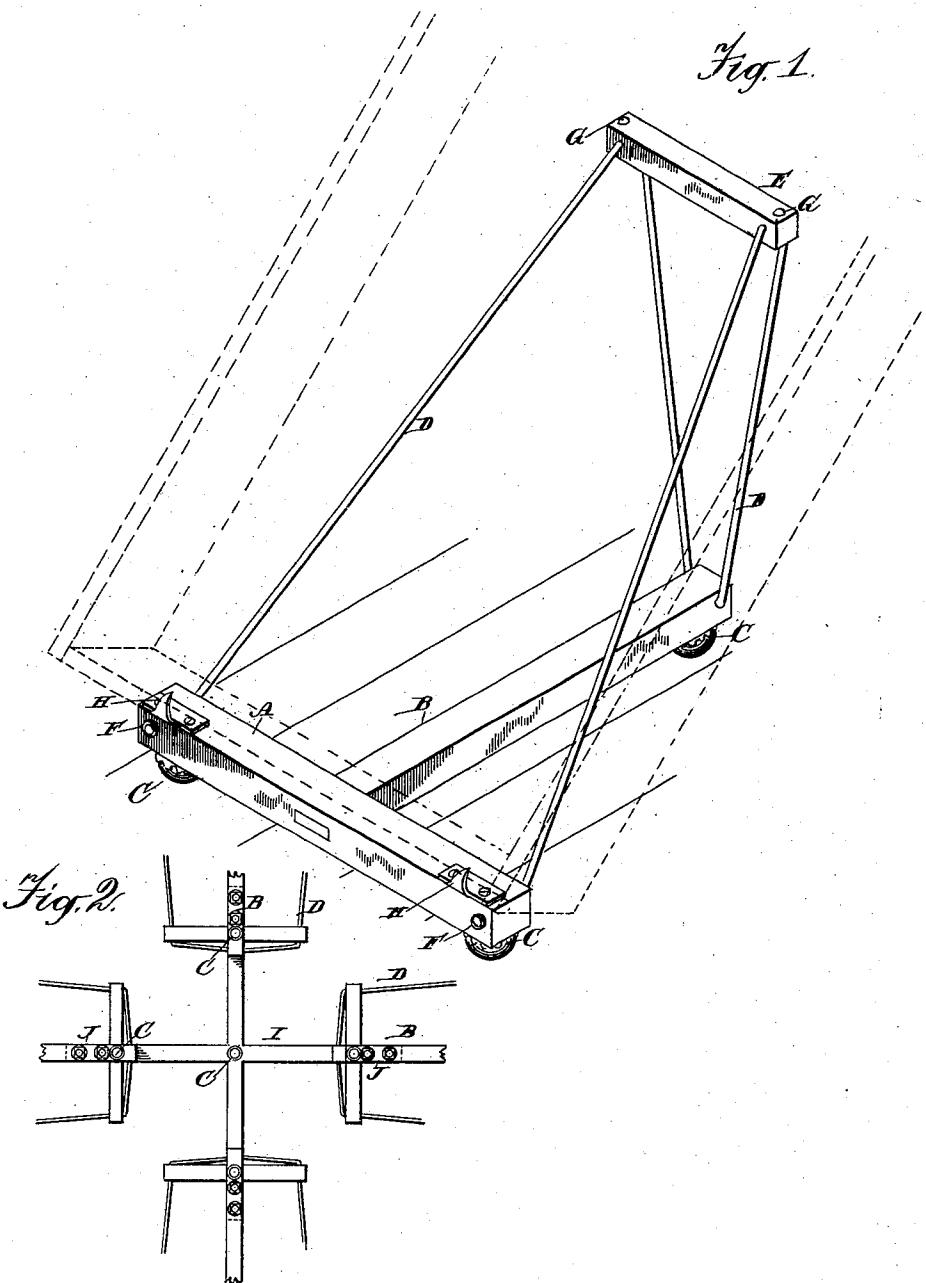


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DISPLAY-STAND.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, JOHN C. HEXOM, residing at Decorah, in the county of Winneshiek, and CAMBRIDGE G. HOUX, residing at 5 Cedar Rapids, in the county of Linn, State of Iowa, citizens of the United States, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Display-Stands, of which the following is a specification.

This invention has for its object to provide a simple, convenient, and portable stand for the display of merchandise, more particularly boxes of fruit and the like, in grocery stores.

The nature of the invention will fully appear from the description and claim following, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a front view in perspective of a stand embodying our invention, the position of a box thereon being indicated in dotted outline. Fig. 2 is a fragmentary plan view from the under side, illustrating a cross-shaped spider for connecting a number of the stands in a group.

In most grocery stores it is common to display fruit, crackers, and other commodities in boxes inclined against the counter or sides of the room. In many cases it would be more desirable to set them in other parts of the 25 store, and in any case it is necessary to move them in sweeping and at other times. This stand is designed to enable the shopkeeper to display such wares anywhere on the floor that may be most convenient or desirable 30 and to shift them quickly and easily from place to place whenever necessary.

The stand comprises a base A B in the form of a T and supported on three casters C, which are preferably of the ball type, as 35 shown. From the back end of the base spring a diverging pair of brace-rods D D, which at

a suitable height are bent and pass through the ends of a cross-bar E. Thence they extend in diverging downwardly-inclined lines and pass through the front bar of the base, 45 and their ends are riveted over suitable washers F. To prevent splitting, the cross-bar E may be provided with rivets G. On the front bar of the base is mounted a pair of sharp spurs H, which prevent any slipping of the 50 box when in position.

It is sometimes desirable to arrange boxes of merchandise in some central or conspicuous place in groups facing in several different directions. This might of course be done by 55 setting each stand separately in place; but we have provided for the moving of the whole group at once by coupling all the stands together. The device for this purpose is shown in Fig. 2 and is a simple cross-shaped spider 60 I, of metal or wood, bolted at J to the rearwardly-extending bars of the several bases.

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

A store box-stand substantially as described, comprising a T-shaped base, provided with casters and box-retaining spurs, and an inclined back-support for the box, composed of a single, looped and diverging 70 brace-rod and a connecting cross-bar, loops of the brace being formed at the connections with the rear end of the base, and each end of the cross-bar, and terminal connection with the front bar of the base.

In testimony whereof we affix our signatures in presence of two witnesses.

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