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Fig. 1.

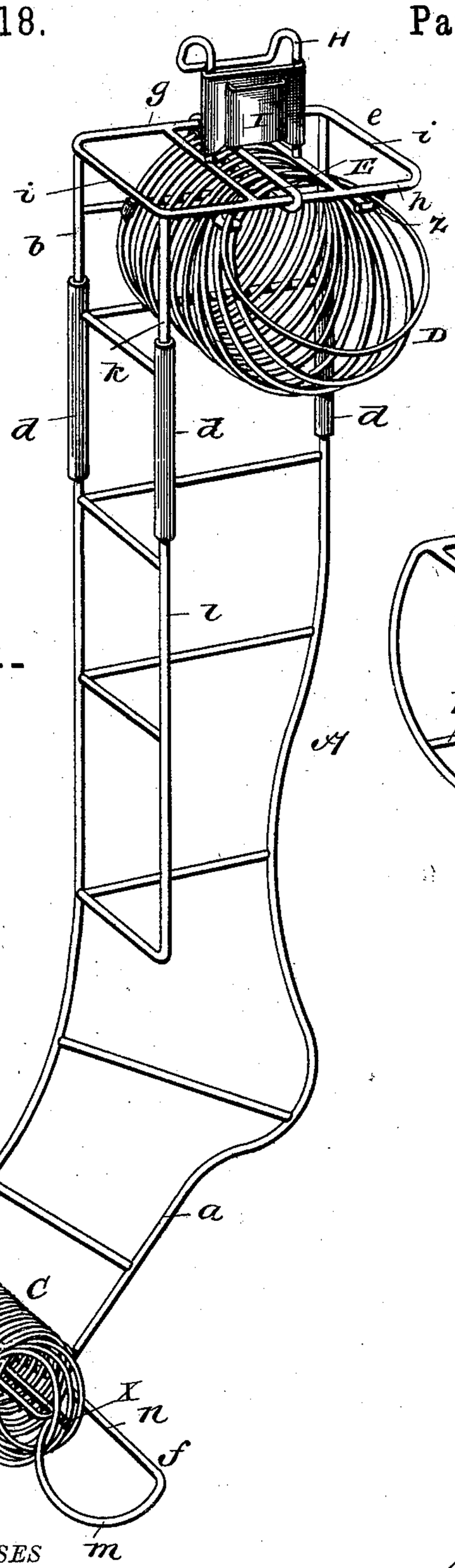
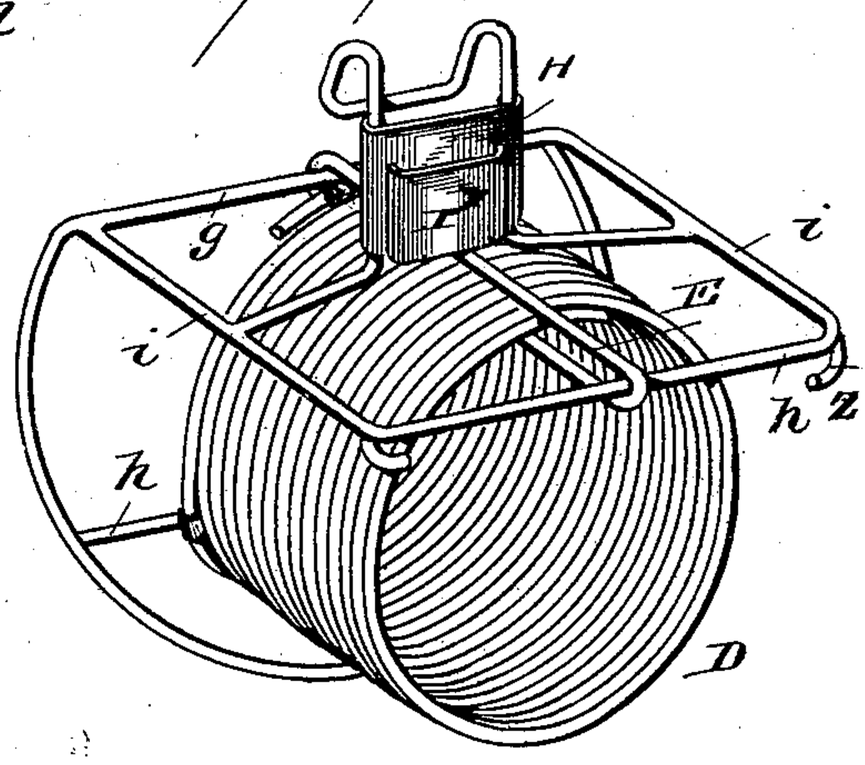


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN MATTHIAS LAUDICK, a citizen of the United States, residing at Delphos, in the county of Van Wert and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Display-Racks; and I do 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 appertains to make and use the same.

The object of this invention is to provide a cheap and simple device for displaying hose, and one which may be conveniently handled and will retain the hose in a neat and uniform condition for inspection. These objects I accomplish by the means shown in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved device showing the same ready to receive any desired number of hose, and Fig. 2 is a perspective view of my invention in a modified form.

The invention will be fully understood from the following description and claims when taken in connection with the drawings.

Referring by letter to the said drawings, A indicates the back of the holder-frame. This frame is composed of two sections, *a* and *b*, and each section is composed of a single wire. The wire *a* is suitably bent to form the toe portion, and is in outline of the form of a stocking-foot, having its upwardly-directed branches carried in the form of the leg of a hose and terminating in sockets *d*, which are designed to receive the free ends of the upper section, *b*, of the main frame. The leg portion of each section *a b* is also provided with an end section, *e f*. The section *b* is formed of two approximately parallel longitudinal branches, forming the back frame, and this wire is also carried so as to form two top horizontal and parallel branches, *g h*, and a rectangular connecting-branch, *i*. From the outer end of the branch *i* depends a vertical longitudinal branch, *k*, which is designed to receive a socket on the upper end of a similar branch, *l*, of the lower section, *a*, and which is arranged at right angles thereto.

Both the marginal elements of the back sections, *a b*, and the side sections, *e f*, are suitably braced by cross-bars, as shown, to give stability to the frame, and also to furnish supports for the hose. The toe portion of the frame, which is curved, as shown, is also provided with a parallel lateral curved section, *m*, which is connected with the section *a* by means of a cross-wire, *n*, and the opposite end of this curved branch *m* is connected with the section *a* by means of a guide-loop, B, for the holder-coil, as will be presently described. The guide-loop B is made rigid to the section *a* and arranged relatively at right angles thereto, connecting with it the curved section *m*.

To the inner side of the toe-section is secured the outer coil of a coil of wire, C, which wire is guided in its expanding and contracting movements by the said loop B, its normal position being contracted. It will thus be seen that by grasping the coil and pulling it outwardly each coil, or any desired one of them, may be opened and receive between them the toe portion of a hose.

D indicates a spring-coil, of wire, which is secured to the horizontal portion of the upper section of the frame *b* in a manner similar to that of the toe-section, and is guided by a loop, E, which is also similar to the guide-loop of the toe-section. It will thus be seen that the hose may be engaged between the coils of the spring-wire D at their upper end and engaged in a similar manner by the coil C at their toe portion. By this means ladies' or gentlemen's hose may be sustained in the frame in a very compact and neat form for inspection and display.

It will be observed that the frame is adjustable longitudinally, and may accommodate itself for hose of any length by sliding the sections to or from each other in the sockets *d*.

At the upper end of the frame I provide a hook, H, whereby the same may be suspended from any suitable support, and I also provide a receptacle, I, for a card, which may conveniently hold a card containing the price, quality of the goods, or other information to purchasers.

The outer branch, *h*, of the upper section of the frame is provided near opposite ends with a hook, Z, the object of which is to engage the outer coil of the spring-coil holder D and keep the same extended while hose are being inserted between the same at the top and toe portions. At the outer end of the guide-loop B,

in the toe portion, I also arrange a stud or hook, *x*, which is designed to receive the outer coil of the spring-coil C and hold its whirls sufficiently apart to permit the insertion of the toes of a number of hose. These hooks afford convenient means for holding the coils in a convenient position to readily receive the upper ends and toes of hose, and I attach importance to their employment.

As a modification of my invention I omit the leg and foot portions of the frame and simply employ a frame carrying a laterally-disposed guide-loop, E, for the coiled spring-wire holder, and an attaching-hook and tag-holder. This construction is more fully shown in Fig. 2 of the drawings.

Having described this invention, what I claim is—

1. A frame for holding hosiery, being of approximately the form of a leg, the said frame having a spring-coil at one end and hooks for holding the same in an expanded position to receive the upper ends of the hose, and a similar coil at its opposite end or toe portion, also having a hook or stud to hold the coils open or expanded, substantially as specified.

2. A hosiery-display frame comprising an upright and a lateral frame of wire, a suspension-hook on the lateral frame, a horizontal guide-loop, and a coil of wire secured at one end to the main frame, and the whole adapted to be guided by the said loop, substantially as specified.

3. A hosiery-frame comprising an upper and lower section adjustably connected by a socket, and each respective section carrying a horizontally-disposed spiral coil of wire to receive the tops and toes of hose between the said coil, substantially as specified.

4. A hosiery-frame comprising a vertical and horizontal section connected at right angles, a horizontal guide-loop, a coil of wire secured at one end to the main frame and passing through the guide-loop, and hooks on the horizontal section of the frame, whereby the outer coil may be engaged thereby when drawn out, substantially as specified.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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