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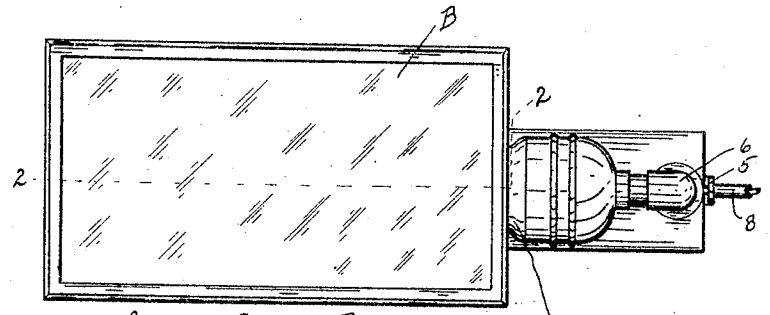
Fig. 1.



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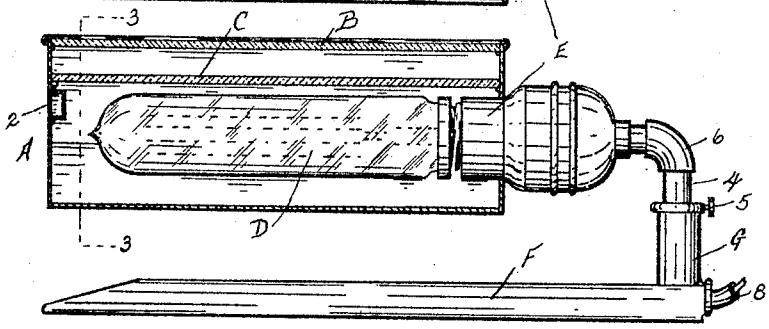

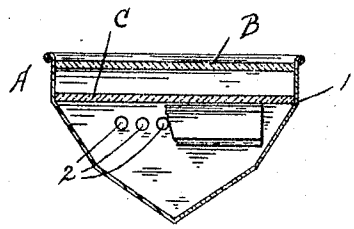

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Our invention relates to display devices, and has for its object to provide a new and efficient device whereby silk hose and other similar articles may be exhibited to and examined by customers in poorly lighted stores, and without such articles becoming soiled or injured.

These objects we accomplish with the apparatus illustrated in the accompanying drawings in which similar letters of reference indicate like parts throughout the several views, and as described in the specification forming a part of this application and pointed out in the appended claims.

In the drawings in which we have shown the best and most substantial embodiment of our invention, Figure 1 is a plan view of the apparatus. Figure 2 is a vertical longitudinal section on line 2—2 of Figure 1, with the electric light globe and socket shown in elevation. Figure 3 is a transverse section of the device on line 3—3 of Figure 2.

In buying silk hose at retail, the customer frequently wishes to closely examine the hose for defects therein before purchasing and it has heretofore been the practice to insert one hand into the hose and spread the fingers slightly in order to stretch the threads and make a more careful examination than may be made with the hose as packed in cartons for sale. The handling of the hose and stretching them out of shape and with rough hands or while wearing rings or gloves, soils and damages the hose, and our invention is used to prevent such damage and to supply a better light and more convenient means of displaying the hose for the examination by the customer than has heretofore been practiced and without injury to the hose.

The invention consists of a case A having closed sides and bottom and a removable glass or transparent top B. The sides of the case are inwardly flanged, as at 1, to support a translucent diaphragm or partition C, which is spaced from and parallel with said top B, and preferably made of ground glass. An electric globe D of the rack type is provided in the lower portion of said case A in a socket E, which is secured in one end of said case in order that the rays of light from said globe D will be directed and reflected upwardly through the said diaphragm C. The interior walls of said case are lined with reflecting material to reflect all light rays through the translucent diaphragm C and the top B. Ventilating openings 2 are provided in the other end of said case to prevent the heat from the electric globe from injuring the adjacent parts of the case or the hose when spread over the said top B. A weighted base F which is movable on the counter is provided and from one end portion of which, the said case A is supported by the vertical standard G. A short pipe nipple 4 is detachably fastened in the upper end of said standard G by the set screw 5, and on the upper end portion of said nipple 4 is screwed an elbow 6 into which the light socket is secured. The said standard G, nipple 4, and elbow 5 are centrally bored to carry the light cords or wires 8 by which electric current is supplied to the said globe D. The construction of the base F and the standard and nipple allows the said case to be swung horizontally around so that the apparatus may be used quickly by several persons. The hose to be examined is spread over or across the transparent top B and the rays of light will be reflected by the interior walls of the case and softened in effect by the translucent diaphragm C so that the examination of the hose may be quickly and easily made without injury thereto and in a poorly lighted store as well as in a well lighted one.

Having thus described our invention we desire to secure by Letters Patent and claim:—

1. A hose displaying device comprising a base; a vertical standard secured thereon; a case having a glazed transparent top and closed sides and bottom with their inner surfaces covered with reflecting material; means to connect said case with said vertical standard and allow the case to be swung horizontally around the axis of said standard; a diaphragm of ground glass spaced from and horizontally disposed relative to said top; an electric light globe mounted longitudinally in said case; and wires to carry electric current to said globe.

2. A hose display device consisting of a base member; a vertical standard secured on one end of said base; a rectangular case having a transparent glazed top horizontally disposed relative to said base; means to

connect said case with the base member to allow the case to be swung around the axis of said standard, said means consisting of a hollow pipe, and a light socket; a translucent diaphragm spaced below the glazed top of the case; an electric light globe screwed into said socket and placed below said diaphragm; and wires passed through said pipe and standard to illuminate said globe.

In testimony whereof we have affixed our signatures.

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