

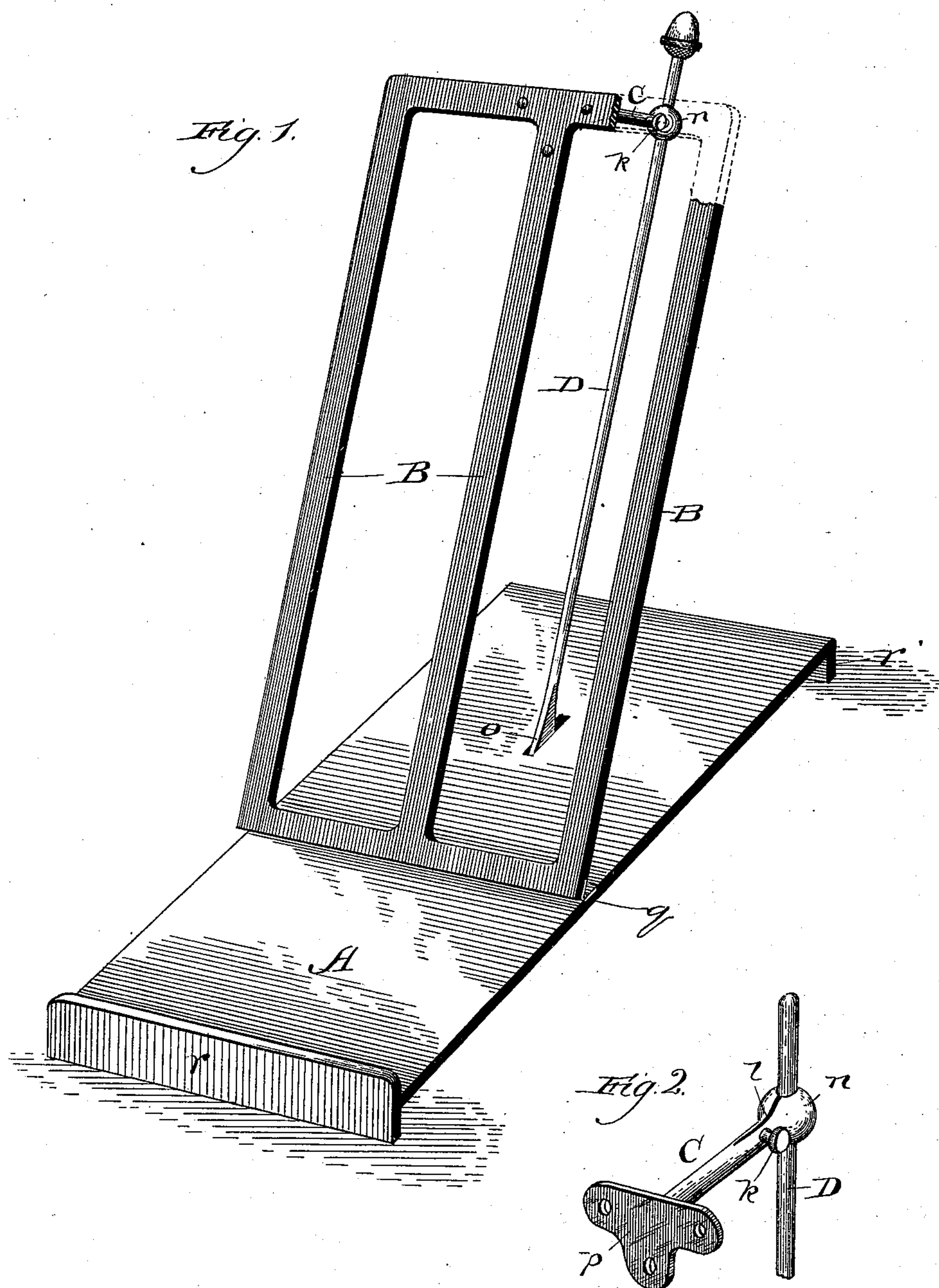
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DISPLAY STAND.

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DISPLAY-STAND.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES J. ANDERSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Display-Stands, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to an improvement in stands for the display of rolls or bolts of cloth or other fabric.

In displaying rolls of cloth it is the custom in dry-goods establishments to pile the rolls horizontally upon each other and expose one side of each roll for the inspection of purchasers. It is usual, while thus piling the rolls, where they consist of cloths varying in texture, shade, or color, to arrange them in a manner to produce desired contrasting or blending effects, to demonstrate the effects of combinations of shades or of different fabrics. While these are some of the objects desired, it is also important to enable the different textures and shades to be inspected individually. To do this successfully requires that the rolls be turned to various angles with reference to the light, and to accomplish this it has been necessary heretofore to remove the roll to be inspected from its place in the pile, which is inconvenient and also objectionable, inasmuch as it disarranges the pile and subjects the fabric to more or less handling and consequent danger of being soiled.

The object of my improvement is to overcome this objection by providing a display-stand which shall enable the rolls piled upon it to be adjusted to any desired angle with reference to the light without removal from the stand.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved display-stand, showing part of the back broken away to present the clamp detail; and Fig. 2, an enlarged broken perspective view of the clamp device and supporting-rod.

Ordinarily in dry-goods stores the device stands upon a low counter or upon the floor, and it may be of any required size convenient for its purpose.

A is the base, provided at its opposite ends with supports *r* and *r'*. The support *r* at the forward end of the base extends above the

latter, as shown, to afford a ledge to prevent a roll of fabric which is placed adjacent to it upon the base from being forced off the base by the pressure against it of the rolls above when the latter are tipped backward, as hereinafter described. The base A is preferably rectangular in form, and may be made of wood, metal, or any other suitable material.

B is the back, comprising, preferably, a frame hinged at one end to the base A, as shown at *q*, to enable it to be adjusted from a horizontal position backward to any desired angle with reference to the base A. The back B is provided on its rear side toward its upper end with a rigid bifurcated clamping-arm, C, securely fastened thereto by means of a screw-plate, *p*.

D is a supporting-rod, pivoted at *o* to the base A in rear of the back B and extending upward to be engaged by the clamp. The rod D may be provided with an ornamental head, as shown, if desired. The clamping-arm C ends in a vertically-perforated head, *n*, split longitudinally and surrounding the supporting-rod, upon which it is tightened and loosened by means of a thumb-screw, *k*, passed transversely through the bifurcated portion of the arm C behind the rod. The clamping portion of the arm C fits loosely around the rod D, to enable the latter to slide freely within it while the back B is being adjusted to a desired angle and be clamped when so adjusted by tightening the set-screw.

In operating my improved device the rolls of fabric to be displayed are arranged to lie horizontally—the lowest upon the base A forward of the back B, and the others one above the other, all resting against the back B. The rolls may then be adjusted to a desired angle with reference to the light by loosening the set-screw *k*, shifting the back B to the proper angle, and tightening the set-screw again to clamp the rod D. To permit this adjustment it will be observed that the rod D must be pivotal; and while I prefer that the arm C shall be rigidly fastened to the back, it may be pivotal.

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

1. A display-stand for supporting and displaying cloth or the like in rolls or bolts, com-

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prising, in combination, a horizontal base, A, a back, B, supported on the base transversely thereof at a line from which the portion of the base at the front side of the back will afford a surface for directly supporting the undermost roll or bolt to be displayed, and adapted to be oscillated toward the opposite ends of the base, and a supporting-rod, D, pivotally connected at one end to the base at the rear side of the back and adjustably connected toward its opposite end with the back near the upper end thereof, substantially as described.

2. A display-stand for supporting and displaying cloth or the like in rolls or bolts, comprising, in combination, a base, A, a back, B, hinged to the base transversely thereof between its opposite ends at a line from which the portion of the base at the front side of the

back will afford a surface for directly supporting the undermost roll or bolt to be displayed, a clamping device having an arm rigidly secured to the back near its upper end and provided with a rigid perforated head, and a supporting-rod, D, pivotally connected at one end with the base at the rear side of the back and extending toward its opposite end through the perforated head to be held therein, and whereby, on releasing it, the perforated head in oscillating the back B slides up and down upon the supporting-rod, and the supporting-rod oscillates upon its pivot with the back, substantially as described.

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