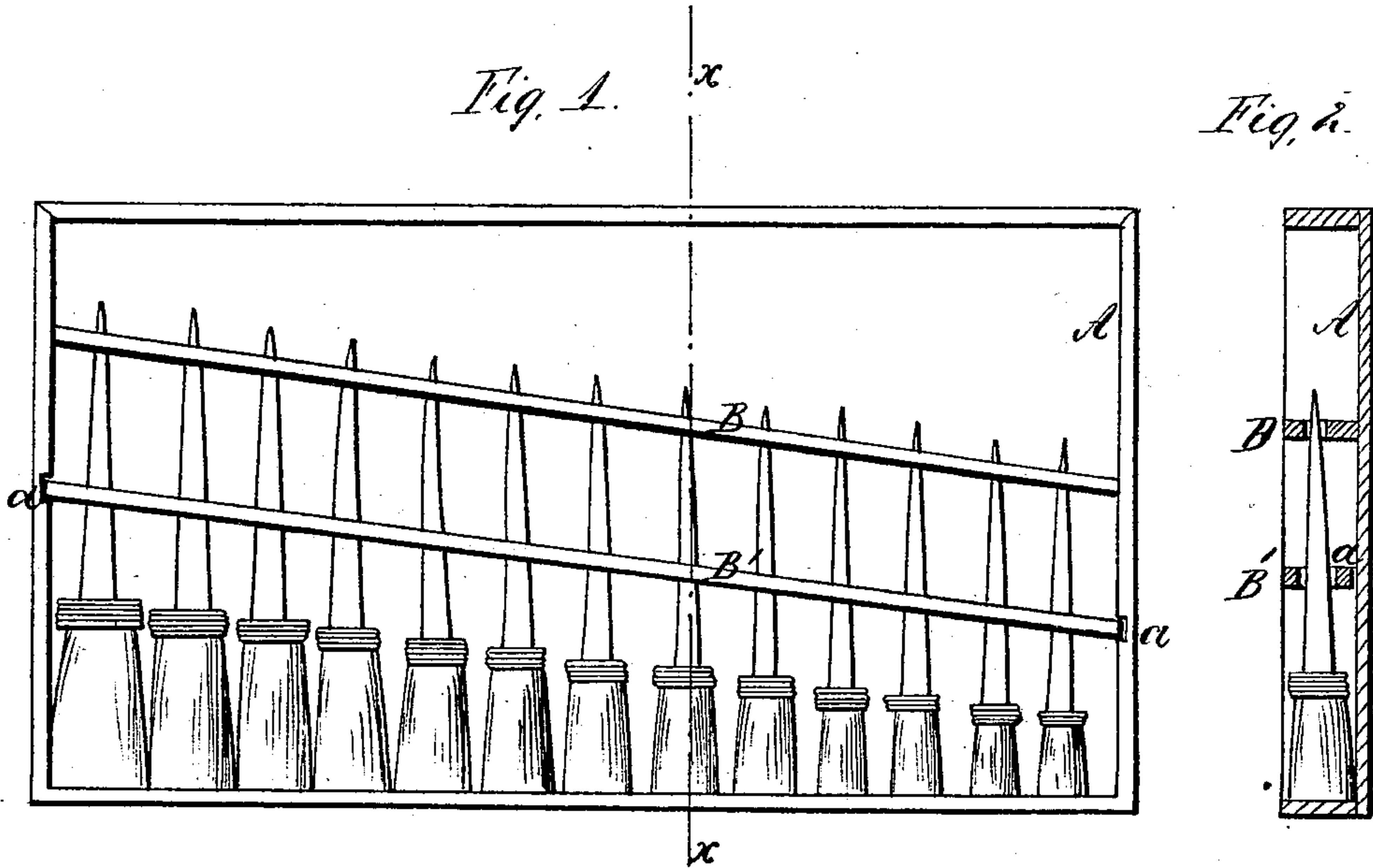


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TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that we, JOHN AMES, of Lansingburg, in the county of Rensselaer, and State of New York, and N. HOWARD HORTON, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and improved Brush-Rack; and that the following description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, hereinafter referred to, forms a full and exact specification of the same, wherein we have set forth the nature and principles of our said improvements, by which our invention may be distinguished from all others of a similar class, together with such parts as we claim, and desire to have secured to us by Letters Patent.

This invention relates to a new and improved rack for holding paint, varnish, and other similar brushes for exhibition in stores where the same are sold. Brushes have hitherto been attached to cards for this purpose, but they are very liable to become detached therefrom, especially large and heavy brushes.

Our invention consists in having a shallow box, provided with one or more perforated cleats to receive the handles of the brushes and retain them in proper position within the box, as herein shown and described. In the accompanying sheet of drawings—

Figure 1 is a front view of our invention.

Figure 2, a transverse vertical section of the same taken in the line *xx*, fig. 1.

Similar letters of reference indicate like parts.

A represents a shallow box, of rectangular form, and of any suitable dimensions, the latter being such that the box may contain the necessary number of brushes. In the box A there are placed two cleats, B B', which are perforated with holes at suitable and equal distances apart, said holes being sufficiently large in diameter to admit of the handles of the brushes being fitted in or passed through them. The upper cleat B is fixed, but the lower one, B', is movable or adjustable, its ends being fitted in grooves *a* made in the inner surfaces of the sides of the box. The object in having this lower cleat B' movable is simply to facilitate the adjustment of the handles *b* of the brushes in the cleats, the cleat B' being drawn outward to a certain extent to effect that end. The lower ends of the brushes rest on the bottom of the box A when the former are adjusted in the latter, as shown clearly in both figures. It is designed to have the names of the manufacturers painted or otherwise marked on the back of the box above the brushes, and to have the box hung or otherwise secured in an upright position, the brushes being vertical. In certain cases one cleat may be sufficient to receive the handles of the brushes, and if necessary or desired the front of the box may be provided with a glass in order to prevent the brushes from being soiled by dust or otherwise. These brush-racks may be constructed at a very small cost, and will serve to protect the sample brushes of manufacturers in stores, and answer as a card for the same, and at the same time be an acquisition to store-keepers in that line of business, as it will enable purchasers to select at once the kind and size of brush required, and be rather a neat and chaste article than otherwise to the general stock of the store.

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

A rack for exhibiting paint, varnish, and other similar brushes as specimens, consisting of a shallow box, A, provided with one or more cleats B or B', arranged substantially as herein shown and described.

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