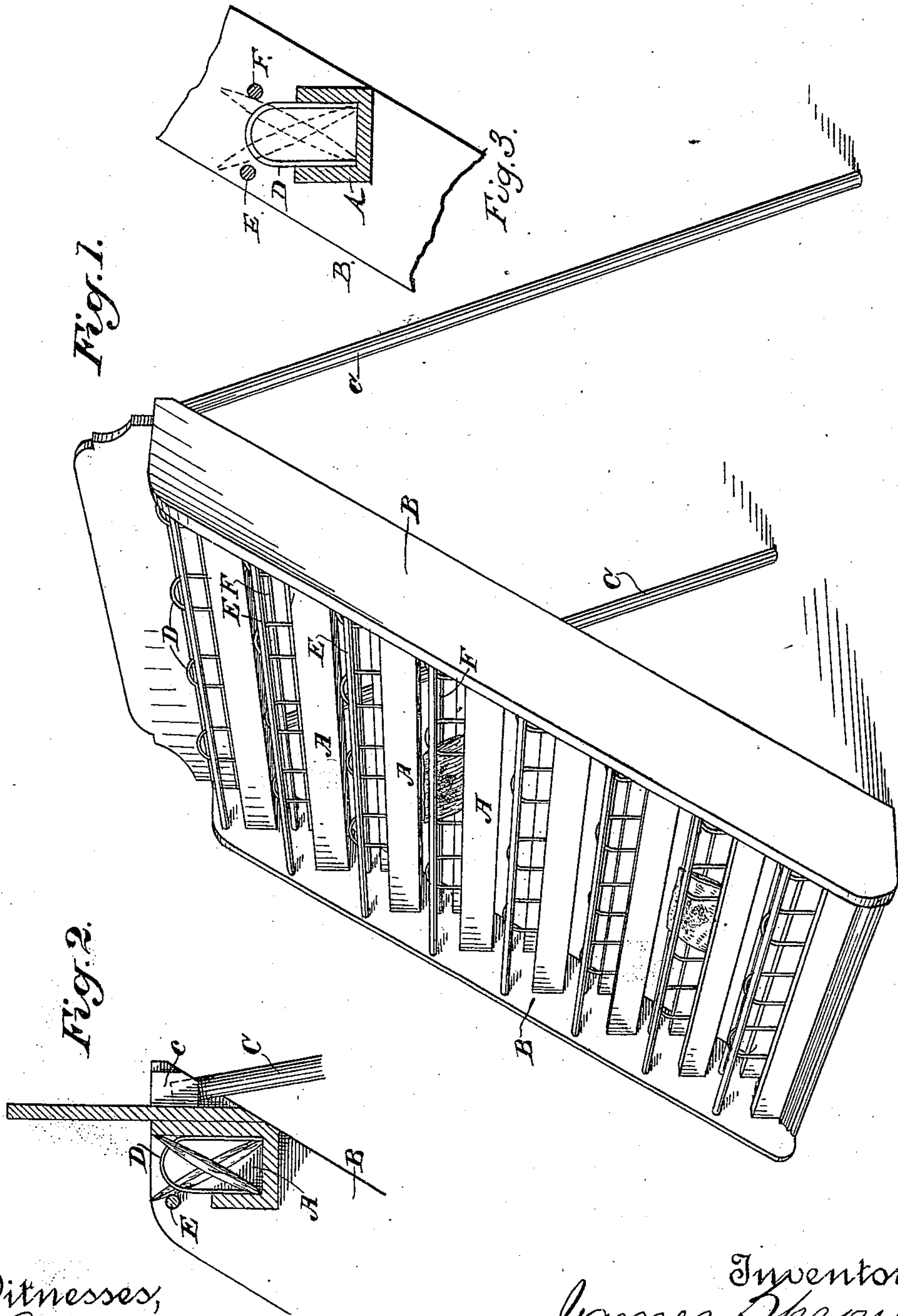


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES SPROULE, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city and county of San Francisco, State of California, have invented an Improvement in Seed-Racks; and I hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same.

My invention relates to a rack which is especially adapted for containing packages of seeds; and it consists of a series of superposed troughs having end or side pieces which are supported at an inclination, so that said troughs form a series of receding terraces from the bottom to the top, open transverse arches spaced or separated from each other and fixed to the upper surfaces of the troughs, and rods extending parallel with the troughs along the front and back of the tops of the transverse open arches.

The object of my invention is to provide a simple and effective rack for containing packages of seeds and other like articles, adapted to so dispose of said packages as to render them convenient of access and inspection.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my seed-rack. Fig. 2 is a detail view showing how the seed-packages may occupy their compartments. Fig. 3 is an enlarged cross-section of one of the troughs, showing the front and back bars which forms stops or rests for the packages.

A are troughs arranged in a receding series from bottom to top.

B are side or end pieces of the rack secured to the ends of the troughs.

C are legs or supports fitted in sockets *c*, whereby the whole rack is supported at an inclination, and the series of troughs form a

series of receding terraces from the bottom to the top.

D are open transverse arches fixed to the upper surfaces of the troughs and separated by spaces sufficiently to provide for the reception of the packages of seeds or other articles.

E are bars extending between the side pieces B and along the fronts of the upper portions of the open arches, and F are corresponding bars along the back portion of said arches. These bars form limiting stops or rests, against the back ones of which the packages of seeds normally rest in an inclined position, while the front bars provide for the forward movement of the packages to a reverse inclination in examining their titles successively to find the one wanted.

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

A seed rack consisting of a series of superposed troughs, inclined side or end pieces between which the troughs extend and to which they are fixed to form a series of receding terraces from the bottom to the top, supports or legs for holding the rack in an inclined position, open transverse arches fixed at intervals to the upper surfaces of the troughs, and rods extending parallel with the troughs along the front and back of the upper portions of the arches and secured to the end or side pieces.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand.

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