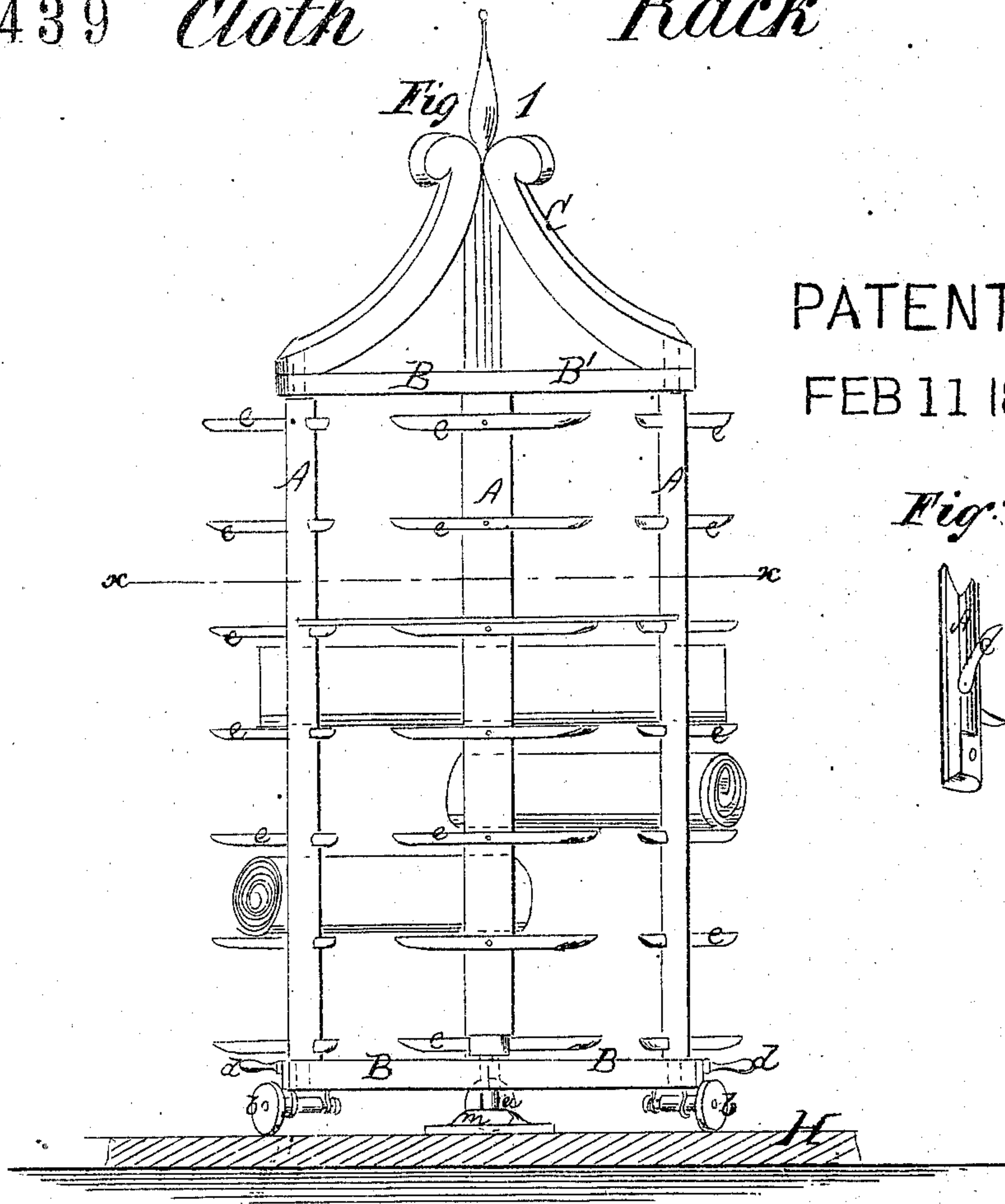


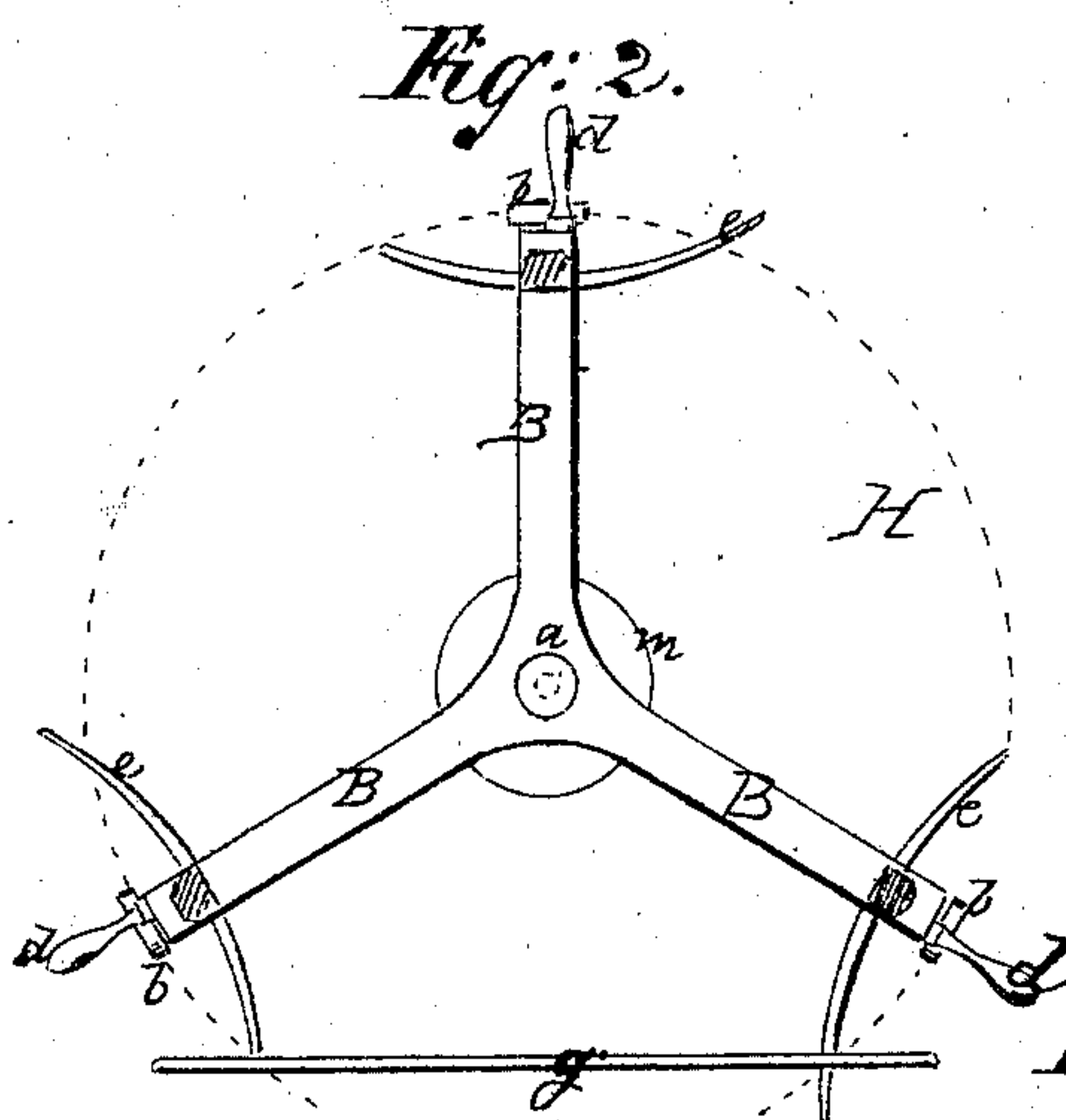
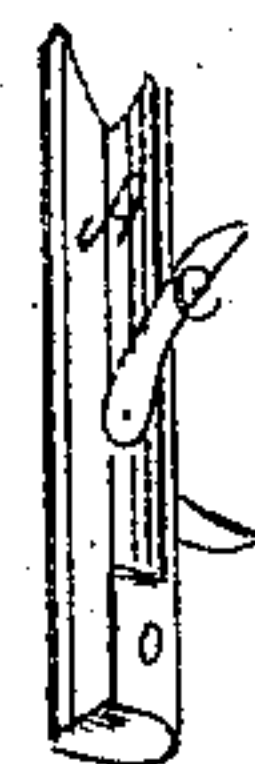
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*Fig 3.*



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## IMPROVED CLOTH-RACK.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

### TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that we, H. C. SMITH, D. A. KELLY, and J. E. MURDOCH, Jr., of Clarksville, in the county of Clinton, and State of Ohio, have invented a new and improved Cloth-Rack; and we 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 drawings, forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of our improved rack.

Figure 2 is a sectional plan of the same.

Figure 3 is a detail view of a modification of the horns.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

This invention refers to cloth-racks designed for stores and the like, and consists of a frame bearing horns, and rotating upon a pivot-spindle, as will be more fully set forth in the following.

A are the frame-posts attached to a central pivot-spindle, *a*, by the arms B. B' are the arms at the top, and these are surmounted with any ornamental scroll-work, as shown at C. The lower arms are mounted on casters, *b*, for the purpose of enabling the rack to be rotated more freely and easily when the goods held thereon are being inspected by customers. *d* are projecting pins, for the purpose of enabling the rack to be turned by a slight impulse of the foot when desired. Affixed to the back of the frame-posts are horns *e*. On the right or left side of each post the horns are longer than on the other sides of the posts, for the purpose of allowing the rolls or bolts of cloth resting on the rack to set up closely to the frame-posts; for if some bolts are longer than others, one end of such bolts will reach by or against the ends of the others, and all lengths will be accommodated. If desired, the horns can be steamed and bent, and passed through holes in the frame-posts, the said posts being turned in a lathe. This detail is shown at fig. 3. In practice this would probably be the better and cheaper method of construction. The pivot-spindle *a* has a step, *m*, which in practice is secured to the floor *H*, though a hole made in the floor to receive the said spindle, will answer with equally perfect result. A strip or rod, *g*, may be attached to the horns to hold the ends of the cloth smoothly when the same is being inspected.

Our invention is simple and cheap, and provides an article of service for any cloth-store, but particularly applicable to that of a draper or merchant tailor.

We are aware that racks similar to the one above set forth have been used, and therefore do not claim the use of horns and frame-posts broadly.

What we do claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The cloth-rack constructed of frame-posts A and horns *e*, in combination with the spindles *a*, casters *b*, and step *m*, all substantially as shown and described, and for the purposes set forth.

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