

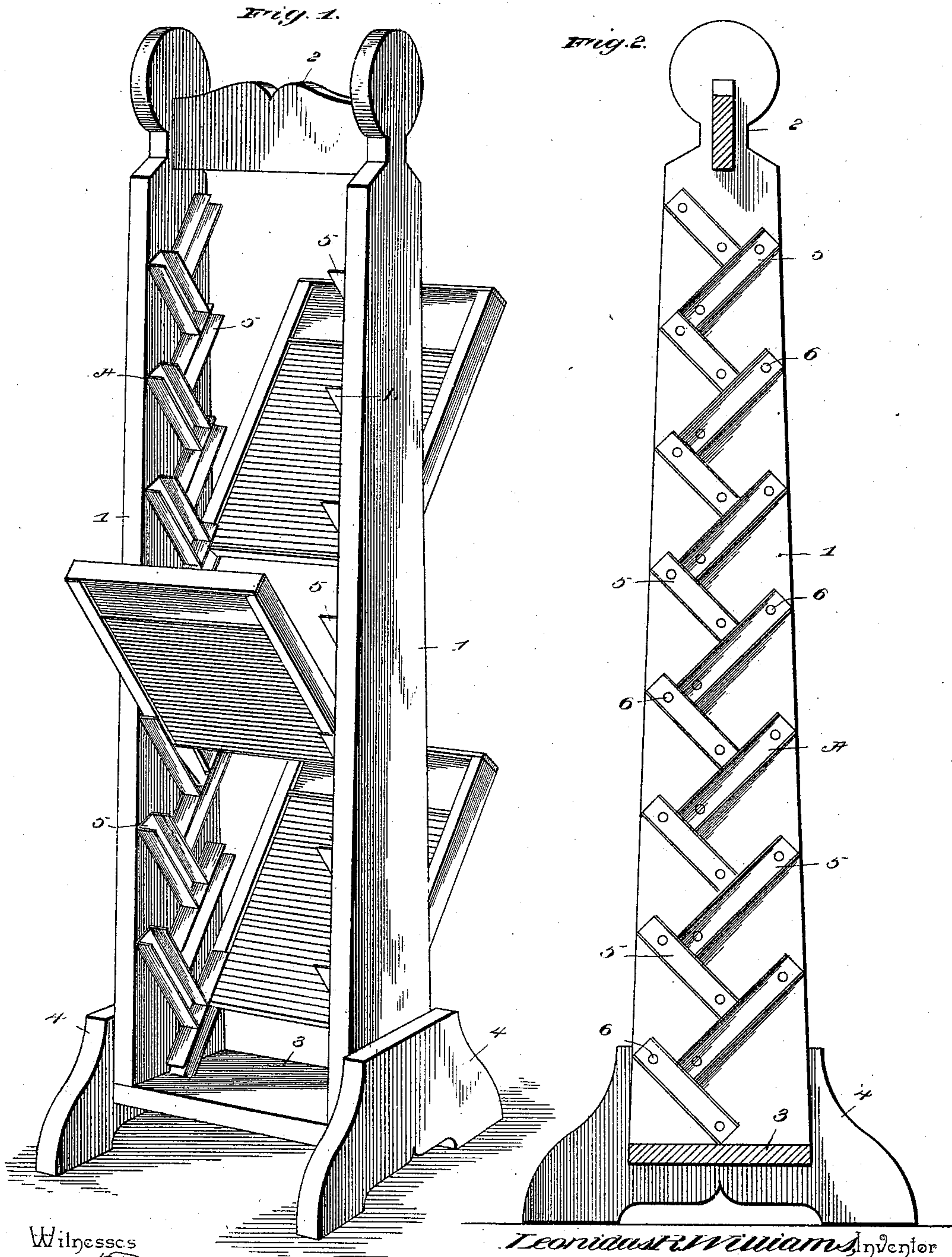
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LEONIDAS R. WILLIAMS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Ozark, in the county of Christian and State of Missouri, have invented a new and useful Display-Rack for Washboards, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to display-stands, and particularly for displaying washboards.

The object of the present invention is to provide a stand for holding a number of boards in an inclined position, so as to display both sides thereof, and at the same time permitting of the stand carrying the washboards being moved conveniently from place to place.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will be hereinafter more fully described, shown in the drawings, and particularly pointed out in the claims.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the invention, showing a number of boards in place. Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view thereof.

Corresponding parts in both figures are denoted by like characters of reference.

Referring to the drawings, 1 designates the sides or standards, connected at the top thereof by a transverse bar 2 and at the bottom by a bottom board 3. The sides of the frame thus formed preferably taper toward the top, where they are formed into any desired ornamental design, as shown. The stand is supported upon two broad feet 4, attached to the side pieces 1. This mode of formation may be changed or varied as desired, it being simply necessary to provide upright side pieces spaced apart a sufficient distance to receive the washboards therebetween and wide enough to support a board from each side.

The means for mounting the washboards upon the side pieces comprises a series of slots or sockets 5, provided upon the inner faces of the side pieces. These sockets are preferably formed from a single blank of sheet metal, having their sides struck up or formed into flanges, thus providing sockets having open ends, as shown. These sockets are secured to the side pieces 1 by means of nails or rivets 6 and are arranged in pairs, as A and B, directly opposite one another and inclined downwardly at about an angle of forty-

five degrees. The pairs of sockets are arranged alternately from the front and rear of the stand, one pair a little higher than the next one below and the upper flange of each socket extending across and closing the end of the socket next above.

In using the stand the legs of the washboards are placed in a pair of sockets, with their lower ends resting against the upper flanges of the next lower pair and supporting the board in an inclined position, thus presenting both sides of the board to view. By the alternate arrangement of the sockets boards can be displayed from both sides of the stand.

The construction and arrangement provide a highly useful and simple display-stand for washboards or other similarly-shaped articles whereby a number thereof are conveniently displayed to view and assembled together in a compact form, thus preventing breakage and damage due to being knocked down and moved about, as is usual in stores.

Changes in the form, proportion, and minor details may be made without departing from the spirit and scope or sacrificing any of the advantages, and therefore I do not wish to be understood as limiting myself to the precise construction and arrangement as herein set forth.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new, and desired to be secured by Letters Patent, is—

1. A display-rack, comprising standards spaced apart and disposed opposite each other, and sockets carried by the inner opposing faces of the standards, said sockets being arranged in pairs which are disposed alternately toward the front and the rear of the rack and inclined downwardly and inwardly, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

2. A display-rack, comprising standards spaced apart and disposed opposite each other, and sockets carried by the inner opposing faces of the standards, said sockets being arranged in pairs and each socket disposed across the inner end of the socket next above and forming a stop for the article seated therein, substantially as shown and described.

3. A display-rack, comprising standards spaced apart and disposed opposite each

other, and sockets provided upon the inner
opposing faces of the standards, each of the
sockets being formed from a single blank of
sheet metal having its side edges bent or
5 formed into flanges having open ends, said
sockets being arranged in pairs and disposed
alternately from the front to the rear of the
rack and inclined inwardly and downwardly,
the upper flange of each socket extending
10 across and closing the lower end of the socket

next above, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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