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DISPLAY STAND.

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Fig. 1.

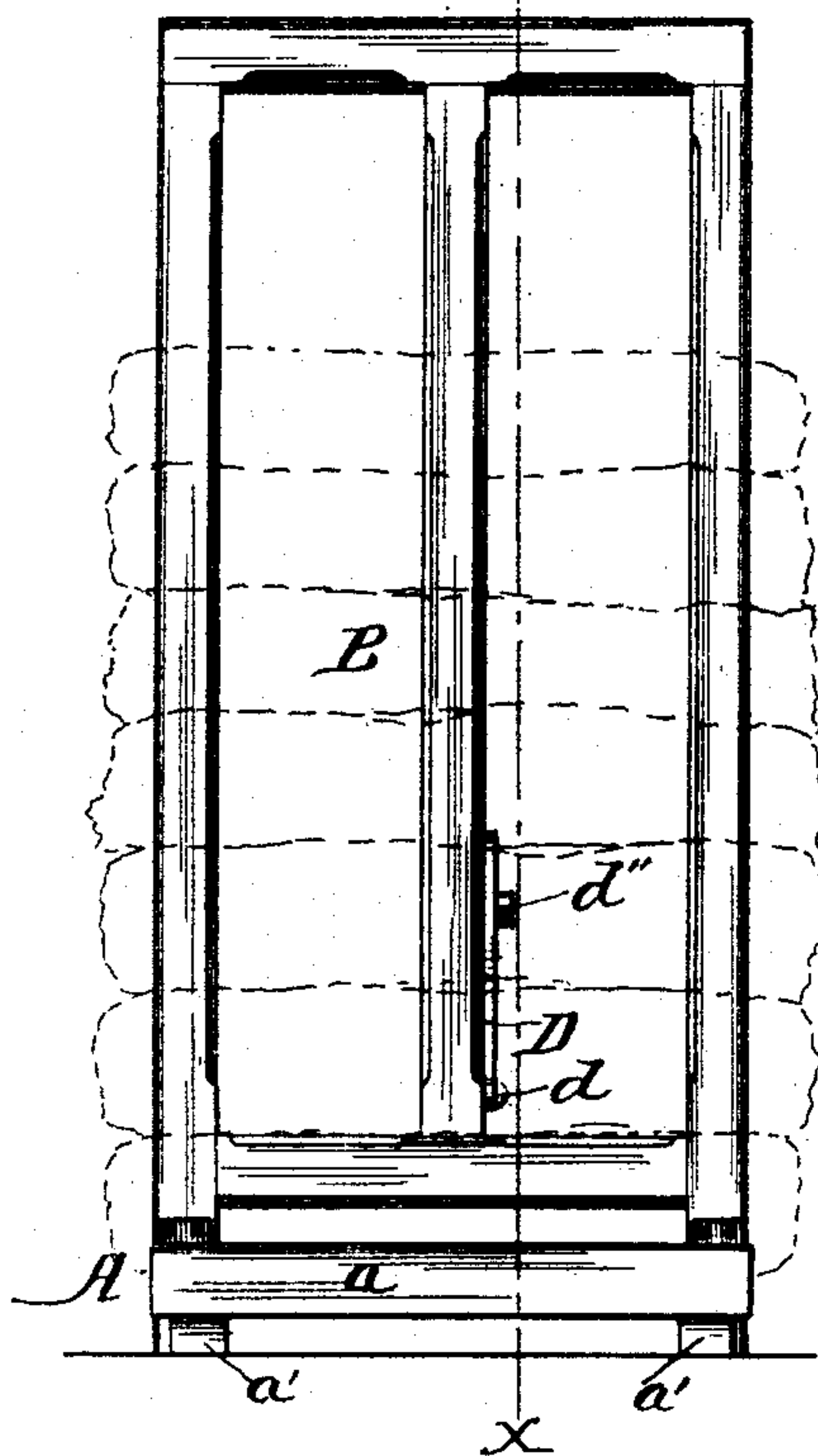


Fig. 2.

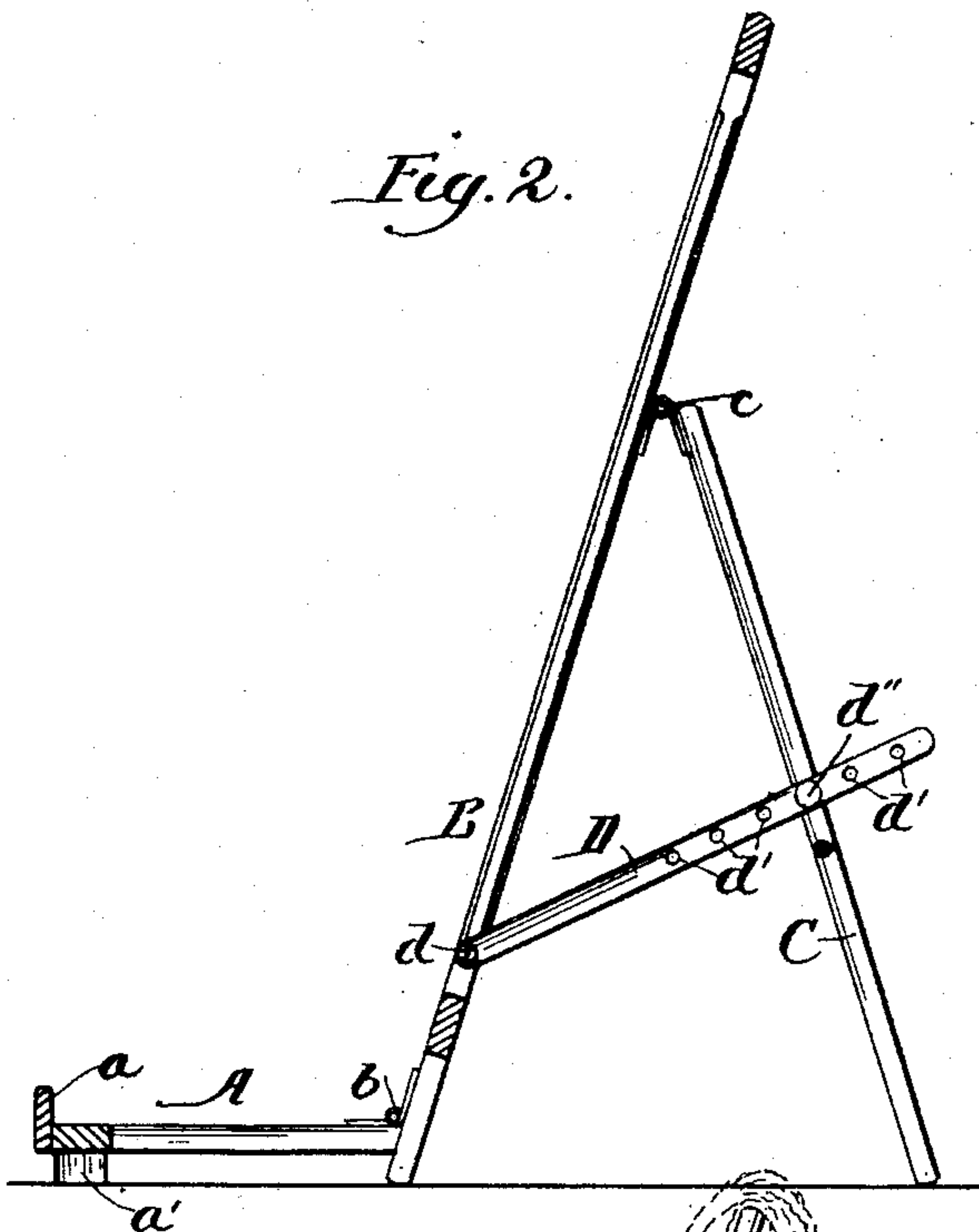


Fig. 4.

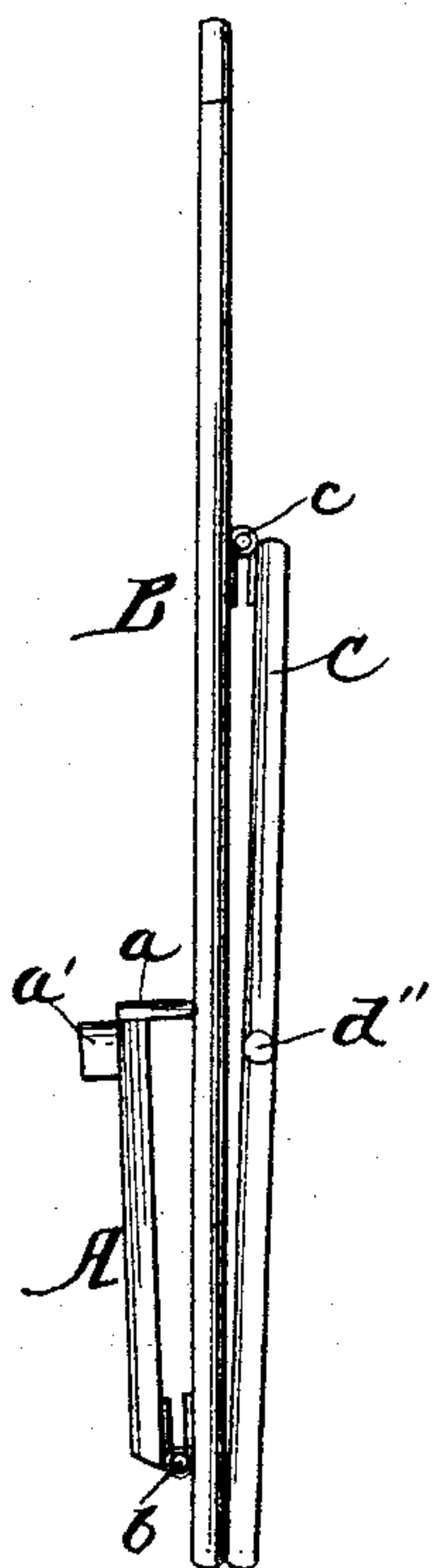
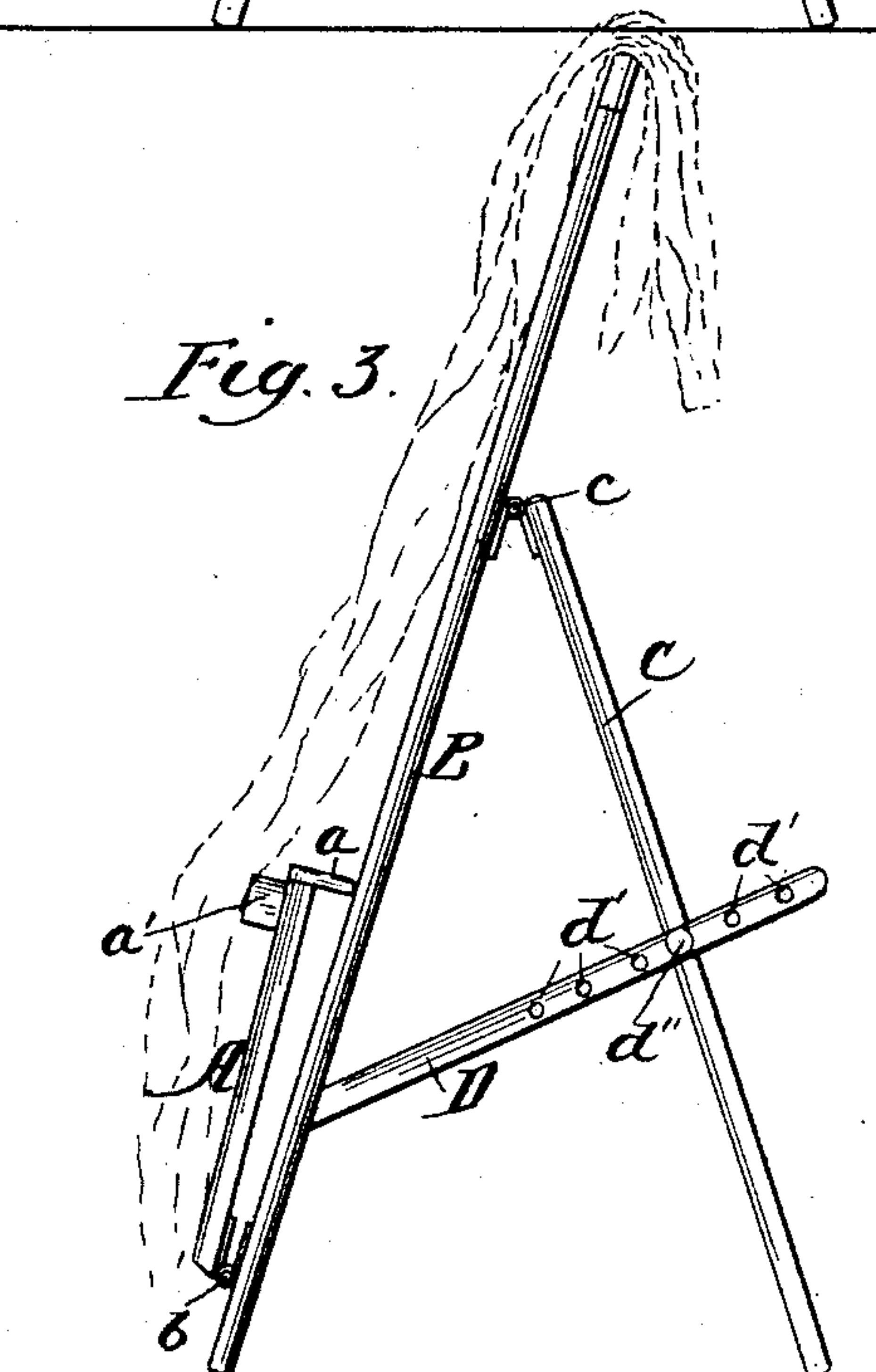


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM R. WOOTTON, a subject of the Queen of Great Britain, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Display-Stands; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it pertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part hereof, in which--

Figure 1 is a front elevation. Fig. 2 is a sectional elevation on line *xx* of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a side elevation with the shelf folded up. Fig. 4 is a side elevation with the parts folded together.

This stand is designed more especially for the use of mercantile houses and stores for the display of various fabrics, either in rolls or bolts, or folded or spread out, or otherwise arranged to produce a fine effect and result in regard to light and shadow and in respect to colors and shades, or for other purposes; and the object of the invention is to construct a stand adapted to be placed in a window or on a counter or other place where the display of the fabric or goods is desired, and have such stand capable of receiving a number of rolls or bolts or folded articles, or articles spread out or opened, and have such stand adjustable to produce the proper effect of light and shade on the fabric or goods, and also, when not in use, capable of being folded up to be set out of the way and occupy but little room and not present an unsightly appearance; and its nature consists in providing a folding shelf carried by a supporting-frame having an adjusting standard or leg for holding the frame at different inclinations, and in the several parts and combination of parts hereinafter described, and pointed out in the claims as new.

In the drawings, A represents the shelf, which can be made of side and end pieces, so as to leave an open center, as shown, or can be made solid and of a single piece, or be otherwise made, so long as it forms a support for the articles to be placed thereon. As shown, this shelf at its front edge has a strip *a*, which projects slightly above the top of

the shelf when down and forms a stop or guard against the slipping off of the articles, and each front corner of the shelf A has a rest or leg *a'*, as shown, by which the shelf is supported at its front edge.

B is the supporting-frame, made of side and end pieces and center piece, as shown, or otherwise formed to furnish an attachment for the shelf and a support for the fabric or goods to be displayed. The shelf A is attached to the frame B by hinges *b*, so that it can be folded up and unfolded, and the point of attachment of the shelf A to the frame is one to have the lower ends of the side pieces of the frame B pass below the shelf and form rests or legs for the rear end of the shelf. The hinges *b*, as shown, are attached one to each side piece of the shelf at the rear end to the side piece of the frame B, and such hinges can be otherwise applied or the shelf otherwise pivoted to permit its being turned up or laid down.

C is the adjusting standard or leg, attached at its upper end to the center piece of the frame B by a hinge *c* or other attachment that will permit the standard or leg to be moved in or out at its lower end, so as to change the inclination of the frame B.

D is a locking-piece for securing the standard or leg in any position to which it may be adjusted. This piece at its inner end is attached to the center piece of the frame B by a pin or pivot *d*, and it is provided with a series of holes *d'*, through which a pin *d''* can be passed, for the end of the pin after passing through any one hole to enter the standard or leg C in its adjusted position.

The stand can be used for displaying prints, ginghams, sateens, wool dress-goods, silks, velvets, shawls, blankets, flannels, and any class of cotton, wool, silk, or other fabric or goods in rolls or folded, and when used with rolled or folded goods or fabrics the separate rolled or folded pieces are placed one above another on the shelf A, which is laid down as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, the first piece of fabric or goods being placed on the shelf and the others piled one after another on top of each other, each piece, if desired, resting against the frame B, and when the desired number of pieces have been piled together the frame B can be set at the proper inclina-

tion for light and shade by adjusting the standard or leg C, and after the proper adjustment is had the frame B is locked at its inclination by bringing a hole d' in the piece D in line with the hole in the standard or leg C and inserting the pin d'' .

The stand, when filled with the goods or fabric, can be turned to suit the light and sight, and such turning will be greatly facilitated and rendered easy by the small bearing-surface presented by the rests a and the ends of the side pieces of the frame B projecting below the shelf A.

The stand can be used for displaying dress-patterns, shawls, and other articles spread out or unfolded, and when so used the shelf A is to be folded up, as shown in Fig. 3, and the article to be displayed spread over the frame A and properly dressed, and when arranged the frame can be adjusted to the proper inclination by moving the standard or leg C, and when adjusted, locking the standard C by the piece D, as before described, after which the stand can be turned for the light and sight.

The feature of a folding shelf is very valuable and useful, as by the employment of such shelf the stand can be used by turning the shelf down for receiving and displaying goods or fabrics in bolts or rolls, and by turning the shelf up the same stand can be used for displaying articles spread out without any other change in the stand as a whole.

The stand is very light and at the same time strong and well adapted for the purpose intended, as it can be easily handled. When full and readily turned to make the best display, and when not in use, the shelf can be folded up against the frame and the standard or leg likewise folded, as shown in Fig. 4, with the piece D turned to lie parallel with and alongside of the center piece of the frame, and when thus folded the stand can be set out of the way and occupy but little room, and a number of stands can be set side by side or be piled one on top of the other.

The locating of the shelf A, above the lower end of the frame prevents the goods or fabrics placed thereon from coming in contact with the support on which the stand is placed, and when used in a window the fabrics or goods cannot be damaged in case water from

the window should run down onto the window stool or sill, as is liable to be the case in cold weather, and in trimming windows this stand will be found very desirable and practical, as by its use the fabrics or goods can be arranged for display without waste of time and to show the goods to great advantage.

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

1. In a display-stand, the combination, with a supporting-frame provided with a suitable folding standard, of a folding shelf hinged directly to said frame near its bottom and provided at its free edge with a vertical flange, and also provided with depending rests of the same length as the portion of the supporting-frame which is below the shelf, whereby the latter is held in a horizontal position, or parallel with the supporting-surface on which the display-stand rests, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

2. In a display-stand, the combination, with a supporting-frame having a folding shelf hinged thereto and provided with a central vertical bar parallel with its side bars, of the standard or leg hinged to the rear side of the supporting-frame, and the locking-piece D, pivoted to the side of the central bar of the supporting-frame, whereby when folded it bears against the side thereof and is in alignment therewith, substantially as specified.

3. The herein-described show stand or rack for the display of fabrics, &c., comprising the supporting-frame B, having parallel side bars and a center bar, the folding shelf hinged to the side bars of the supporting-frame near their lower ends and provided with rests $a' a'$, equal in height to the portions of the side bars which are below the shelf, and also provided with a stop or guard a at its outer edge, the adjustable standard C, hinged to the center bar of the supporting-frame near its upper end and provided with a pin d^2 , and the locking-piece D, pivoted at one end to the side of the center bar of the supporting-frame and provided with perforations $d' d'$, to be engaged by the pin d^2 , all constructed and arranged substantially as and for the purpose specified.

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