

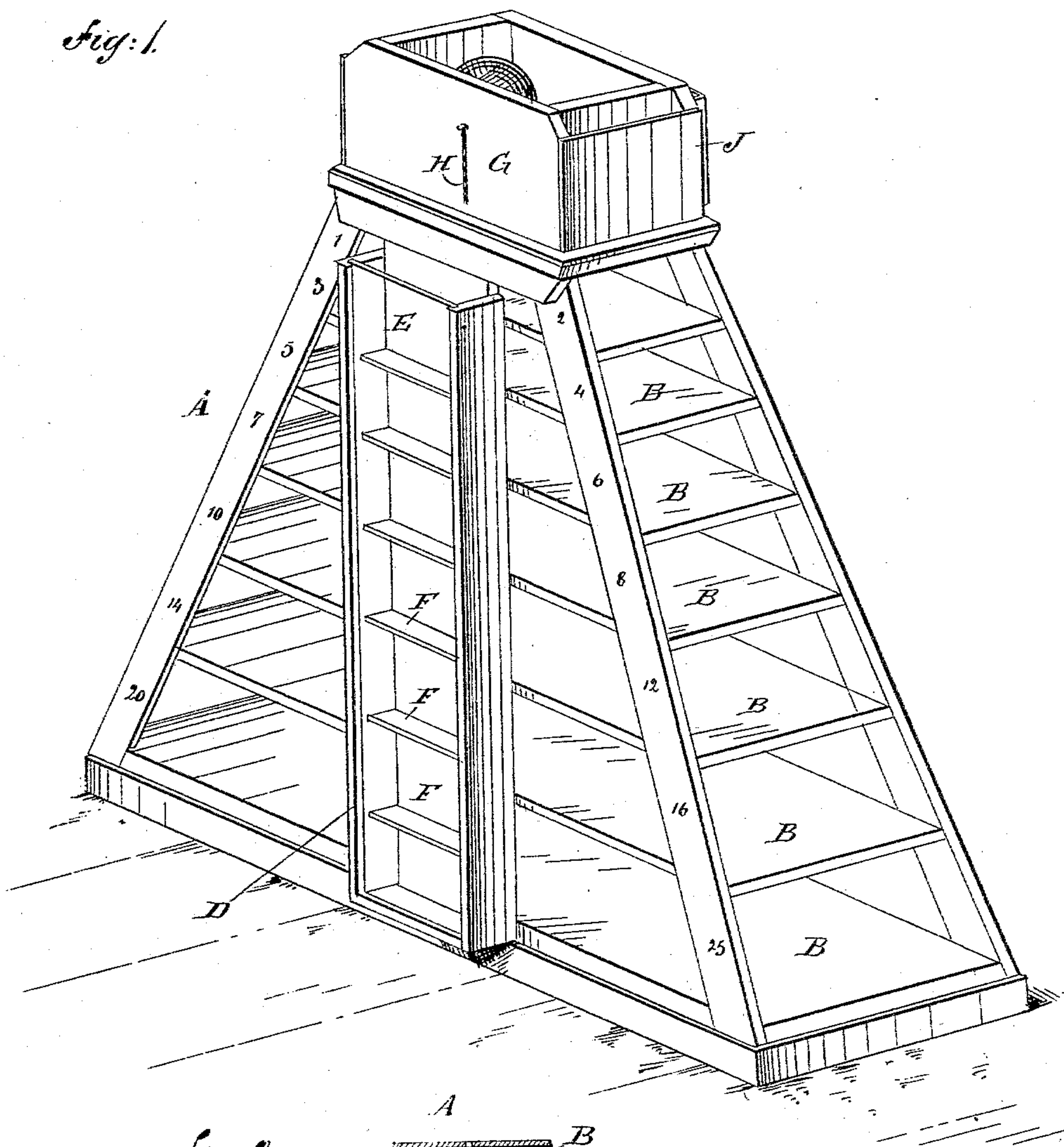
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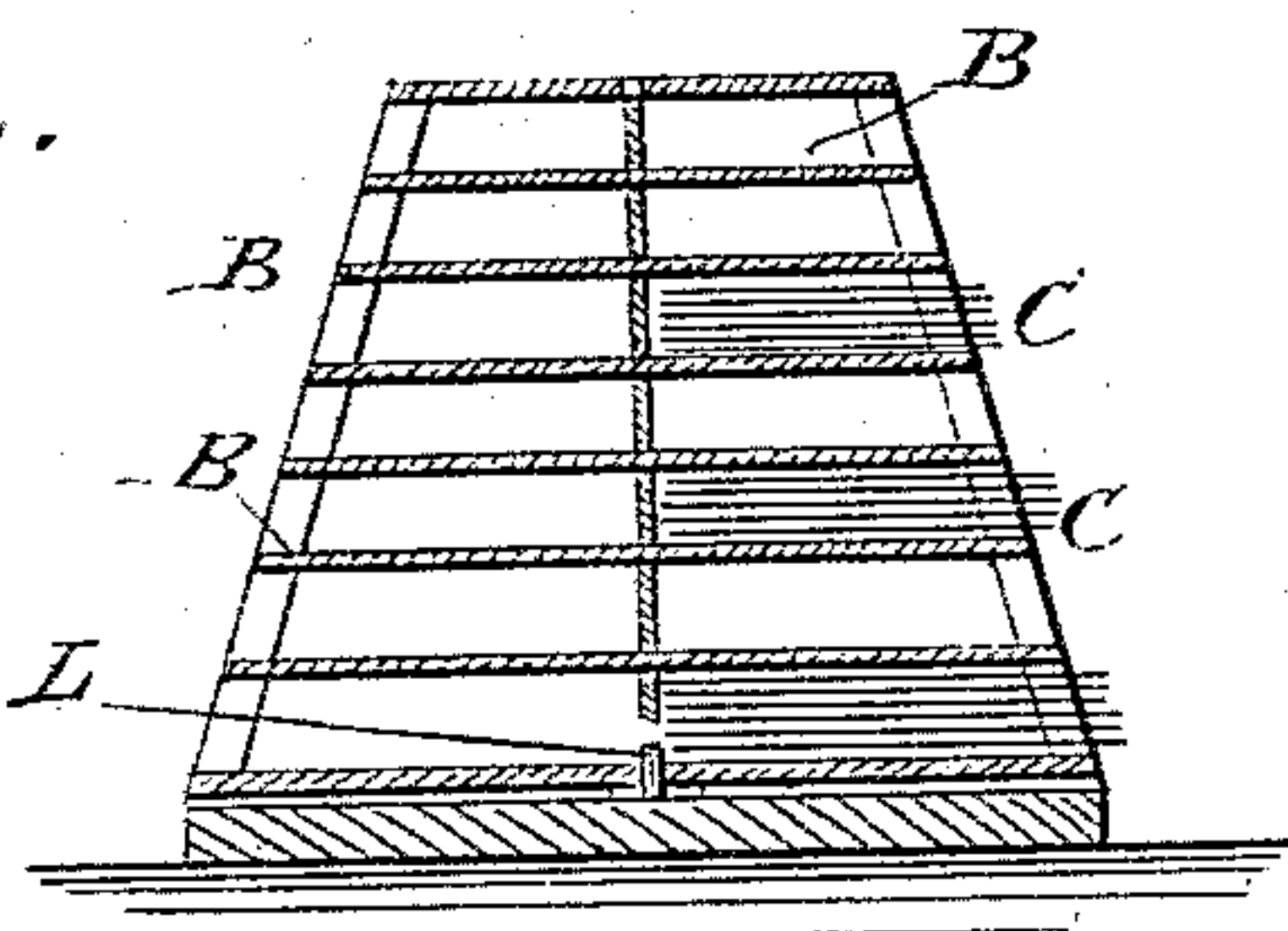
BAG RACK.

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*Fig: 2.*



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## BAG-RACK.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ROBERT E. WILLIAMS, of Dallas, in the county of Dallas and State of Texas, have invented a new and Improved Bag-Rack, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The object of my invention is to provide a new and improved rack adapted to hold a number of paper bags of different sizes, and also adapted to hold samples of groceries, cards, a ball of twine, advertising-books, &c.

The invention consists of a bag-rack having at one side a case containing a series of shelves and a transparent front, and of the combination therewith of a superposed twine-case having side compartments.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in both the figures.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved bag-rack. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal sectional elevation of the same, on a smaller scale, with the twine-box omitted.

An upright frame, A, has two opposite flat sides made parallel, and the other two sides are inclined toward each other, so that the width of the said frame decreases from the bottom to the top, the frame thus being pyramidal in shape. Between the uprights or standards of the frame a series of horizontal shelves, B, are held, the ends of which are at the inclined sides of the frame A, and are thus arranged like steps. Paper bags C, of different lengths, are placed on the several shelves, the longest bags being placed on the lowest shelves and the smaller bags on the upper shelves. The ends of the bags project beyond the shelves, as shown in Fig. 2, so that the bags can easily be withdrawn from the compartment into which they have been placed.

On one side of the frame A an upright box, D, is placed, which is provided with a sliding removable glass front, E, and with a series of shelves, F, for receiving samples of groceries,

crackers, &c., which show through the glass front, and are protected by the same.

On the top of the frame A a box, G, for receiving a ball of twine is placed, and the twine H is passed through a side aperture of the twine-box.

The twine-box is preferably provided with a center pivot, so that it can be revolved freely on the top of the frame A. On the sides of the twine-box compartments or pockets J, for receiving cards, bill-heads, &c., are formed. Upon a compartment J a calendar is preferably placed. At each shelf B a number is produced on one of the standards or side pieces of the frame A, the said numbers corresponding with the capacities of the bags C on the shelves.

The above-described bag-rack occupies little if any more space on the counter than a pile of paper bags.

The frame A can rest on the counter, or it can be provided in its under side with an aperture for receiving a pivot, L, projecting upward from the counter or from the base on which the frame rests, thus facilitating the turning of the frame. The twine-box G may also be made pyramidal, so as to form a continuation of the sides of the frame.

I am aware of the existence of a case containing a series of shelves arranged in step-form, and upon which case is disposed a twine-box.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The bag-rack having the sample-case disposed at one side thereof, and provided with a series of shelves and a transparent front, and the twine-box placed upon the top of the rack and having side compartments, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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