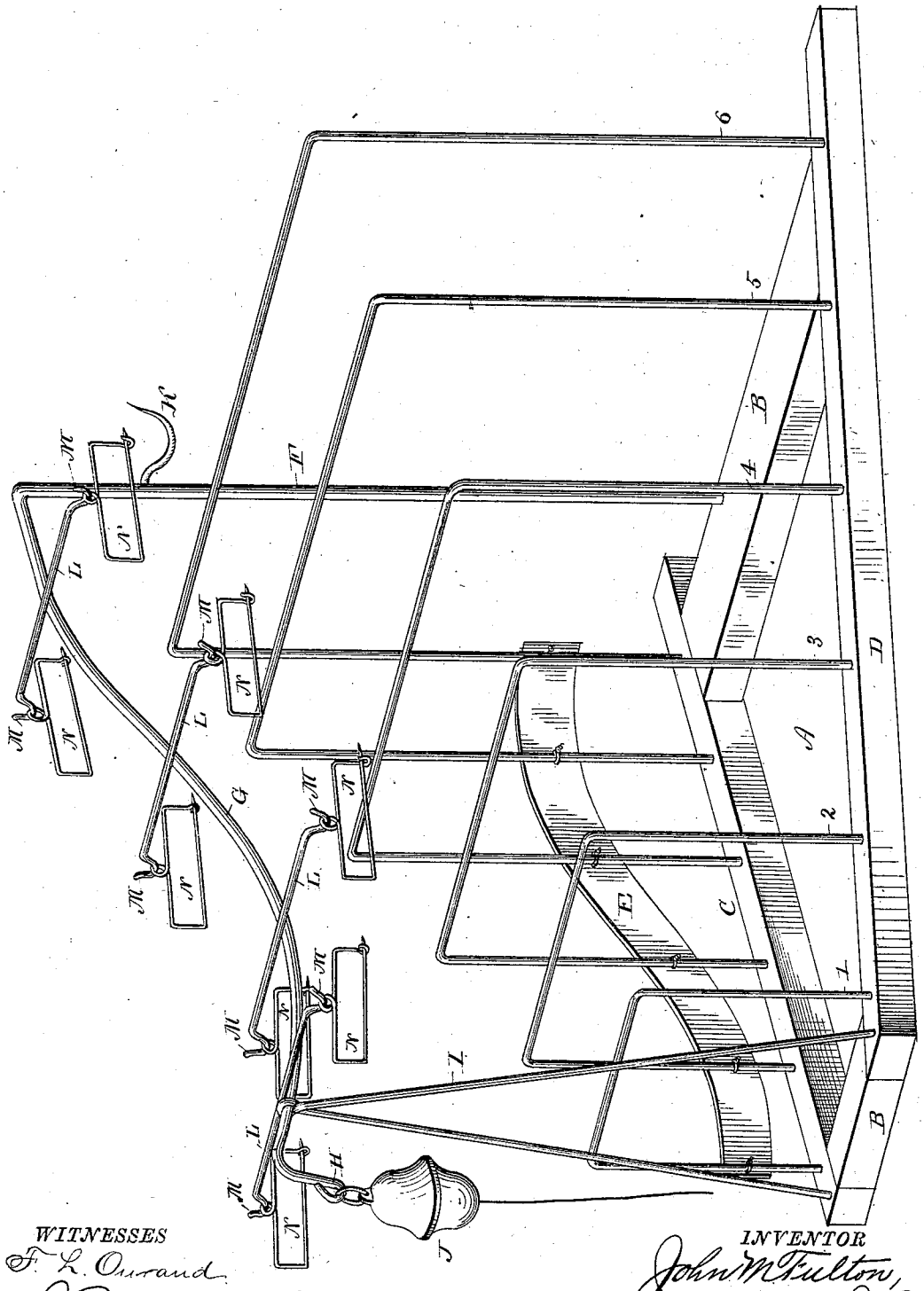
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN M. FULTON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Roanoke, in the county of Huntington and State of Indiana, have invented a new and useful Stand for Holding Wrapping-Paper and Paper Bags, &c., of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

This invention relates to stands for holding wrapping-papers and paper bags of assorted sizes for grocers' and other use; and it has for its object to produce a device which shall possess superior advantages in point of simplicity, durability, and general efficiency, as will be hereinafter fully described, and particularly pointed out in the claims.

The drawings hereto annexed represents a perspective view of my improved stand or holder.

A in the drawings designates the base of my improved stand, which consists of a suitably-constructed frame having parallel ends B B, which are at right angles to the front C, while the rear side, D, diverges from the one end of the frame to the other, as shown.

1 2 3 4, &c., designate a series of bails of gradually-increasing size, which are secured to the base-frame by driving the ends of the legs of said bails into the front and rear frame-pieces, said bails being preferably formed of heavy wire, which will admit of this method of attachment. The ends of the legs of said bails may, however, be screw-threaded and secured by means of nuts; or they may be attached to the base-frame in any other manner that may be deemed suitable and convenient. It is obviously non-essential that the front frame-piece be at right angles to the ends of the frame, it being necessary only that the front and rear sides of the frame shall diverge sufficiently to make the base-frame of gradually-increasing width, in order to adapt it to the bails of gradually-increasing sizes, as set forth.

The front ends or legs of the bails 1 2 3 4, &c., are connected by a plate, E, which may be secured to the said bails in any suitable manner. The function of the said plate is threefold, viz: it forms a neat and convenient advertising-space, upon which the name of the proprietor or other matter may be painted; as the device or stand is intended to be placed upon the counter in the store where it is used, such advertising-matter will always be exposed to view; secondly, it prevents the sheets of paper, which are placed astraddle upon the several bails, from being pushed off the said bails in a forward direction, thus keeping the sheets straight and in order, and facilitating their removal when wanted; thirdly, it supports the bails and prevents them from tilting over, thus adding greatly to the strength and stability of the device.

One end of the base-frame A is provided with an upright, F, which, like the bails, may be made of heavy wire. Said upright is provided at its upper end with an arm, G, extending laterally over the bails 1 2 3 4, &c., and having at its outer end a hook or eye, H. The said outer end may be connected with the end of the base-frame by braces I. Upon the hook H a suitably-constructed twine-holder, J, may be supported. A sharp-pointed hook, K, is secured to the outer side of the upright F, for the purpose of holding tissue-paper, which may be readily strung upon the said hook. The arm G is provided with laterally-projecting brackets L L, the ends of which have hooks M, upon which are supported suitably-constructed clasps N N, upon which paper bags of various assorted sizes may be strung and supported. The large-sized bags will be arranged over the smallest bail, and vice versa, thereby economizing space and enabling the bags to be arranged in the most compact and convenient manner.

From the foregoing description, taken in connection with the drawings hereto annexed, the operation and advantages of my invention will be readily understood.

Wrapping-paper of assorted sizes will be arranged upon the bails 1 2 3 4, &c., from which single sheets of the desired size may be readily removed, when wanted, without disturbing the rest. Bags, tissue-paper, and twine are likewise readily accessible.

The construction of the device is simple and

compact, and it may be manufactured at a small expense.

I claim as my invention and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States—

1. In a device for holding wrapping-paper, the combination, with a suitable base-frame, of vertical bails of gradually-increasing size attached to the said base-frame side by side, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

2. In a device for holding wrapping-paper, the combination of a suitable base-frame, vertical bails of gradually-increasing size attached to the said frame side by side, and a plate attached to the front ends of said bails, for the purpose of bracing the same and forming a stop for the papers supported upon the said bails, substantially as set forth.

3. As an improvement in devices for holding wrapping-paper, paper bags, and the like, the combination of a suitable base-frame, vertical bails attached to the same, a plate connecting the front ends of said bails, an upright at one end of the frame, an arm projecting laterally from the upper end of said upright, a twine-holder supported upon the outer end of said arm, and brackets projecting laterally from said arm, and having clasps upon which paper bags may be strung, the whole arranged and adapted for use substantially as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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