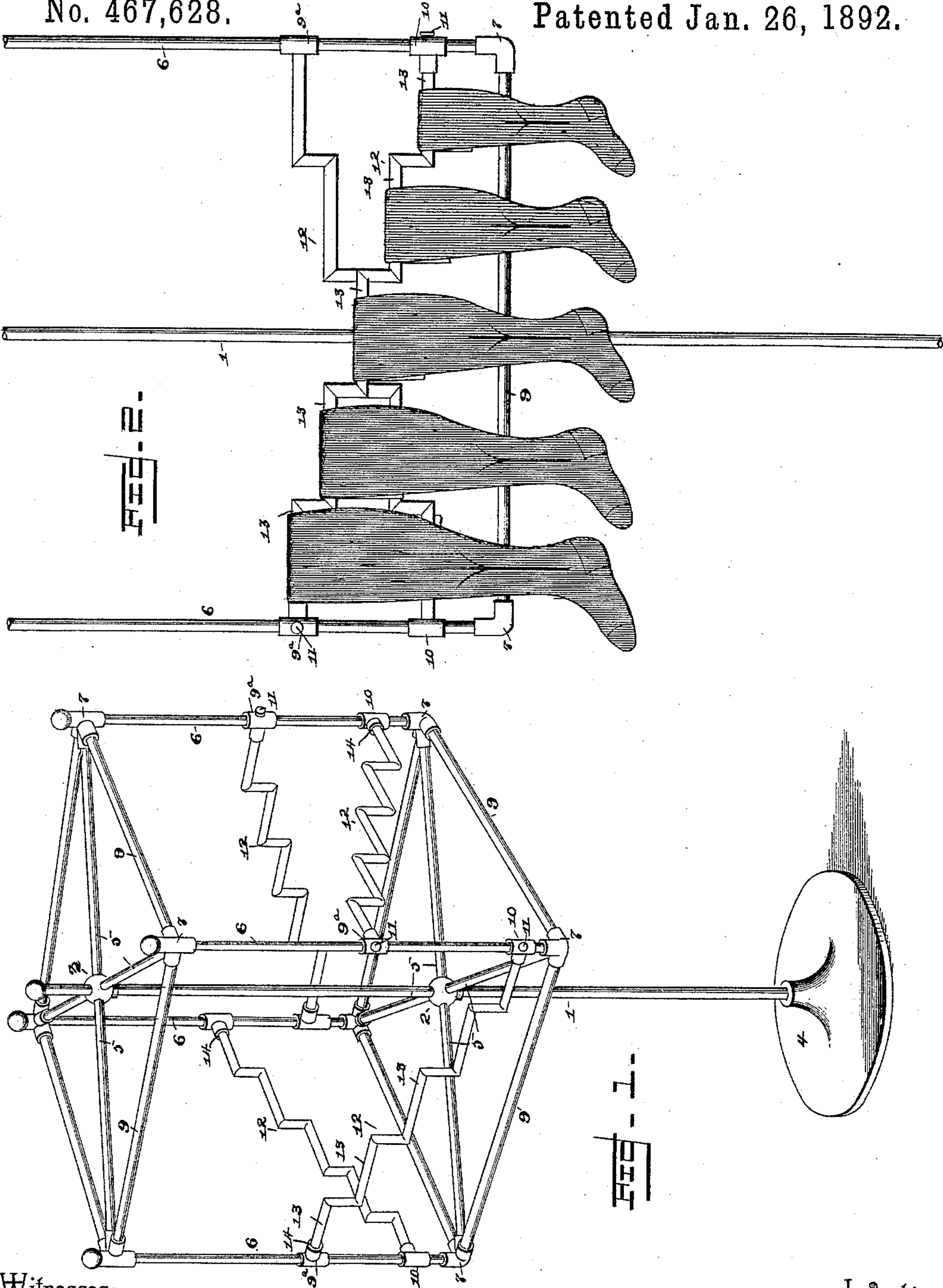


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JAMES FRANK MENEFEE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Warrensburg, in the county of Johnson and State of Missouri, have invented a new and useful Display-Rack, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in display-racks for retail merchants.

The objects in view are to provide a rack especially adapted for exhibiting to retail trade stockings for women and children and half-hose for men, but more especially those for children, which vary to such a great degree in length. A further object is to so construct the device as to be capable of displaying the various lengths or sizes in such manner as to be attractive and to bring the feet of the entire series on a line, and also the numbers and prices, whereby they may be readily inspected. Furthermore, to construct a device in a cheap and simple manner and so as to economize space.

With the above objects in view the invention consists in certain features of construction hereinafter specified, and particularly pointed out in the claims.

Referring to the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective of a display-rack constructed in accordance with my invention. Fig. 2 is a side elevation, the stockings being in position thereon.

Like numerals of reference indicate like parts in all the figures of the drawings.

In practice I employ a central standard 1, formed of, preferably, gas-pipe, which standard is provided at a suitable distance from its upper end with a collar 2, rotatably mounted thereon, and at its upper end with a similar collar 3. The lower end of the standard is mounted upon a suitable base 4. From the collars 2 and 3 radiate four spokes or arms 5, each vertically-opposite pair being connected by connecting-rods 6, a four-way coupling 7 being employed at the joints. These vertical rods 6 are connected by horizontal rods 9, the ends of which are screw-threaded into the horizontal branches of the aforesaid couplings. The standard 1, together with all of the rods 5, 6, and 8, are preferably formed of gas-pipe, the couplings 7 being of the usual pipe-union style. Upon each of the vertical rods

6 is mounted an upper collar 9<sup>a</sup> and a lower collar 10, said collars being made adjustable by means of set or binding screws 11. 12 designates a supporting-bar, and I employ in this style of rack four, one at each side of the rack. The supporting-bars 12 are bent at intervals at right angles and in alternately-opposite directions, so as to form a series of steps 13, each adapted to support a pair of stockings or hose, and each bar contains an exhibitor of hosiery. Each of the sleeves 9 is provided with threaded openings 14, and in the same are threaded the ends of the supporting-rods, each pair of rods 6 being connected by a stocking-supporting rod 12, as shown. In practice the supporting-rods 12 are adjusted to a proper height upon the vertical rods 6 and the set-screws tightened, so as to secure the same in position, after which the hose are suspended from the rod. Beginning with the smallest pair of hose—for instance, 6's—they are supported from the lowest step or horizontal portion of the supporting-rod, after which the next size—for instance 6½'s—are placed upon the second step, and so on until the supporting-rod is completely filled. When so filled, it will be seen that, as the steps agree in difference with the difference in size of the hose, the feet of the series will all be about in substantially the same line, and thus the numbers and prices of the stockings will be about in the same line. By supporting the stockings upon a rod thus bent I avoid the unsightly appearance stockings have when all are suspended from the same horizontal support.

Having described my invention, what I claim is—

1. In an exhibitor of the class described, the combination, with the central standard, of the radiating rods 5, the vertical rods 6, connecting said radiating rods in pairs, the horizontal rods 8, connected to the ends of the radiating rods, the adjustable collars mounted on the vertical rods, and the stocking-supporting rods mounted upon the collars, substantially as specified.

2. In an exhibitor of the class described, the combination, with the central standard mounted upon a base, of the upper and lower collars 2 and 3, rotatably mounted upon the standard, the radiating arms 5, extending from the collars, the vertical rods 6, the horizontal

connecting-rods 8, the four-way couplings 7, connecting the radiating, horizontal, and vertical rods, the adjustable collars 9<sup>a</sup> and the rods 12, bent as at 13 and mounted in the adjustable collars, substantially as specified.

3. In an exhibitor, the combination, with a series of vertical standards, of collars mounted on the standards, and the transverse stocking-supporting rods bent at intervals to form right-angular steps and at their ends

connected to the collars and serving to connect the standards, substantially as specified.

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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