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Fig. 1.

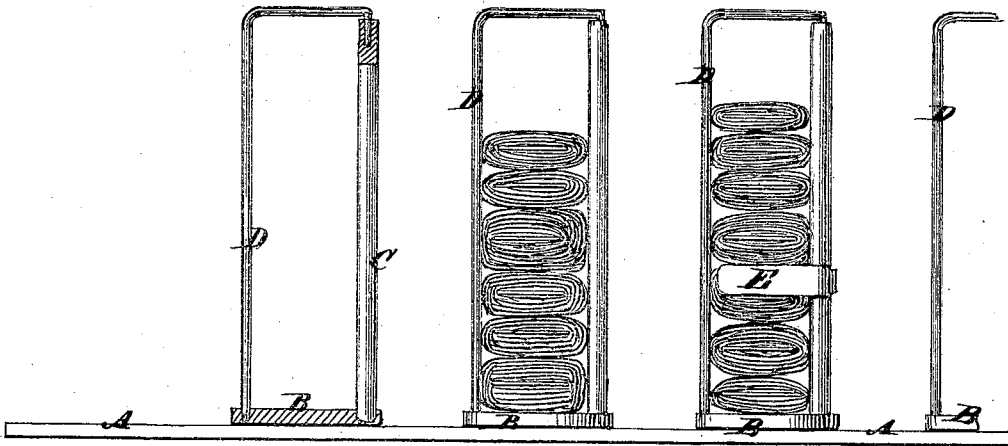
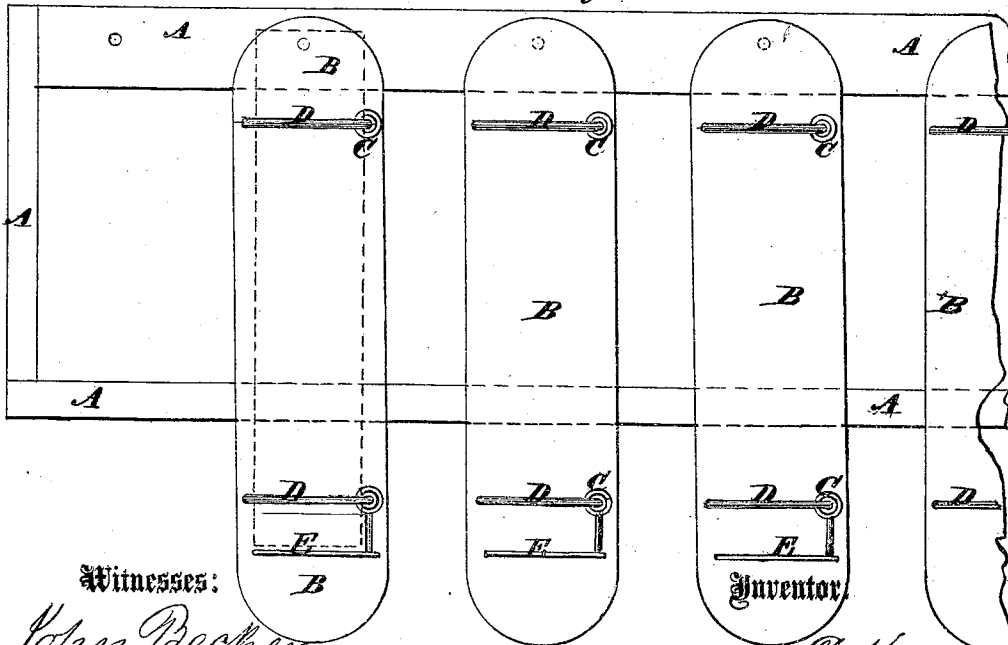


Fig. 2.



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Specification describing a new and useful Improvement in Dry-Goods Rack, invented by DAVID KEISER, of Reading, in the county of Berks and State of Pennsylvania.

Figure 1 represents my improved rack, parts being broken away to show the construction. Fig. 2 is a top view of the same.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

My invention has for its object to furnish an improved rack for prints and other dry-goods for retail dealers, which shall be so constructed as to hold the goods in tiers and in such a way that the customers can see each piece and make their selection without its being necessary to throw a whole pile of goods upon the counter, thus greatly diminishing the labor of the salesman and keeping the goods in better condition and much more accessible than when arranged in piles in the ordinary manner; and it consists in the construction and combination of the various parts of the rack, as hereinafter more fully described.

A represents a store-counter or a frame placed upon said counter. To the counter or frame A, near its outer edge, and at suitable distances apart, are pivoted the outer ends of a number or series of boards or platforms, B, as shown in Fig. 2. To the boards B, near one edge, are securely attached the lower ends of two posts or standards, C, at such a distance apart as the width of the goods or rather the lengths of the rolls may require. The goods as they come from the wholesaler or manufacturer are folded over into a roll of about half the width and in such a way as to expose the "right side" of the goods. The rolls thus arranged are piled one upon another upon the platforms or boards B and against the posts C. When the tier of rolls has been completed the detachable standards D are arranged in place.

The lower ends of the standards D are inserted in holes in the boards or platforms B near their other side edges. The upper parts of the standards D are bent twice at right angles or into a bow, and their ends inserted in holes in the upper ends of the posts C, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, so as to prevent the standards C from being bent outward should the tier of rolls press against them. By this arrangement of the rolls the outer or smooth side of the cloth rests upon the boards B, so that in attempting to draw out any roll the whole tier will slip upon the board B. To prevent this the device E is used, which has an eye formed in one end to fit upon the posts C. The device E is bent at right angles at such a distance from the eye that the bent or end part may pass along the end edge of the rolls of cloth and thus prevent the lower rolls from being drawn out. The device E may rest upon the boards B, or may be raised to rest against the end of any desired roll, and may be moved up and down upon the post C, as may be desired.

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

1. The pivoted boards B, provided with posts C and detachable standards D, constructed and arranged, substantially as herein shown and described, to adapt them to receive and exhibit tiers of prints or other dry-goods, as and for the purposes set forth.

2. The stop E, constructed substantially as herein shown and described, to adapt it for use in connection with the racks B C D, as and for the purpose set forth.

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