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Fig. 1.

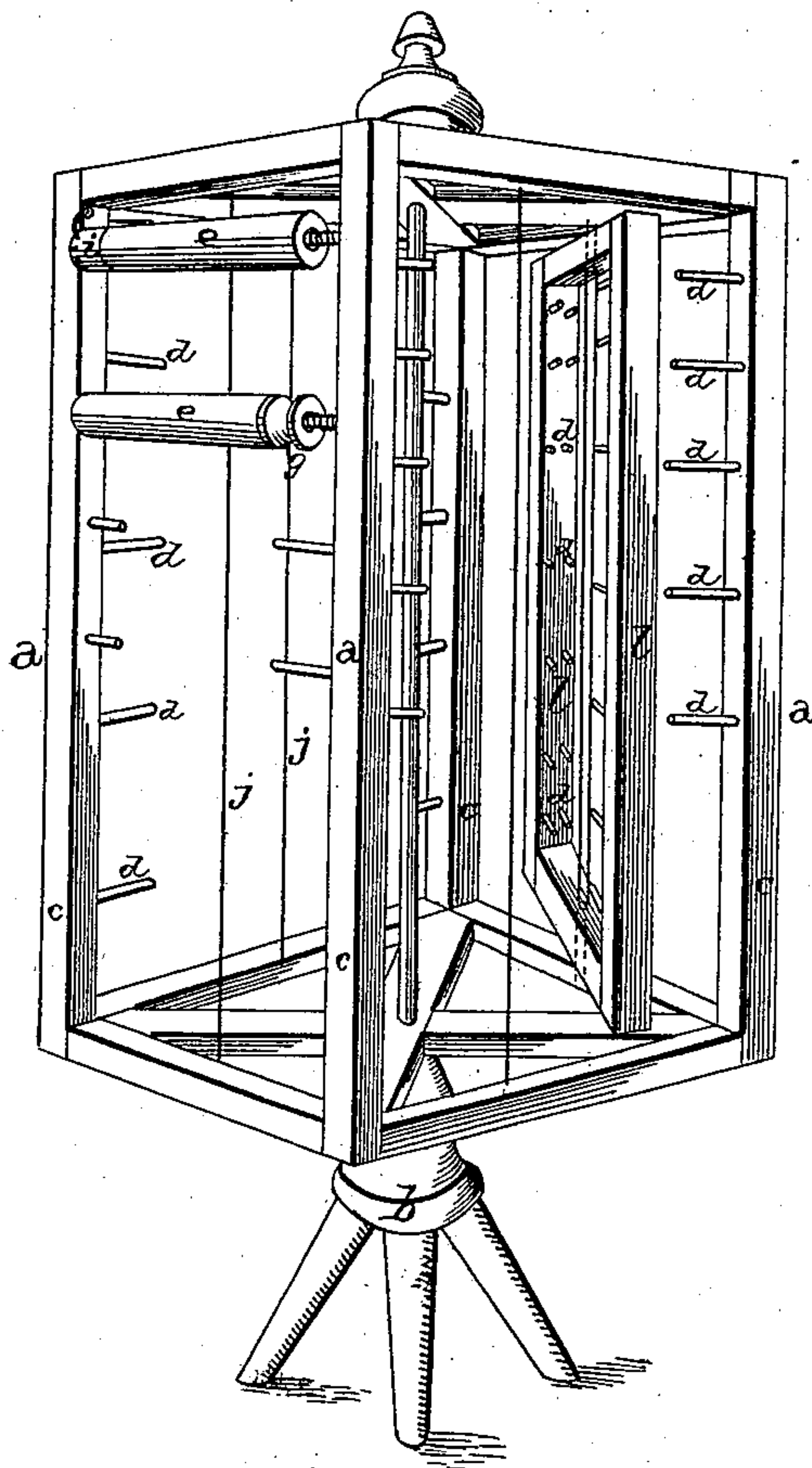
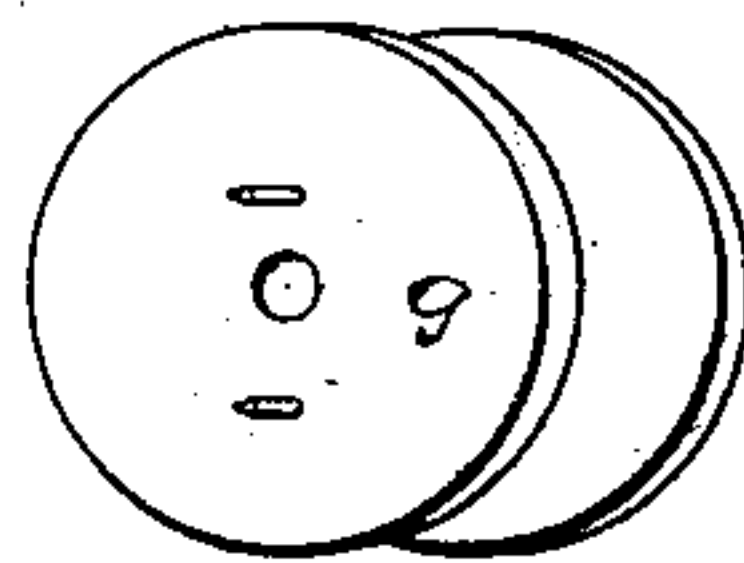
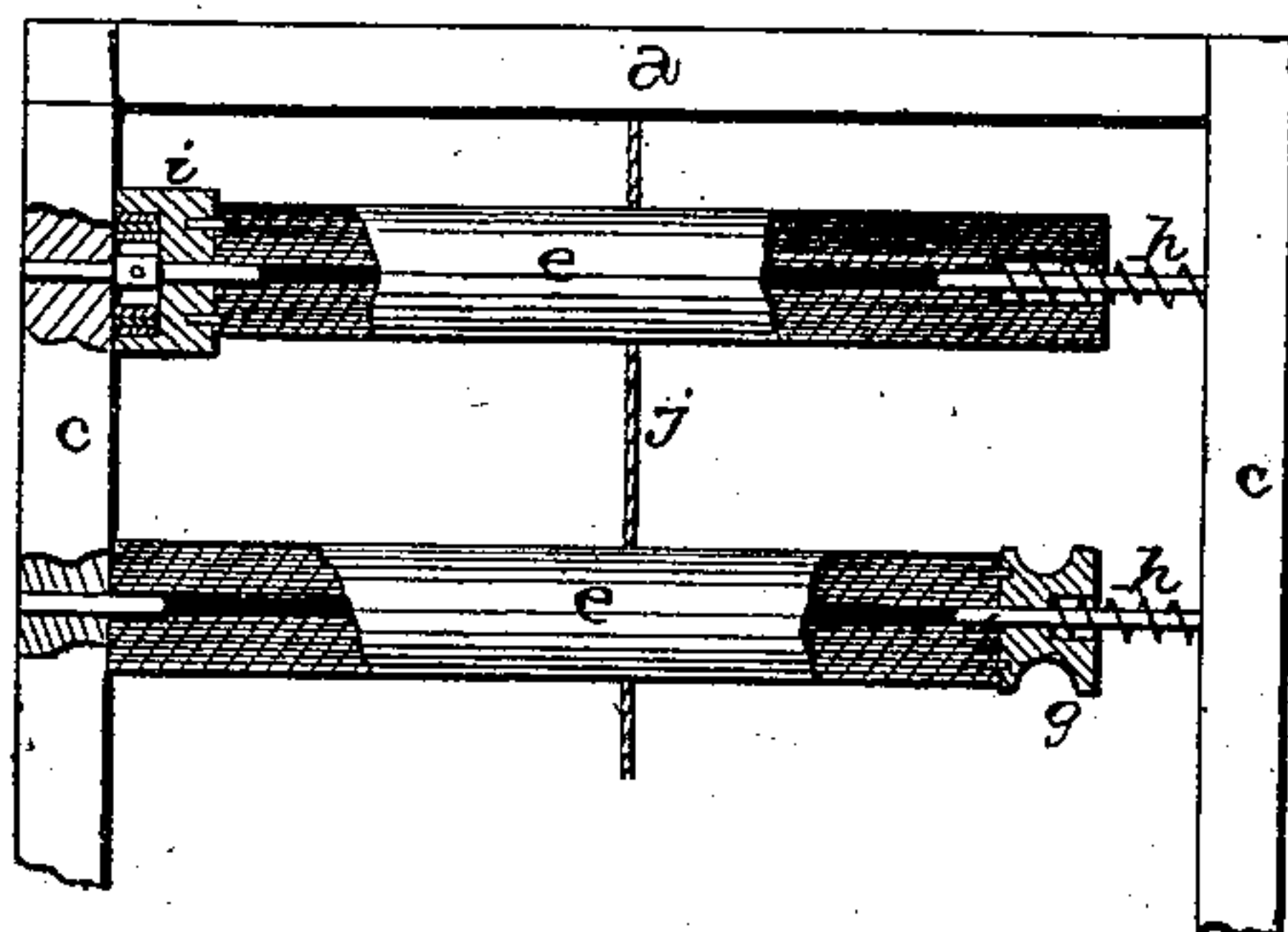
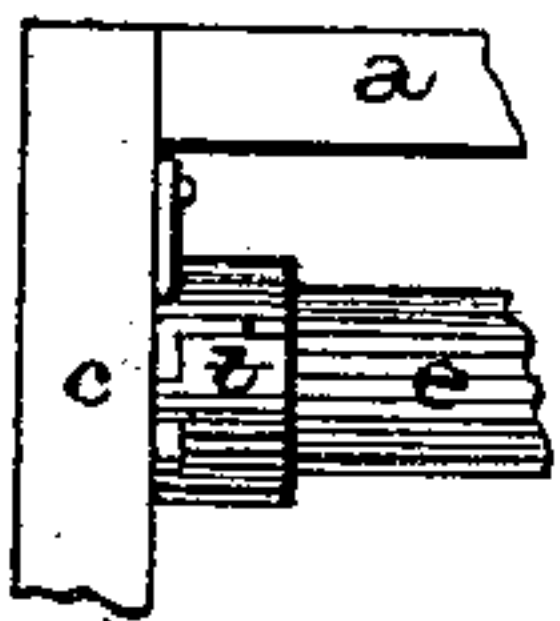


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN WALL-PAPER RACKS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM P. YEOMAN, of Waukegan, in the county of Lake and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Wall-Paper Racks; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it pertains to make and use it, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form part of this specification.

The nature of my invention relates to an improvement in wall-paper racks; and it consists in, first, a revolving frame provided with devices, upon which the samples of paper are placed, and which frame can be readily turned around so as to display the samples on any side; second, a number of rolls of paper placed in each side of the frame, each one of which rolls is provided with a pulley for operating it, which is kept pressed against the end of the roll by means of a spring; third, a revolving roll-holder placed in the side of the frame, and which is provided with a double set of rolls, so that when the samples on one side have been shown, the holder can be turned around and the samples on the other side displayed; fourth, in a cord or cords placed back of each set of rollers, so as to prevent the loose ends of the samples being drawn inside of the frame; fifth, in the arrangement and combination of devices, which will be more fully described hereafter.

The accompanying drawing represents my invention.

a represents a rectangular frame, of any desired size, which is pivoted upon the top of a pedestal or stand, *b*, so that it can be freely turned around, and any one of its sides brought to the front. Projecting outward from the sides of each of the vertical posts *c* of the frame are a number of spindles, *d*, which form the journals or bearings for the rolls or samples of wall-paper *e*, which are to be displayed to purchasers. These rolls will consist of any required number upon each side, and each is provided with a pulley, *g*, for winding or unwinding the samples, or a small drum, *i*, in which is placed a spring, so

that when the roll is released, after having been unwound, it will instantly rewind itself again. The pulleys *g* slide freely back and forth on their spindles, and are kept pressed against the ends of the rolls by means of the coiled springs *h*, so that the clutch, stud, or any other suitable device on their ends may bind the two together, so that when one is revolved the other will turn also. The spindles *d* being shorter on one post than upon the other, by pressing the rolls sidewise and pushing back the pulleys, the rolls can be removed at will. When the drum and spring are used, the coiled spring *h* will be made to bear directly against one end of the roll, as shown. Back of each tier of rolls, extending from the top to the bottom of the frame, is a cord or wire, *j*, which presses against the backs of the rolls, and prevents the loose ends of the samples from being drawn inside of the frame, as they otherwise would be when the roll above or below is wound or unwound.

When the samples to be displayed are numerous, one or more sides of the frame will be provided with a revolving holder, *l*, which is provided with journals preferably at top and bottom. In this holder will be arranged a double set of rolls, as shown, so that when the samples on one side have been displayed the holder can be reversed and those on the other side shown.

It is the common practice when showing paper to leave it unwound about three feet, in which condition it becomes soiled, torn, and faded. My rack removes such objections, allows a much larger number of samples than usual to be put in a small compass, and affords the salesman a chance to display all the samples he has without any exertion on his or on visitors' part in walking about.

Having thus described my invention, I claim—

1. A rack for displaying samples of wall-paper, consisting of a pedestal, *b*, and a frame, *a*, of any suitable shape, which is provided with spindles or equivalent other means of holding the rolls of paper, substantially as set forth.

2. The combination of the frame *a*, spin-

dles *d*, pulleys and springs, substantially as shown.

3. The combination of the revolving frame *a* and revolving roll-holder *l*, substantially as described.

4. The combination of the frame *a* and cords *j* with the rolls of paper, substantially as specified.

5. The combination of the revolving frame

a, pedestal *b*, pulleys and springs, and cords *j*, substantially as shown and described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand.

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