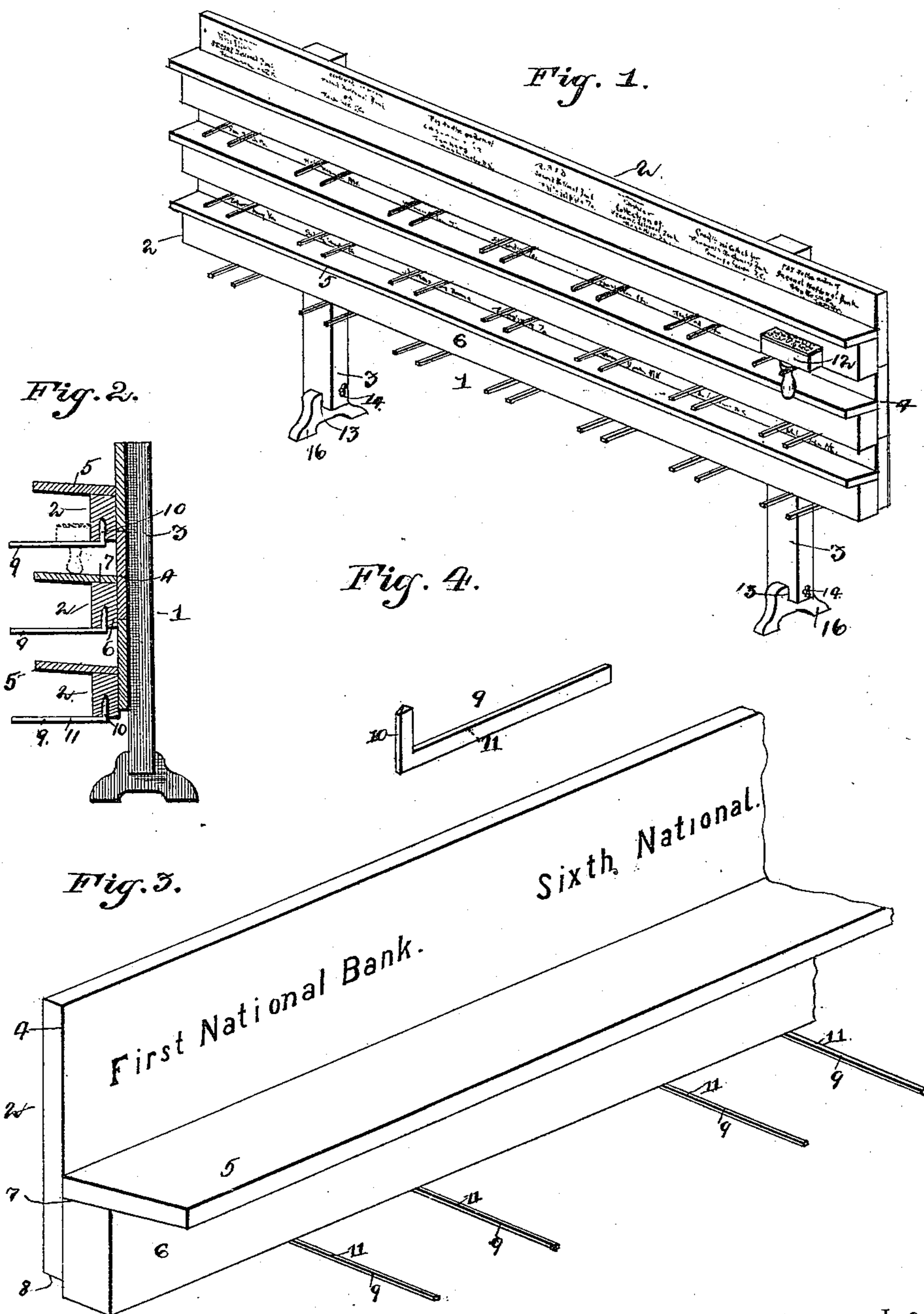


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WADDY C. THOMSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Lancaster, in the county of Lancaster and State of South Carolina, have invented a new and useful Rubber-Stamp Rack, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates to improvements in racks.

The object of the present invention is to provide a simple and inexpensive rack adapted to hold a number of stamps in convenient position and capable of enabling the stamps to be readily placed in and removed from the rack and of protecting the rubber portions of the stamps from dust and dirt.

The invention consists in the construction and novel combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings, and pointed out in the claim hereto appended.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a rack constructed in accordance with this invention. Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view. Fig. 3 is a detail perspective view of a portion of one of the shelves or sections. Fig. 4 is a similar view of one of the spring-hooks.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, 1 designates a rack consisting of a series of shelves or sections 2, supported by vertical standards 3 and arranged parallel with each other. The shelves or section consists of a back 4, secured to the vertical standards 3, an inclined guard-strip 5, and a supporting-strip 6, arranged beneath the inclined guard 5 and secured to the back 4 and having its upper edge 7 beveled and conforming to the inclination of the inclined guard 5. The supporting-strip 6 has its lower edge projecting below the back 4 and forming a recess 8, in which the upper edge of the back of the next lower shelf or section is arranged, whereby the sections or shelves are enabled to fit closely and compactly together. The supporting-strip 6 is provided with a series of spring-hooks 9, that are approximately L-shaped, and are constructed of spring sheet metal and are arranged at intervals along the supporting-strip and have their short arm 10 pointed and adapted to be readily driven in the lower face of the supporting-strip, and having their longer arms 11 projecting outward from the supporting-strip at a slight inclination and

adapted to receive between them the handle of a stamp 12 and to support the block of the stamp. The spring-hooks are arranged in pairs, and the body of the stamp when the latter is in the rack lies beneath the inclined guard 5 and is protected from dust and dirt, and the inclined guard enables the stamps to be quickly removed from the rack and replaced therein. The back is designed to bear the name or the subject-matter of the stamp, in order that the person using the stamps may readily identify them and return them to their proper places. The lower ends of the standards are provided with slots 13 and are adapted to have secured to them by screws 14 slotted feet 16, which provide a broad bearing for the frame and prevent the latter falling. When only a small number of stamps are used, a single shelf or section may be used and be secured to the wall or other supporting-surface. The spring-hooks or projecting pins 9 enable the stamp to be quickly inserted in its proper place and removed therefrom without injuring the supports.

It will readily be seen that the racks constructed in accordance with this invention are adapted to hold any number of stamps in a convenient position for use and are capable of protecting them from dust and enabling them to be quickly placed in their proper positions and removed therefrom.

What I claim is—

A stamp-rack comprising the sections or shelves secured together and each consisting of the back 4, the inclined guard 5, the supporting-strip 6, secured to the back and arranged beneath the inclined guard and projecting below the back to form the recess 8 to receive the back of the next lower shelf or section, and the L-shaped pins or hooks 9, arranged in pairs at intervals and having their short arms 10 secured in the supporting-strip and their long arms 11 projecting therefrom at a slight inclination, substantially as described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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