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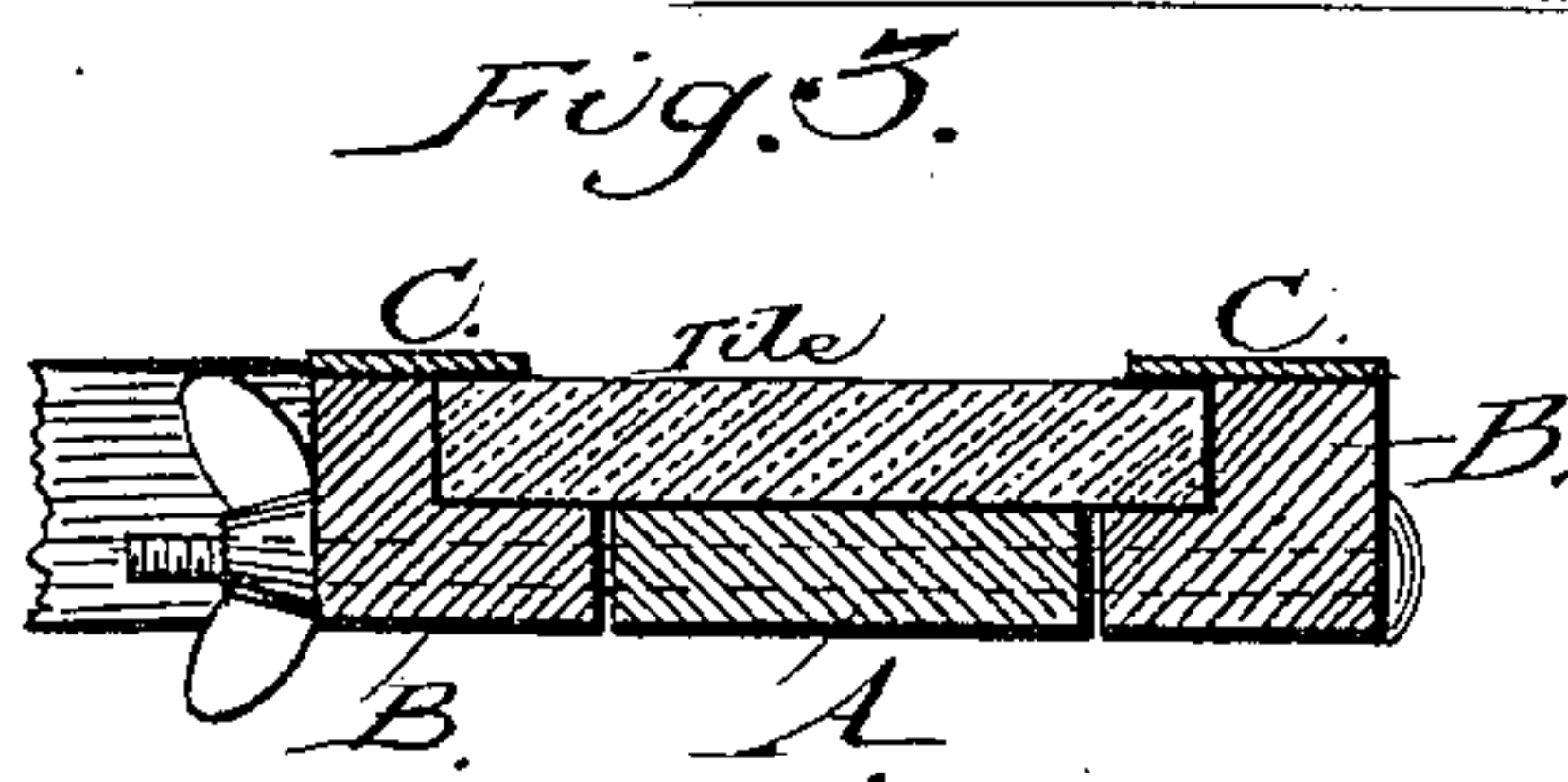
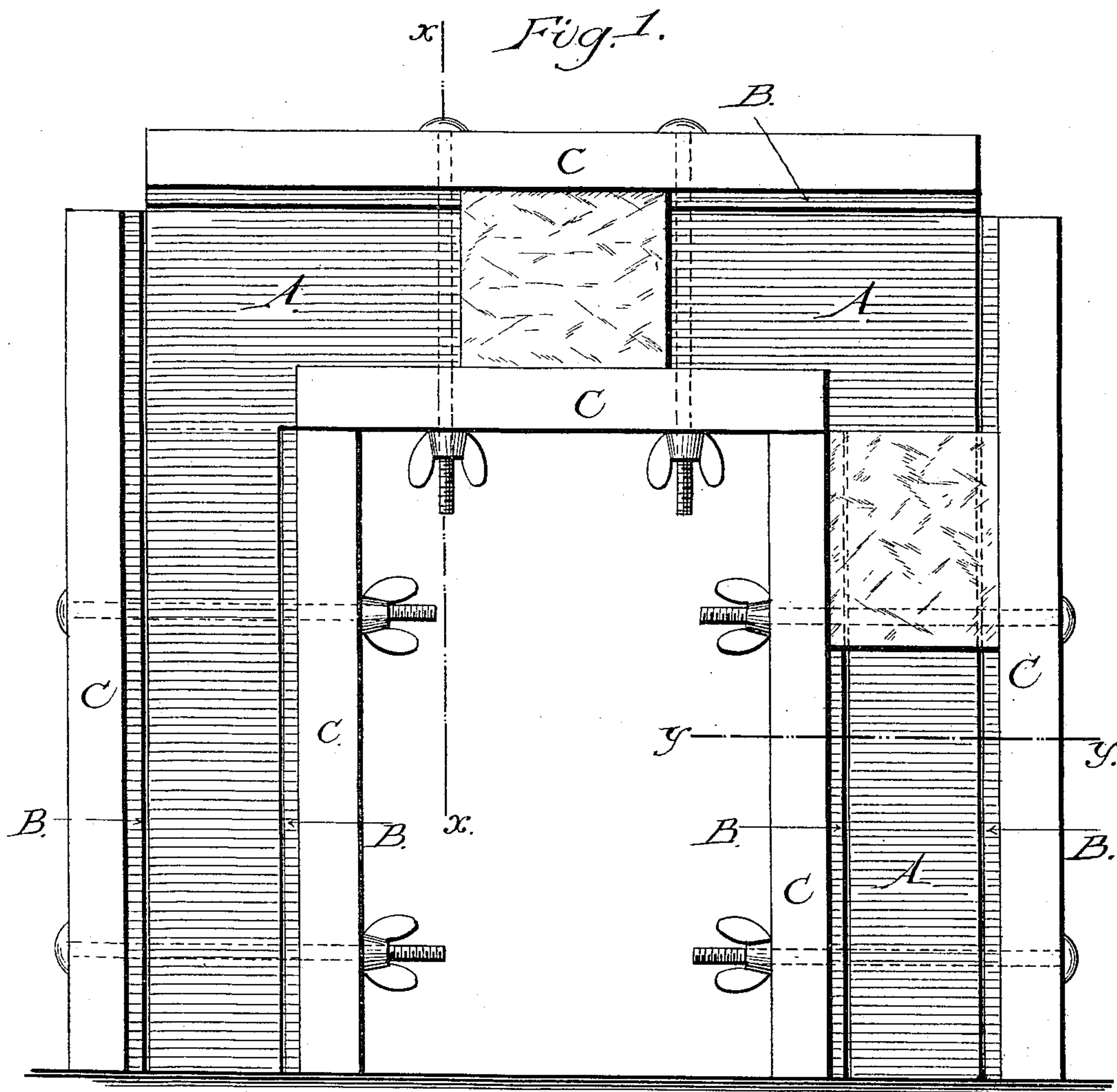
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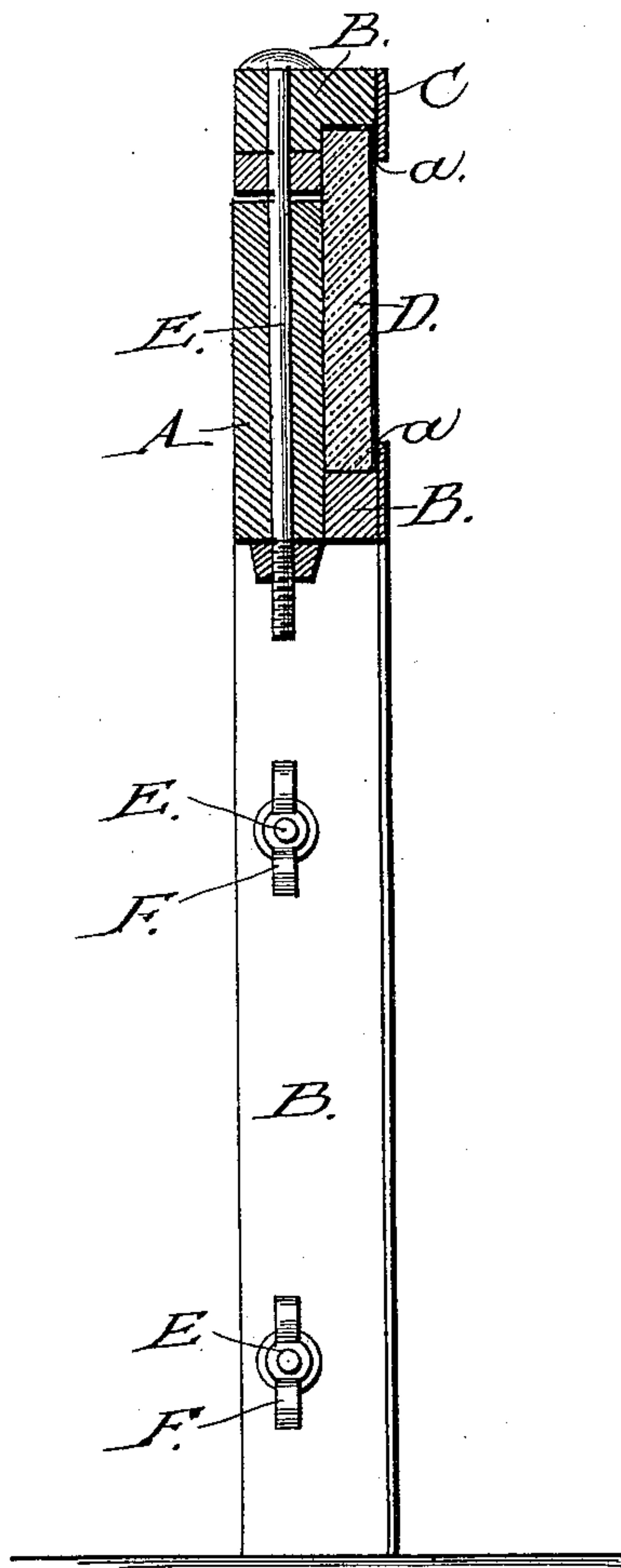
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DAVID C. MEEHAN, a citizen of the United State, residing at Columbus, in the county of Franklin and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Display-Racks for Tiles, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 represents a front elevation of a display-rack embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a sectional view on the line X X of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a sectional view on the line Y Y of Fig. 1.

My invention relates to frames or racks designed to hold tiles while on exhibition in store-rooms; and it consists in the peculiar construction and combination of elements which I shall hereinafter fully describe and claim.

To enable others skilled in the particular art to which my invention appertains, I will now describe its construction and indicate the manner in which it is carried out.

In many instances tiles have been exhibited in frames having stationary sections, the tiles being laid in the frame and secured by strips of wood tacked to said frame and having overlapping edges. This manner of holding the tiles is very objectionable, owing mainly to the fact that many tiles that are designed to be of a given diameter will be found on examination to be slightly greater or less than the standard size. To overcome this variableness in the tiles and to provide an adjustable frame that may be successfully used with any size tile is the essential object of my present invention.

In the said drawings, A represents a suitable frame consisting of top and side pieces, and B represents a series of strips upon one or both sides of the top and side portions of the frame A.

The strips B are grooved, or may be provided with inwardly-projecting plates C, which form

guides *a* for the reception of the tiles D, whereby said tiles may be readily inserted and removed from the frame.

In order that the space between the strips B may be adjusted to suit different sizes of tiles, I pass through said strips and through the body of the frame A suitable threaded bolts, E, which are engaged by nuts F, as shown.

From this description it is evident that by unscrewing the nuts F the sections may be separated to increase the distance between their inner edges, and when the tiles are inserted in the guides *a* the several nuts are screwed down, thus drawing the strips B closer together and firmly holding the tiles so that they may be exhibited to the best advantage. At the same time the tiles are so held that they may be readily removed by simply unloosening the nuts, thereby causing a separation of the strips. I am thus enabled to provide a simple and inexpensive frame or rack for displaying tiles in store-rooms, and of a construction that is capable of adjustment to suit tiles of different sizes.

It is evident that in lieu of the bolt passing entirely through the whole frame and strips short bolts may be used, passing through the strips and partly through the stationary piece, without departing from the spirit of my invention.

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

As an improved article of manufacture, a display-rack consisting of the frame A, the independent adjustable strips B, having guides or channels for the reception of the tiles, and the bolts E, passing through the frame and strips, all constructed and arranged to operate substantially as herein described.

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