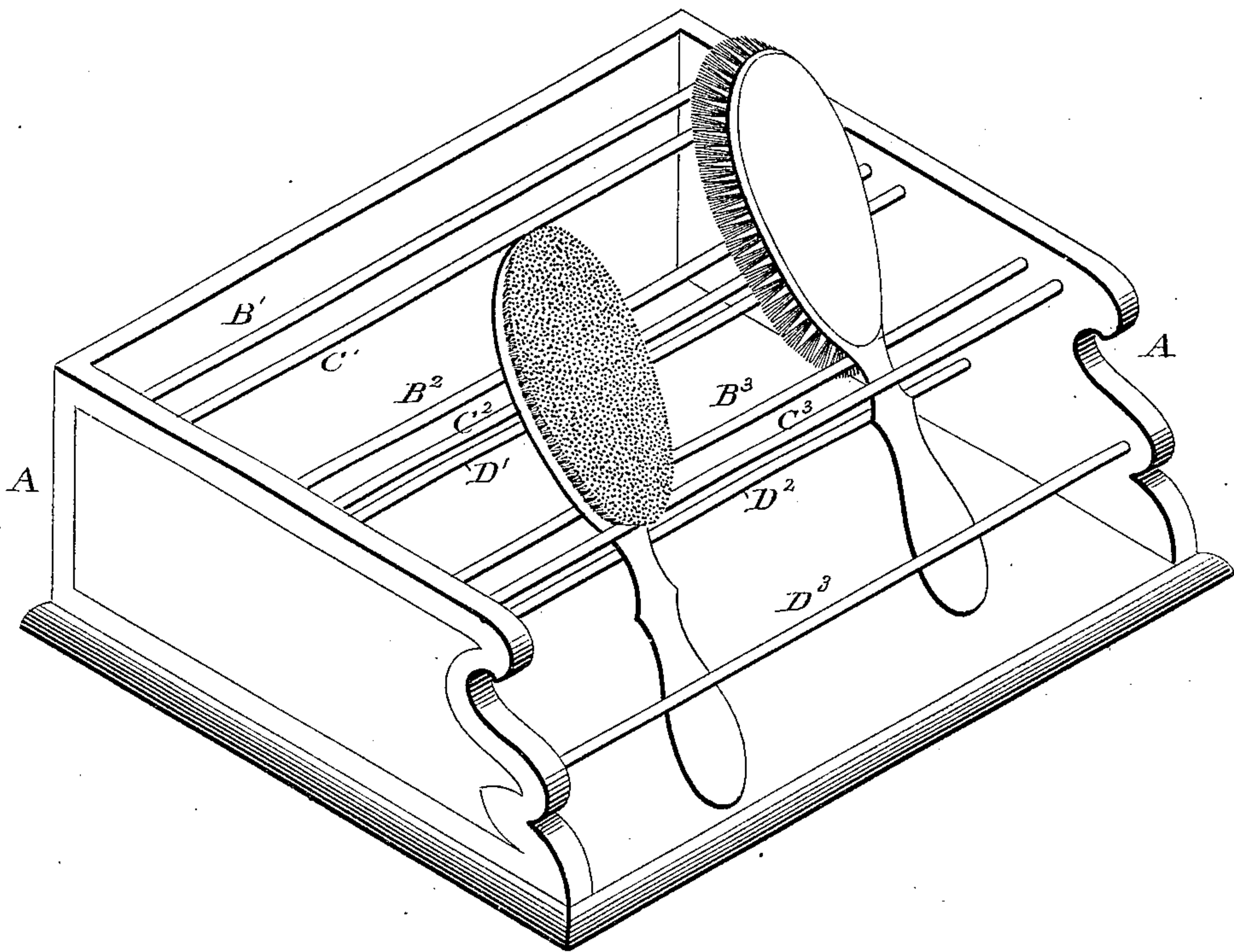


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, NORMAN K. GRAVES, of the city of Rome, in the county of Oneida and State of New York, have invented certain Improvements in Show-Racks for Displaying Brushes, of which the following description, in connection with the accompanying single sheet of drawings, constitutes a specification.

This invention relates to means for effectually and advantageously displaying and exhibiting for inspection or sale hair-brushes and analogous articles, either in show-cases on counters along with other goods or in independent racks or cases.

Toilet-brushes are often expensively finished and become shop-worn and damaged by lying loosely in bulk with other goods, or from being laid out flat on the bottom of a case, where they are often handled over or moved about. To protect such goods from such damage and at the same time arrange them in the most compact form, so that various patterns and styles may be well displayed for exhibition or inspection at one view, is the object of this invention.

The drawing fully illustrates my improvements, wherein my brush-rack is shown in perspective with two brushes in position, showing the back of one and the brush side of the other.

My rack consists, essentially, of two parallel end pieces, A A, between which are distended an upper range, B' C' B² C² B³ C³, and a lower range, D' D² D³, of supporting wires, rods, or bars. The wires B' C' D' constitute a complement or set for carrying or supporting a series of brushes. The wires B' and C' and their adjacent duplicates are separated sufficiently to admit the handle of a brush to freely pass be-

tween them. The brush-handles are inserted between wires B' and C', so that the bristles rest either on front wire, B', or on back wire, C', according with the purpose of displaying either back or front of the brush. Thus inserted with the bristles so resting on the wire, the tendency of the weight of the upper part of the brush is to incline over backwardly, which causes the lower end of the handle to bring up against the under side of wire D', as shown, and the weight and inclination of the brush alone will maintain this position without other aid.

If found desirable or necessary, to avoid injury to the brush-backs, the wires or rods may be covered with any suitable soft material, like plush or flocking.

Therefore, I claim as my invention—

A rack for displaying brushes, consisting of a suitable case or frame having one or more pairs of horizontal wires or bars stretched across it, sufficiently separated to admit the handle of a brush arranged in an upper plane and in a plane beneath, and one or more single wires or bars arranged parallel to the upper wires, but each somewhat in front of the pair of wires above it and with which it forms a complement or set for holding a brush or tier of brushes in a sloping position, substantially in the manner described, and for the purposes set forth.

Witness my hand, at the city of Rome, in the State of New York, this 1st day of December, A. D. 1886.

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