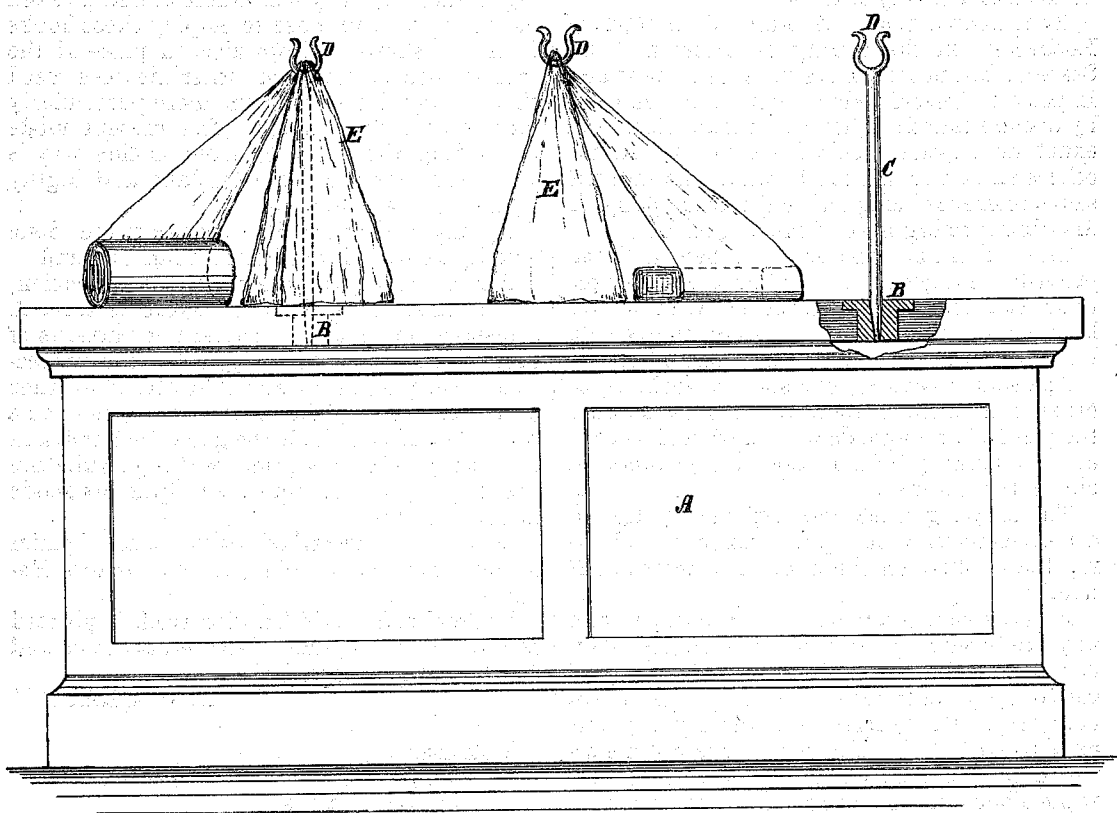


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALBERT S. GRANT, of Rochester, in the county of Olmstead, and State of Minnesota, have invented a new and Improved Dress-Goods Holder; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing forming part of this specification.

This invention relates to a new and improved dress-goods holder for use in stores upon counters or tables, or in windows, for holding the goods as they are commonly held by hand for exhibiting them to customers.

The said invention consists in a hook, D, or other equivalent holder, adapted for holding the piece of dress-goods when gathered as they are customarily held in the hand, supported above the counter.

The drawing represents a front elevation of a store-counter with a part broken out, showing the application thereto of my dress-goods holder.

A is the counter, in which I propose to place any preferred number of metal socketed holders B, for the support of rods C', having on the tops a yoke or hook, D, of the form shown, or any equivalent thereof, for holding the goods as indicated at E. The rods C are fitted into the metal sockets by a tapered point, so that while always fitting snugly to prevent swing-

ing or rattling, they will admit of being taken out readily. I propose to employ these hooks D in the show-windows also, in place of the frames, boxes, cords, or other devices used therein; but I design them more particularly for use over the counter. The present mode of holding the goods by hand in this way is very laborious for the attendant and highly desirable to avoid.

By my invention the work can be done equally as well, if not better, than by hand.

Among other advantages of my invention, to salesmen as well as to buyers, is this: A salesman can arrange a pattern or patterns of dress-goods in these holders for the inspection of the purchaser, and then attend to other customers; for by the above arrangement he would not have to hold the goods by hand, and thus keep other customers waiting, while the first at his counter were inspecting his goods at their leisure.

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

The socket B combined with a rod, C, pointed at the lower end and bifurcated at D, as and for the purpose described.

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