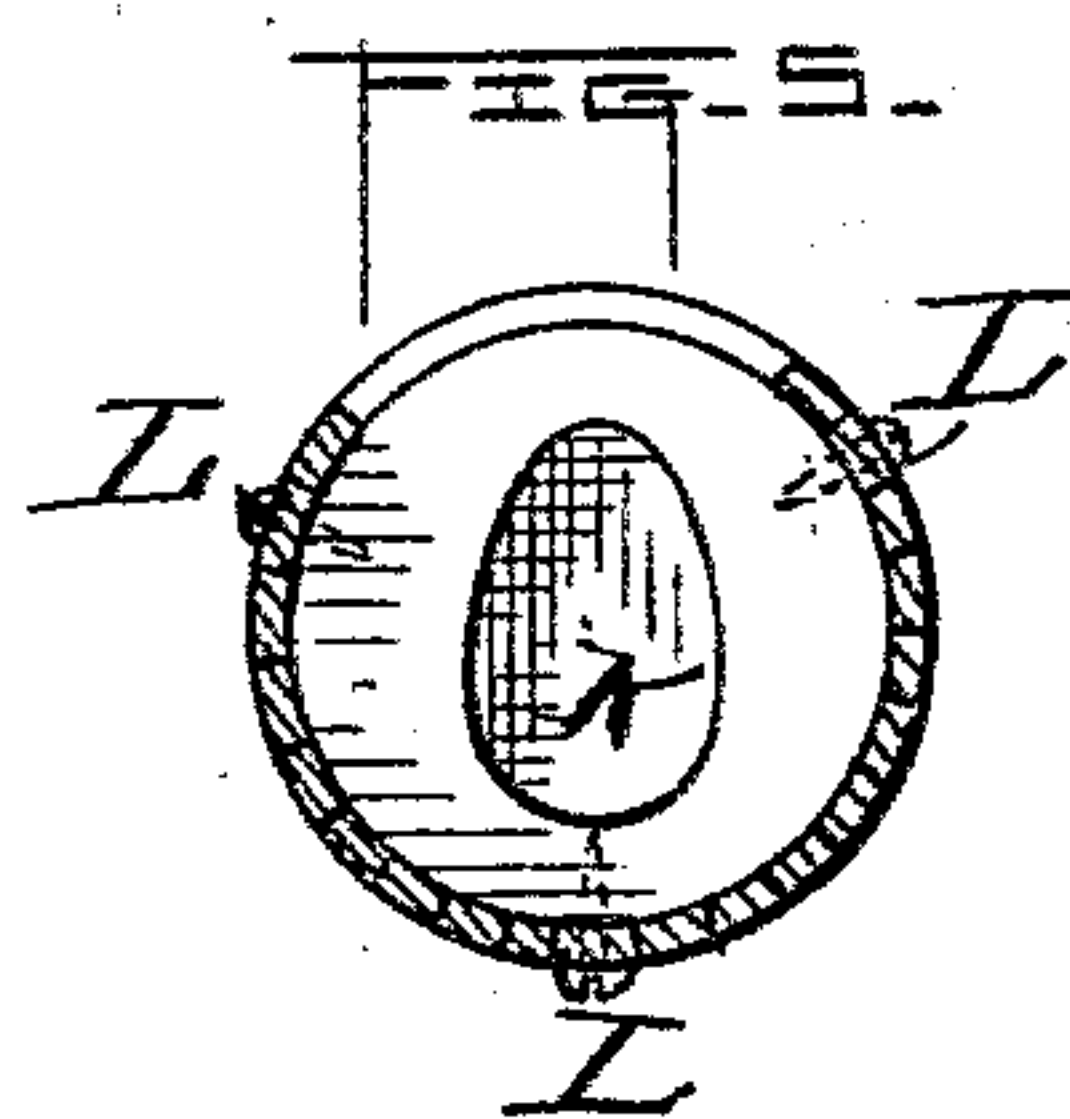
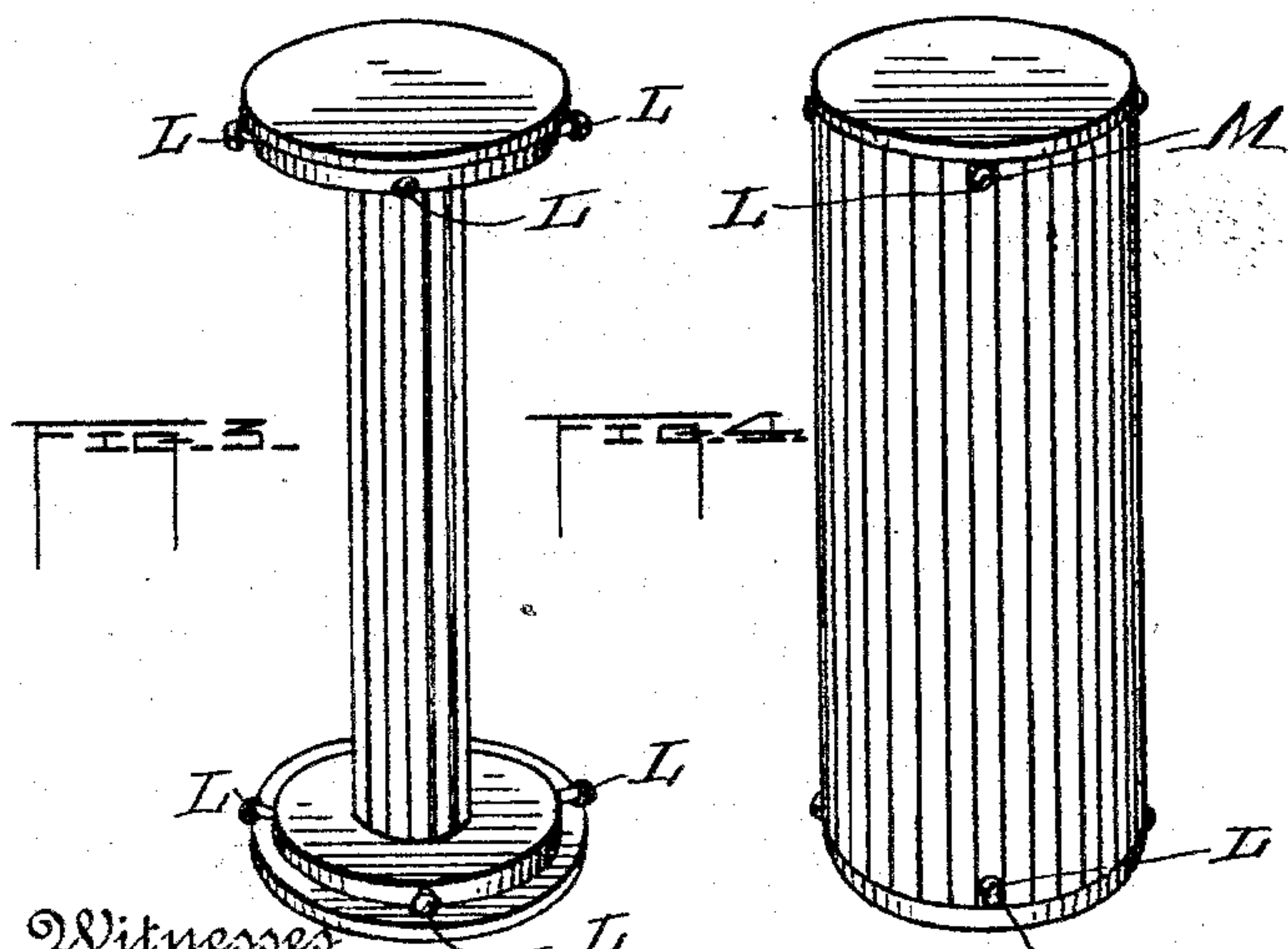
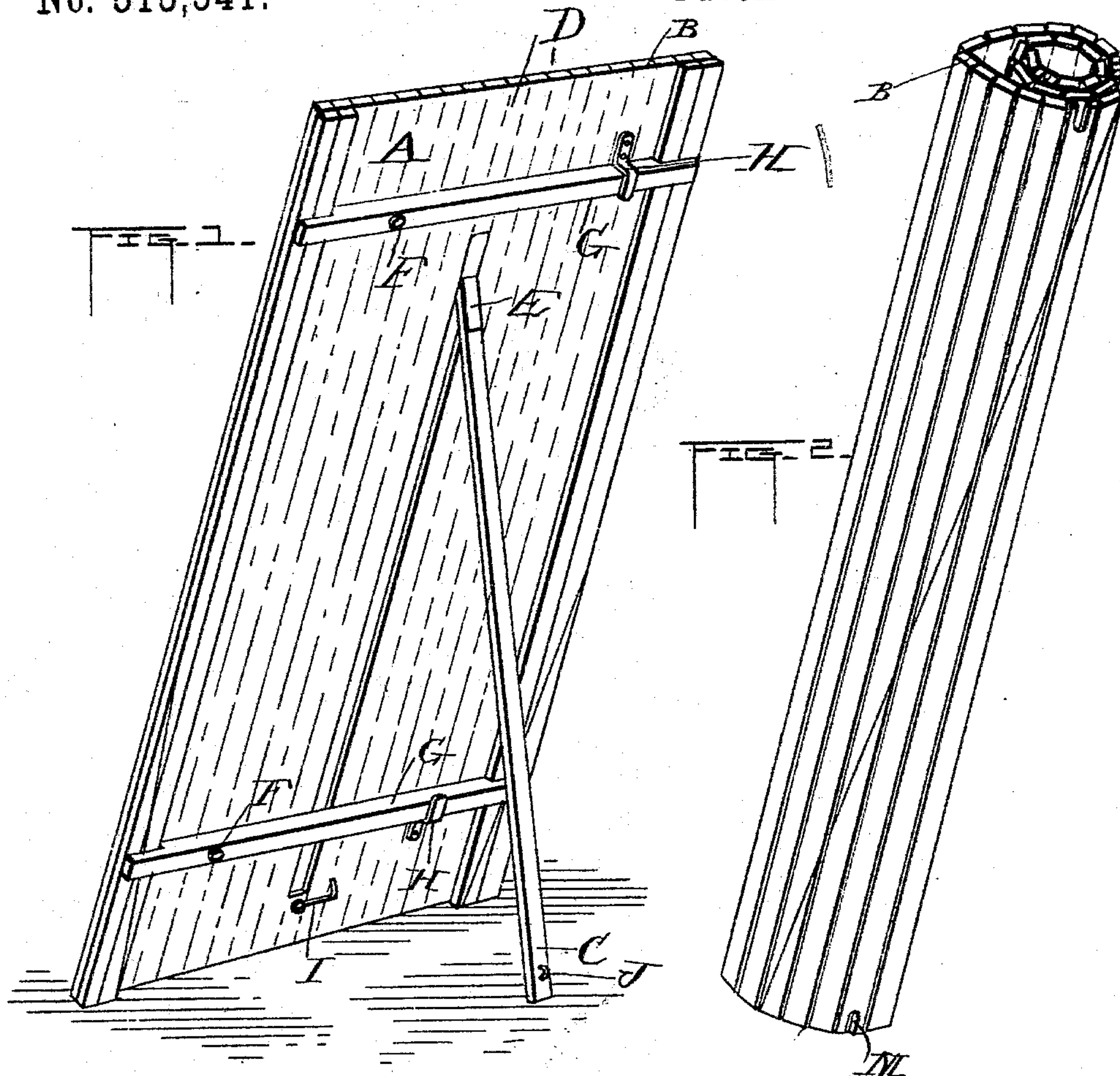


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES MADISON WALTERS, of Los Angeles, in the county of Los Angeles and State of California, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Draping-Forms; and I do hereby 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 relates to an improvement in drapingforms, designed for greater simplicity of construction and to be capable of assuming a great variety of forms.

I have set forth fully hereinafter the details of construction and the essential features of my invention, and illustrated them in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improved device, arranged as an easel. Fig. 2 is a similar view of the device rolled up. Figs. 3 and 4 represent two forms of stands in to which the device can be converted by the employment of end pieces. Fig. 5 is a horizontal sectional view of the device as shown in Fig. 4, illustrating a different shaped opening or recess in the end-pieces.

A is a series of parallel strips of wood or any light material, held together by means of a flexible surface of cloth, leather or like substance B, which is glued or fastened to the back or inner surface of said strips, thereby forming a surface which is capable of being folded to assume any of the forms represented in the drawings. One of the central strips is composed of two parts C, D, hinged together at E, the lower part C being adapted to swing outward from the main frame, thus answering as a leg or support for the frame when used as an easel. On the back surface of the frame are pivoted at F, two braces G, which when swung into a direction at right angles to the direction of the strips, and held in place by the metal L-shaped pieces H, hold the series of strips A in a flat rigid position. The strip C when not used as a brace is held against the frame by means of the hook I and staple J.

Fig. 2 shows the frame rolled up and Fig. 3 shows each end of the roll placed in a recess K on the under surface of end pieces, either of circular, elliptical or other form as shown by Figs. 3 and 5. On the circumference of the piece shown in Fig. 5 are projecting screws L which are adapted to fit into slots M in the frame, as shown in Fig. 4.

The easel as shown in Fig. 1 is employed as therein constructed in forming the stands as illustrated by Figs. 3 and 4, and no change is made in the construction and arrangement of the parts thereof to adapt the same to this use. It is intended to be understood that the said easel as shown in Fig. 1 is converted from one use to the other and in furnishing the same to the trade, the end pieces, as shown in Figs. 3, 4, and 5, will be supplied therewith.

The principal use to which my draping form is intended to be put is to display goods in show windows or on counters.

I do not confine myself to any particular construction of the strips or slats A, they may be made either solid or hollow.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

In a draping form, the combination of a series of parallel strips secured to a flexible surface and having slots in the opposite edges, to serve as a support, and end pieces having recesses therein adapted to receive the ends of said series of strips when folded and also having a series of projecting screws to removably enter the slots in the opposite edges of said series of connected strips, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have signed this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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