

M. Lenn. Card Rack.

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Fig: 1.

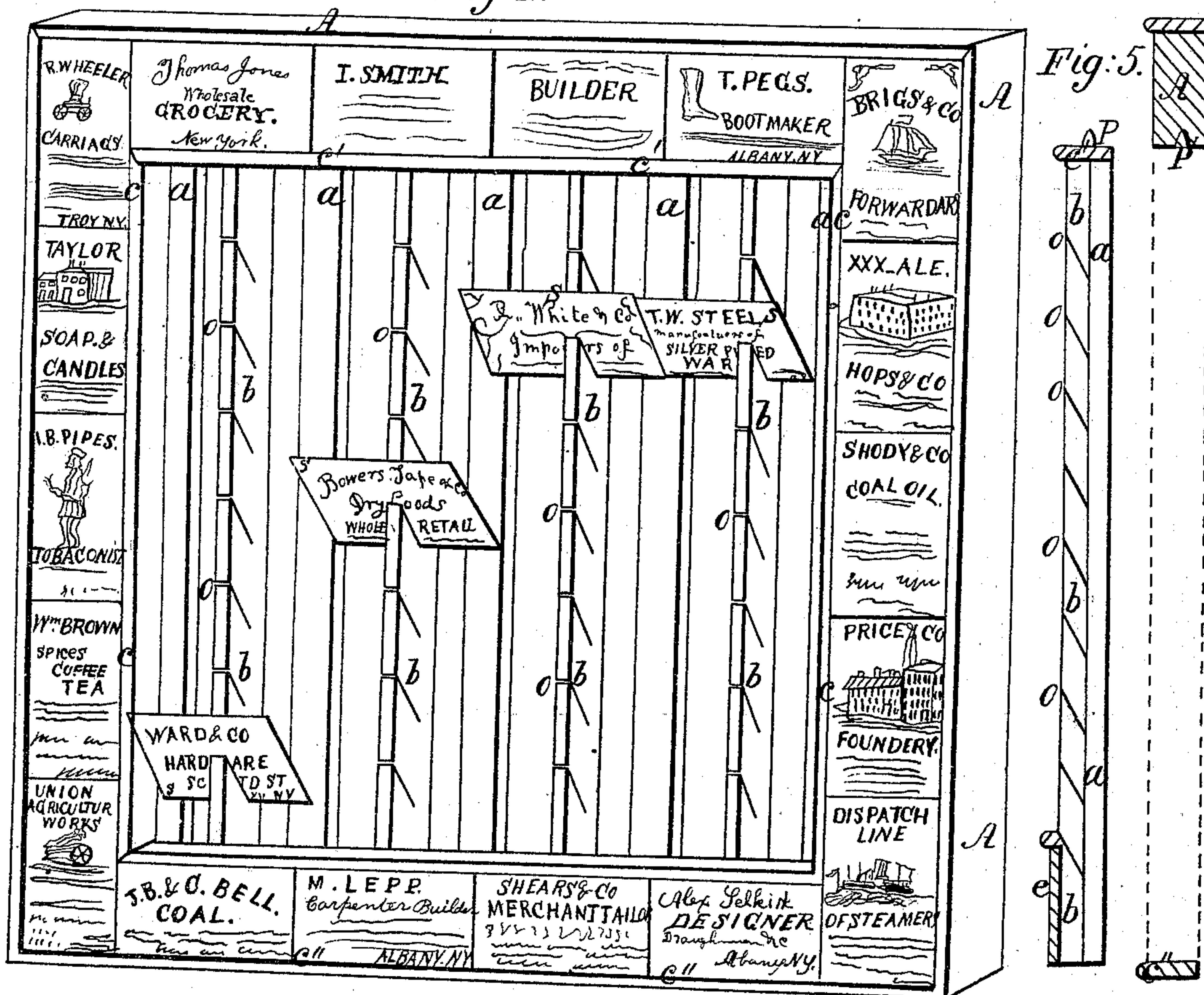


Fig: 5.

Fig: 2.

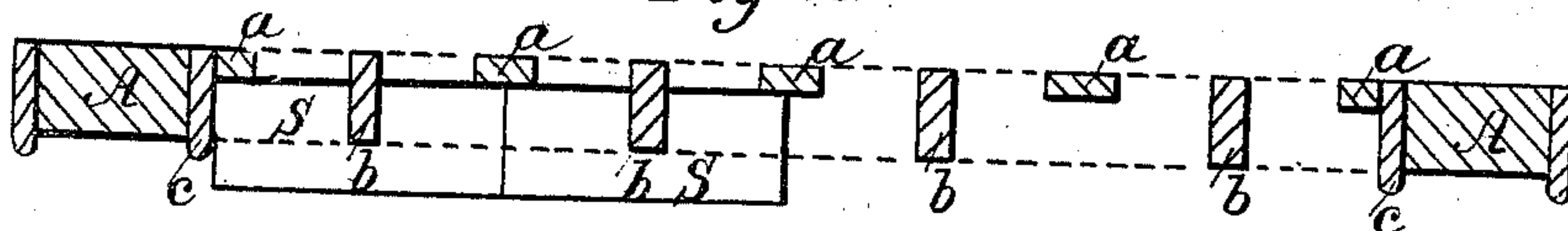


Fig: 3.

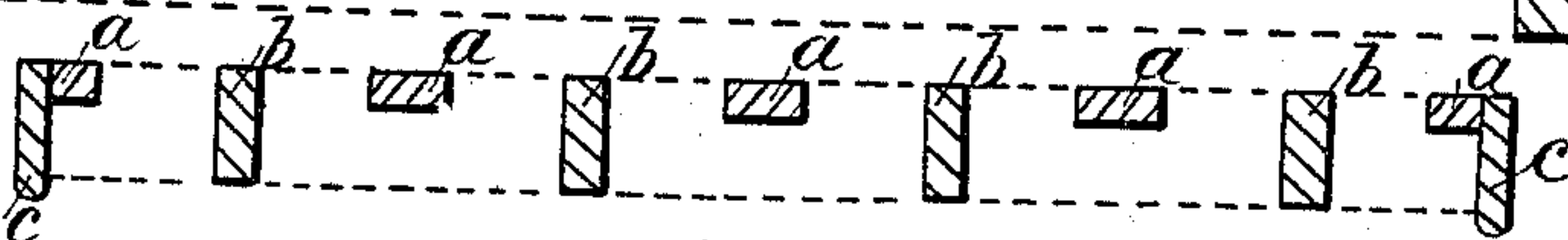
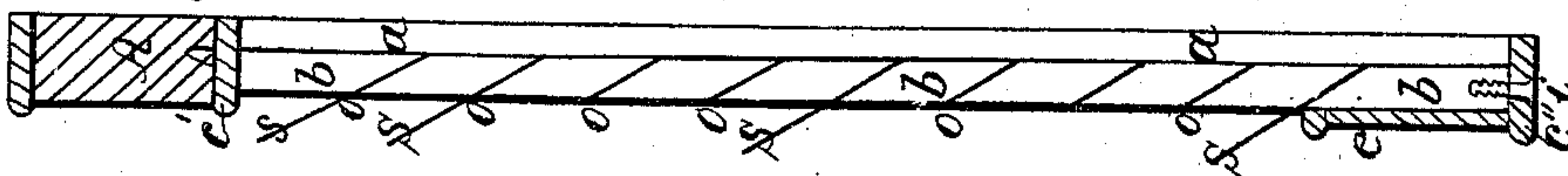


Fig: 4.



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IMPROVEMENT IN CARD-RACKS.

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

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, MITCHEL LEPP, of the city and county of Albany, and State of New York, have invented an Improvement in the Manner of Constructing Card-Racks, whereby they can be made lighter, and their cards may be more readily arranged and better preserved; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and the letters of reference marked thereon, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view.

Figure 2 is a longitudinal cross-section, with an outer frame.

Figure 3 is a longitudinal cross-section of card-rack.

Figure 4 is a perpendicular section, with an outer frame.

Figure 5 is a perpendicular section of card-rack.

The same letters refer to like parts.

The nature of my invention consists of a rack, constructed of wood or any other suitable material, arranged as herein described.

I place at suitable distances apart a number of thin slats, (five-eighths or three-quarters of an inch wide, and about one-quarter of an inch thick, called steadying-slats,) *a a a a*, figs. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and are placed with their flat sides towards the front and back, and are intended to steady the cards *s s*, by preventing them from being canted to either side. Midway between these steadying-slats *a a*, I place the holding-slats *b b b b*, with their edges standing front and back, and their back edges flush with the back sides of the slats *a a*. In the holding-slats *b b* are cut, at suitable distances apart, the notches *o o o o*, figs. 1, 4, 5, on an angle of twenty degrees to forty-five degrees, and to a depth that would leave the slat uncut on its back edge to a depth equal to the thickness of the steadying-slats *a a*. The slats *a* and *b* are held in their places by the slat *c'*, which forms the top of the rack-frame. This slat *c'* rests on the slats *a* and *b*, and is secured by brads. The sides of the frame are formed by the slats *c c*, and project above the steadying-slats *a a*, to which they are fastened, (figs. 2 and 3.) The lower side of the frame is a wider slat, *e*, (figs. 4 and 5,) fastened to the front of the slats *a* and *b*, which holds the whole rack stiff and firm. When the cards *s s s* are placed in the notches *o o o*, figs. 1 and 4, their bottom edges rest on the steadying-slats *a a a*, at their corners, and are held at an angle, and can be readily distinguished, and withdrawn at pleasure.

I do not claim the holding-slat *b*, with its notches *o o*, as they have been used, but

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The steadying-slat *a*, in combination with the holding-slat *b*, and the rack-frame *c c'* and *e*, constructed substantially as set forth, for the purpose herein described.

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