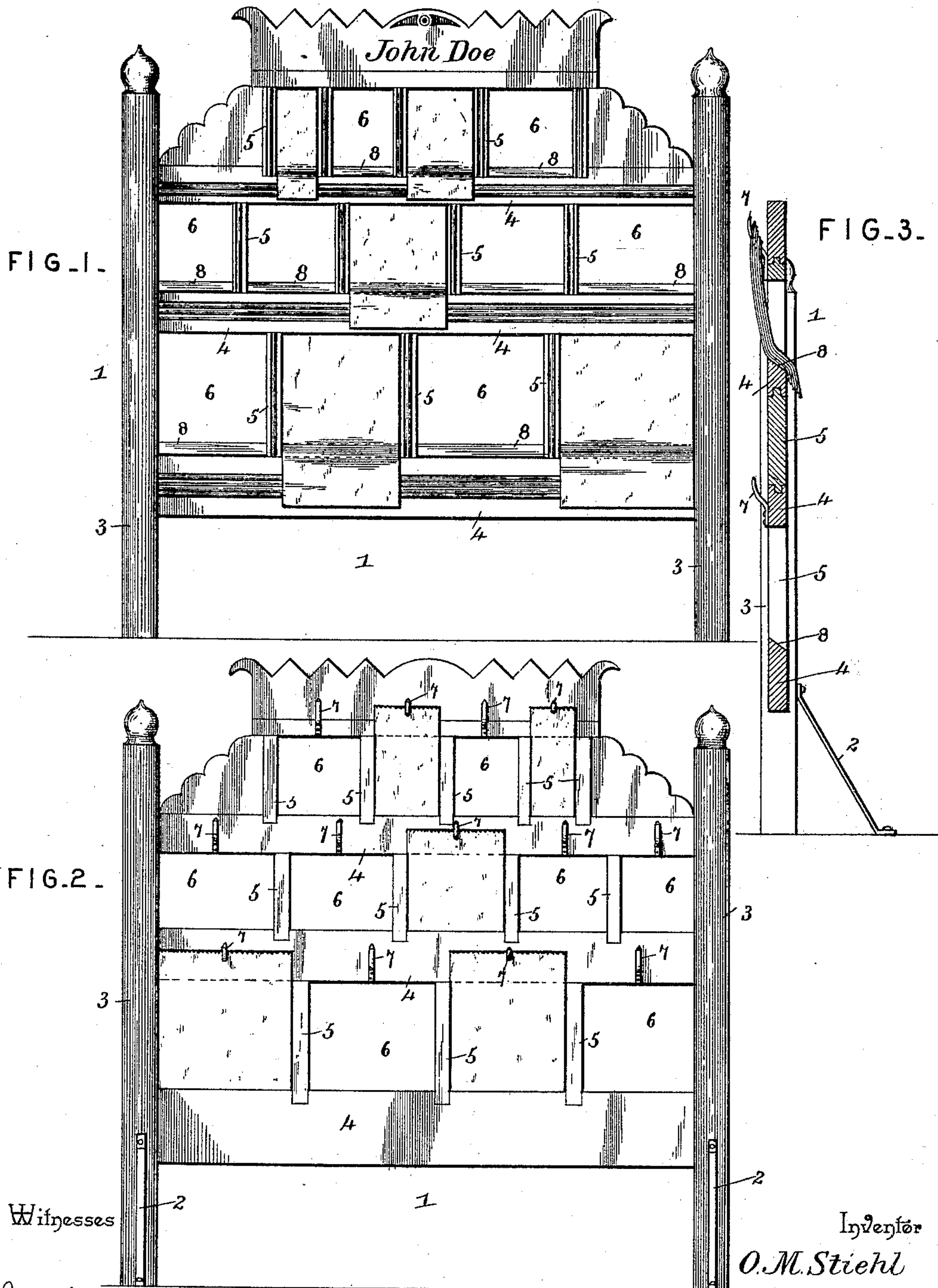


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, OTTO M. STIEHL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Belleville, in the county of St. Clair and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Paper-Bag Holder, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates to improvements in paper-bag holders.

10 The object of the present invention is to provide a rack adapted to hold a number of paper bags of a variety of sizes within easy reach to enable a person to obtain readily a bag of the size desired.

15 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.

20 In the drawings, Figure 1 is a front elevation of a paper-bag rack constructed in accordance with this invention. Fig. 2 is a rear elevation of the same. Fig. 3 is a vertical sectional view.

25 Referring to the accompanying drawings, 1 designates a paper-bag rack designed to be secured to the inner edge of a counter by braces 2 and adapted to hold a number of bags of a variety of sizes within convenient reach.

30 The rack is designed to present an ornamental appearance, and consists of vertical end posts 3, horizontal cross-bars 4, and vertical division-bars 5, and the horizontal cross-bars are arranged at intervals and are parallel, and the spaces between them are divided by the vertical bars 5 into bag-compartments 6. The cross-bars 4 are provided on their rear faces with hooks 7, upon which bags are secured, and the latter extend through the openings or bag-spaces and rest on the upper edges of the cross-bars which form the bottoms of the bag-spaces.

45 The bags are secured at their tops upon the hooks at the back of the rack, and the upper

edges 8, upon which the bags rest, are beveled to enable the bags to lie perfectly flat and compactly. The hooks employed extend upward at an angle which cause the bottoms of the bags to extend out from the rack unequal distances to enable a single bag to be readily grasped, and they are removed by giving a straight downward pull. The bags are intended to fit closely between the vertical division-bars, which have their ends provided with tenons and engaging suitable mortises of the cross-bars. The bottoms of the bags extend down below the beveled edges a sufficient distance to enable them to be perfectly free to be readily grasped.

60 The bag-spaces are designed to be constructed to suit the different sizes of bags which are in common use, and it will be seen that a great number and variety can be held in convenient position to enable one to readily obtain the bag desired.

The rack is designed to present an ornamental appearance from both the front and rear faces, and will be preferably provided at the top with suitable scrolls or other ornamentation.

What I claim is—

A rack for holding bags, composed of a series of horizontal cross-bars having their upper edges beveled and adapted to permit bags to rest squarely against them, vertical division-bars arranged between the cross-bars and dividing the spaces formed by the latter into a series of bag-compartments, end bars, and a series of hooks arranged on the rear side of the rack and inclining upward from the cross-bar, 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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