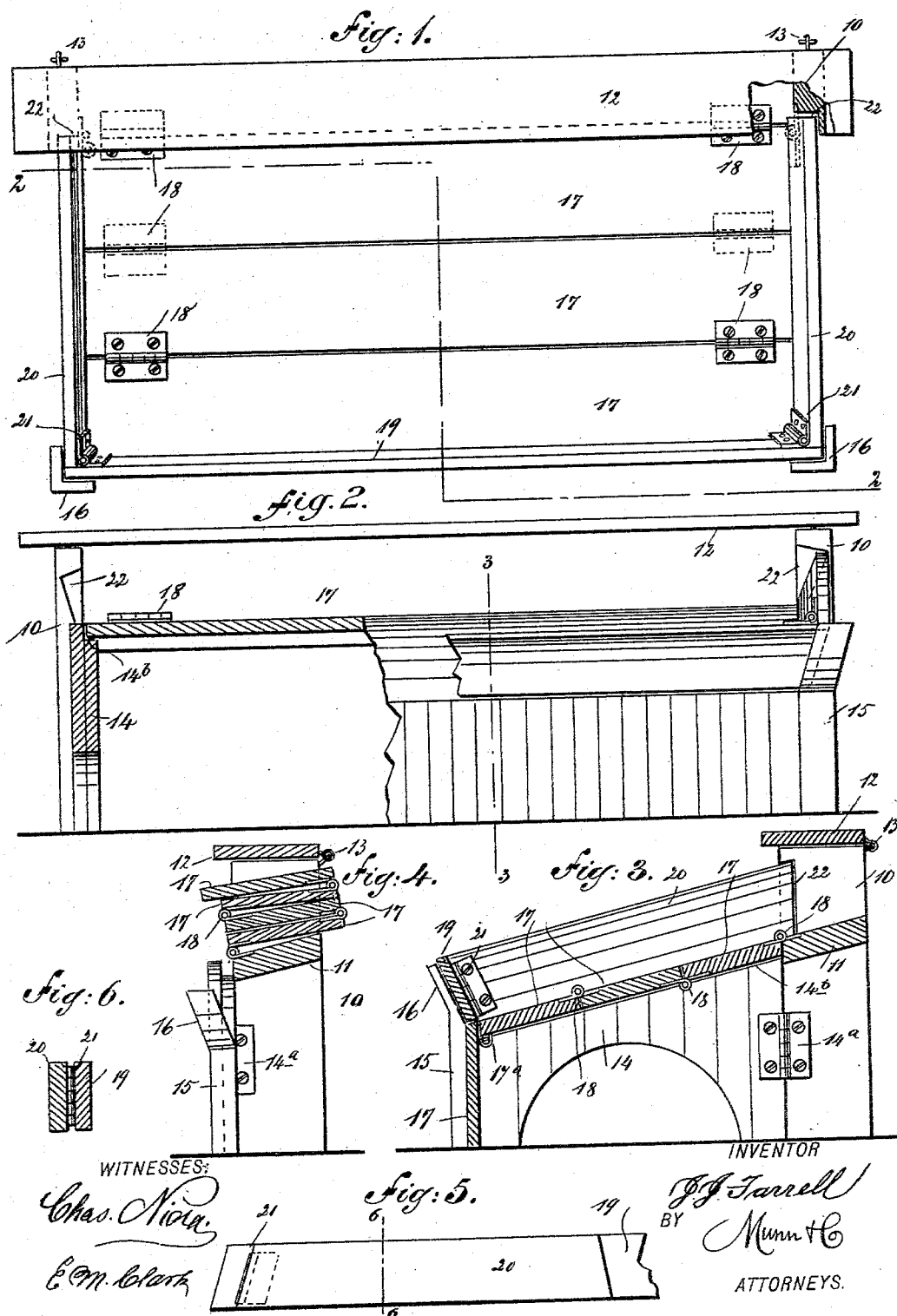


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES J. FARRELL, of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Fruit or Vegetable Stand, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention relates to improvements in stands such as are adapted to be stood upon the street or in other conspicuous places to display fruit, vegetables, or other articles of merchandise.

The object of my invention is to produce a cheap, strong, and simple stand which may be collapsed or knocked down and folded into a very small compass, so that it may be conveniently stored when not in use, which may be easily set up and arranged to display salable articles to advantage, and which is constructed so that it will carry a large quantity of goods.

To these ends my invention consists in certain features of construction and combinations of parts, as will be hereinafter described and claimed.

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

Figure 1 is a broken plan view of the stand embodying my invention, showing the same ready for use. Fig. 2 is a broken sectional front elevation on the line 2—2 in Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a vertical cross section on the line 3—3 in Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is a similar section, but with the stand collapsed or knocked down. Fig. 5 is a broken front elevation of the folded guard rail which is used with the stand; and Fig. 6 is a cross section on the line 6—6 in Fig. 5.

The stand is provided with main posts 10 which are arranged at its opposite ends and which, when the stand is open, are at the back corners. These posts are connected by an inclined cross piece 11 to which the top portion of the stand proper is hinged, as hereinafter described. On the extreme tops of the posts 10 is also a shelf 12 which is hinged loosely to the backs of the posts, as shown at 13, and this shelf affords a convenient resting place for small articles, and it may be tipped back out of the way when not in use.

Hinged to each post 10 is a swinging side piece 14 which is adapted to fold into position

parallel with the cross piece 11 or extend forward at right angles to the same, as shown in Fig. 3. Each side piece is hinged to a post 10, as shown at 14^a, and it has also an inclined ledge 14^b on its inner side and near the top, the upper portion of this ledge being arranged opposite the cross piece 11, and the inclination of the ledge is similar to that of the cross piece so that when the top is permitted to rest upon the ledge, as hereinafter described, the top will form a prolongation or continuation of the cross piece. The outer end of each side piece terminates in a post 15 which is bent outward and formed into an angular shape at the top, as shown at 16, this angular projection 16 being adapted to sustain the guard rail, as hereinafter described.

The top or floor of the stand comprises a series of slats 17 which are adapted to fold one upon another, as shown in Fig. 4, and which are hinged together at the edges, as shown at 18, the inner or upper slat being hinged to the cross piece 11. These slats when unfolded are adapted to lie flatwise upon the ledges 14^b of the side pieces 14, and the outer slat 17 is adapted to drop downward in front of the stand, as shown in Fig. 3, so as to rest upon the ground and close the lower front portion of the stand. When the top or floor comprising the slats 17 is unfolded, as in Fig. 3, the slats may be fastened to the side pieces 14 by a hook and eye, as shown at 17^a in Fig. 3, or by any suitable fastening.

The top or floor of the stand has guard rails 19 and 20 around its front edge and ends, these rails being hinged together at the front corners, as shown at 21, and the corner portions of the rail or rails are adapted to rest in the angular projections 16 at the upper ends of the posts 15, as best shown in Fig. 1. The inner ends of the end rails 20 rest in sockets 22 in the posts 10. The sockets 22 and the outwardly inclined projection 16 cause the guard rails to have an outward inclination, and as the floor or top of the device has a downward inclination, it will be seen that a great deal of merchandise may be piled upon the stand and displayed to advantage.

When the stand is used, the side pieces 14 are extended at right angles to the cross piece 11, as shown in Fig. 3, the slats 17 are unfolded and fastened to the side pieces, the

shelf 12 is tipped up so as to rest upon the posts 10, and the guard rails are adjusted, as described.

When the stand is to be packed away, the slats 17 are folded one upon another and tipped up upon the cross piece 11, as in Fig. 4, the rails 19 and 20 are folded together, as shown in Figs. 5 and 6, and the side pieces 14 are folded inward against the cross piece 11, as shown in Fig. 4.

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

1. A stand comprising connected end posts, forwardly extending side pieces hinged to the posts and adapted to fold inward, a collapsible floor or top hinged to a support between the posts and adapted to rest upon the side pieces, and a guard rail adapted to extend around the edge of the floor or top, substantially as described.

2. A stand, comprising end posts, an inclined cross piece connecting the posts, outwardly swinging side pieces hinged to the posts, and a collapsible floor or top comprising a series of slats hinged together, the inner slats being hinged to the inclined cross piece and the outer slats being adapted to

drop over the front edge of the stand, substantially as described.

3. A stand, comprising end posts having a connecting cross piece, outwardly swinging side pieces hinged to the posts and their free ends provided with upwardly extending angular projections, a collapsible floor or top hinged to the cross piece and adapted to rest upon the side pieces, and guard rails adapted to rest upon the top or floor and in the angular projections of the side pieces, substantially as described.

4. A stand, comprising end posts having sockets on their front sides and near the top, a cross piece connecting the posts, swinging side pieces hinged to the front edges of the posts, said side pieces having upwardly extending angular projections at their free ends, a collapsible floor hinged to the cross piece and adapted to rest upon the side pieces, and a folding guard rail adapted to rest upon the top or floor with its corners in the angular projections and its ends in the sockets of the posts, substantially as described.

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