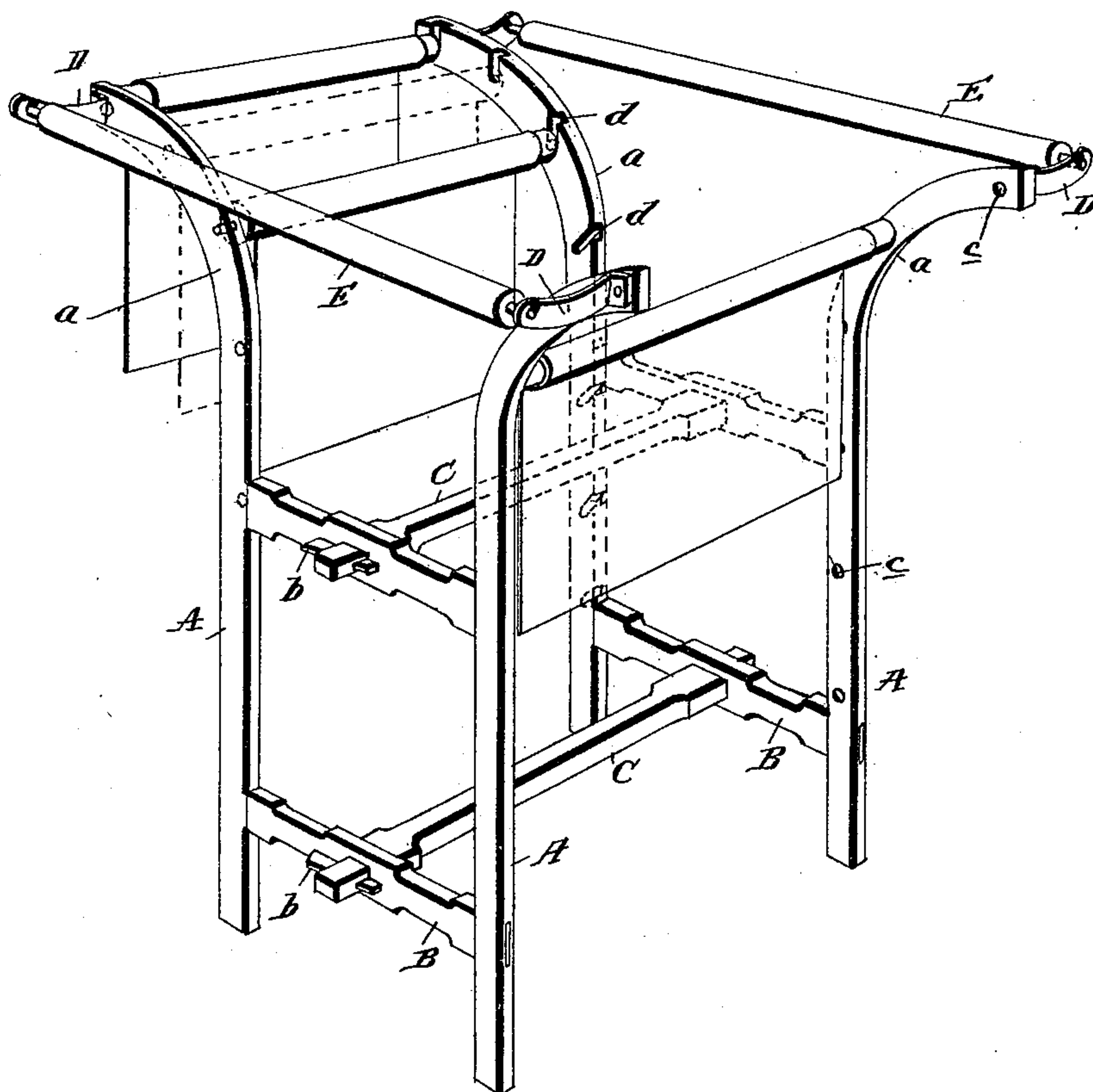


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GODFREY MARTY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Omaha, in the county of Douglas and State of Nebraska, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Display-Frames; 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.

My invention has relation to improvements in display-frames; and it has for its object to provide a frame of a simple, light, and cheap construction, which will display to an advantage ready-mounted curtains, curtain goods in the piece, and lace-curtains or portières of other material; and a further object of the invention is to provide a construction whereby the goods may be quickly and readily placed in position upon the frame and as easily removed therefrom.

The improvements, which consist in the construction, novel combination, and adaptation of parts, will be fully understood from the following description and claims, when taken in connection with the accompanying drawing, in which the figure is a perspective view of my improved display-frame complete, these several kinds of goods which it is adapted to display being illustrated in position thereon.

In the practice of my invention I do not desire to be understood as limiting myself to the precise construction illustrated, as it is obvious that such changes in the form, relative proportion, and means for attaching the several parts together may be made without departing from the spirit and scope of my invention.

Referring by letter to the said drawing, A indicates the upright standards of my improved frame, of which there are four employed. These standards A, which have their upper ends curved outwardly, as at *a*, for a purpose presently to be described, are so connected by cross-beams as to form the corner-posts or standards of a rectangular frame, which form is best adapted for displaying the class of goods mentioned.

B indicates horizontal connecting brace-beams, of which there are two employed on each side of the frame adjacent to the upper and lower ends thereof. These beams B have

their ends reduced, as shown, to form tenons, which take into correspondingly-shaped openings cut in the standards, in which they are secured in any well-known manner. These beams B are also provided adjacent to their middle, as illustrated, with a mortise-opening to receive the reduced ends of longitudinal connecting and brace beams C, which are secured therein by a pin *b*, as illustrated.

Upon the inside of one of the standards A, at intermediate points in the length thereof, I form round recesses *c*, and at corresponding points in the inside of the opposite corresponding standard I form inclined slots *d*, which are open at one end, whereby the shafts of rollers for carrying the goods to be exhibited may be seated in the frame. By this construction it will be seen that complete curtains on their respective rollers may be readily journaled in the frame and as readily removed, and that curtain and other goods in the piece may be rolled upon a shaft and journaled in the frame, whereby they may be quickly unwound and displayed without incurring the danger of soiling the same in handling.

By providing the outwardly-curved portions at the upper ends of the standards it will be seen that several pieces of goods may be unwound and displayed, depending from their respective rolls without touching or in any way interfering with each other.

D indicates lateral bracket-arms, which are suitably secured to and extend outwardly from the sides of the standards A, adjacent to the upper end thereof. These bracket-arms D are provided upon their inside adjacent to their outer ends with an annular recess and an open inclined slot, respectively, whereby a pole (indicated by E) may be readily placed in position and removed, or, if desired, the pole E may be permanently fixed in the brackets. Upon these poles E, I design placing portière-rings of any approved construction adapted to carrying a piece of curtain or other goods to be displayed.

By the construction illustrated it will be seen that by simply removing the pins or keys at the ends of the cross-braces C and withdrawing said bars the parts may be placed together so as to form a flat parcel, and thereby occupy but little space in trans-

portation. When the curtains and portières are placed in position for display, any one or more may be conveniently reached without interfering with the others, and the whole
5 serve to conceal the frame itself from view, and thereby enhance the appearance of the device.

Having described my invention, what I claim is—

10 1. The display-frame composed of the corner uprights, which uprights are parallel and straight for the greater portion of their length and have their upper roller-bearing portions curved outwardly at *a* and provided on their
15 inner sides with means to seat the journal ends of rollers, the cross-bars B, rigidly securing the uprights in pairs, and the cross-bars C, having their ends tenoned to enter slots in the bars B, and the keys *b*, inserted in slots
20 in the tenoned ends of the cross-bars C, whereby the frame may be readily taken apart to ship knockdown, substantially as specified.

2. The combination of the corner uprights having their ends curved outwardly and their inner sides adapted to receive the journal
25 ends of rollers, the brackets secured to the upper curved ends of the uprights, and the pole journaled in said brackets, substantially as specified.

3. A display-frame having parallel and
30 straight corner uprights with their upper ends curved outwardly in an overhanging manner and having their inner sides provided with means to seat the journal ends of rollers, in combination with brackets on the outer
35 sides of said curved uprights also adapted to receive the journal ends of display-rollers, substantially as specified.

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

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