

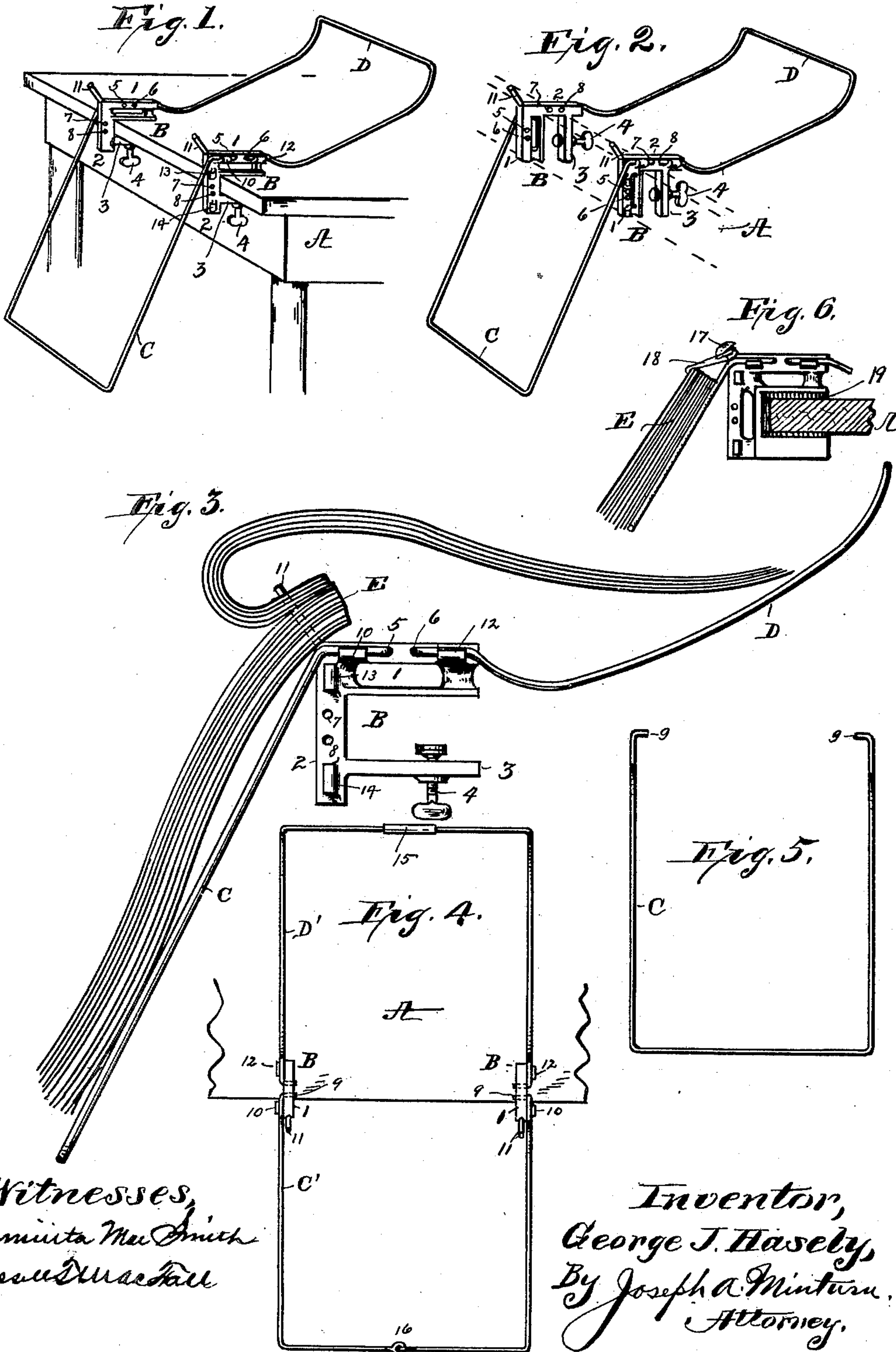
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PORTABLE SAMPLE-RACK.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE J. HASELY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Indianapolis, in the county of Marion and State of Indiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Portable Sample-Racks, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in racks or frames for the display of merchandise, and is specially designed for the display of wall-paper, though it is not desired to limit the invention to the display of any particular line of goods, but to utilize it for all purposes for which it is adapted.

As a rack for the display of wall-papers, either in a sample-book or in rolls, it is specially well adapted for the use of paper-hangers having no fixed place of business, but who call on their customers with samples of paper from which the latter make their selections.

It is a growing custom with journeymen paper-hangers to order their paper from the factory direct. To enable customers to make selections, the paper-hangers have samples of paper bound generally in book form, making a large and cumbersome book which is difficult to hold and at the same time display the samples of paper to advantage.

The object of this invention is to provide a portable rack which can be folded into small compass for carrying and opened out and secured to a table or chair and the samples held by and displayed upon the rack while being offered for inspection. I accomplish the objects of the invention by the mechanism illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my invention attached to a table in operative position; Fig. 2, a perspective view of same in position as applied to the back of a chair; Fig. 3, a view on a larger scale, in side elevation, of the device shown in Fig. 1 with a sample-book in position of display; Fig. 4, a top or plan view of the device shown in Figs. 1 and 3, except that the wire frames are in two parts joined so as to permit folding; and Fig. 5, a detached view of one of the wire frames or bails. Fig. 6 is a detail showing a second modified form of bracket and rack.

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parts throughout the several views of the drawings.

A represents a table-top or other convenient support to which the brackets B B are removably secured. The bracket comprises the members 1 and 2, at right angles to each other, and the member 3, integral with member 2 and parallel with member 1. This partial inclosure is to receive the supporting-body to which the bracket is attached and the bracket is held in position on said support by means of the set-screw 4. The member 1 of the bracket has the holes 5 and 6 and the member 2 thereof has the holes 7 and 8. These holes are to receive the ends of bails C and D for the purpose of supporting the leaves of the display-book E when the latter is being exhibited. The bail C has ends 9 9, bent in at right angles. The ends take into the holes 5 of each bracket, it being noted that the brackets are used in pairs, while the adjacent part of the bail lies against the member 1 until it reaches the outer edge of member 2, when said bail is bent down obliquely, as shown. To support the sides of the bail, lugs 10 project out from the bracket, with top groove forming a seat for said bail. The lugs thus formed act as a support for the bail and also hold it against lateral displacement.

Projecting obliquely from the corners of brackets B B are the pins or hooks 11 11, on which or from which the sample-book E is supported by passing the pins through holes provided for that purpose in the back of said book. The leaves will hang down in the manner shown in Fig. 3, except that the top leaves when the book is open will be turned back, as shown in said figure, and will be supported by the bail D. The ends of bail D are bent in at right angles the same as described for bail C and are introduced into holes 6 6. The sides of the bail adjacent to the holes are supported by the lugs 12, which are similar in purpose, use, and construction to the above-described lugs 10. The top bail is preferably bent to the shape shown and serves as a support for the top leaves of the sample-book when the latter is open and may also be used as a receptacle or holder for wall-paper in rolls when paper in that form is displayed.

The brackets can be supported by attachment to the back of a chair or like article of

furniture by placing the right-hand bracket on the left side—that is, reversing them in position—and by turning the opening in the bracket downwardly in the position shown in Fig. 2, and when so turned the holes 7 and 8 are required for the attachment of the bails. Lugs 13 and 14 are similar in construction and purpose to lugs 10 and 12.

In the modification shown in Fig. 4 the bails are in two parts, the upper one being in two separable parts, which are united by inserting the ends to be united into the opposite ends of a sleeve 15. The lower bail is in two parts connected by the folding joint 16. This jointed feature enables the bails to be folded into smaller space for convenience in carrying.

In the modification shown in Fig. 6 the pin by which the sample-book is retained is replaced by a lug 17, having a head to retain the string 18 of the sample-book, which is looped over said head. This modified form also shows the elastic lining 19 of the frame on those parts liable to contact with the furniture which supports the brackets. Any soft material, such as felt, may be used in place of an elastic material.

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

1. In a display-rack a pair of brackets removably secured to a table, chair, or the like,

an elastic lining between the bracket and its support, means for securing the article to be displayed to said brackets said brackets having a body in two right-angled integral parts, a plurality of holes in each of said right-angled parts, lugs adjacent to said holes and frames removably secured to said brackets by having ends taking into one of said holes and having a bearing on one of said lugs.

2. A pair of brackets having a body in two right-angled integral parts and a third member parallel with one of said parts, a set-screw through said third member, a pair of holes through each member of said right-angled frame, a pair of lugs integral with each member, one on either side of said pair of holes, and wire frames having ends taking into one of the holes of each of said brackets and having their adjacent portions resting on and held by the lug adjacent to the hole into which the end of the frame was inserted, the remaining holes and lugs being for the attachment of the frames in the changed positions of the brackets.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, at Indianapolis, Indiana, this 28th day of January, A. D. 1902.

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