

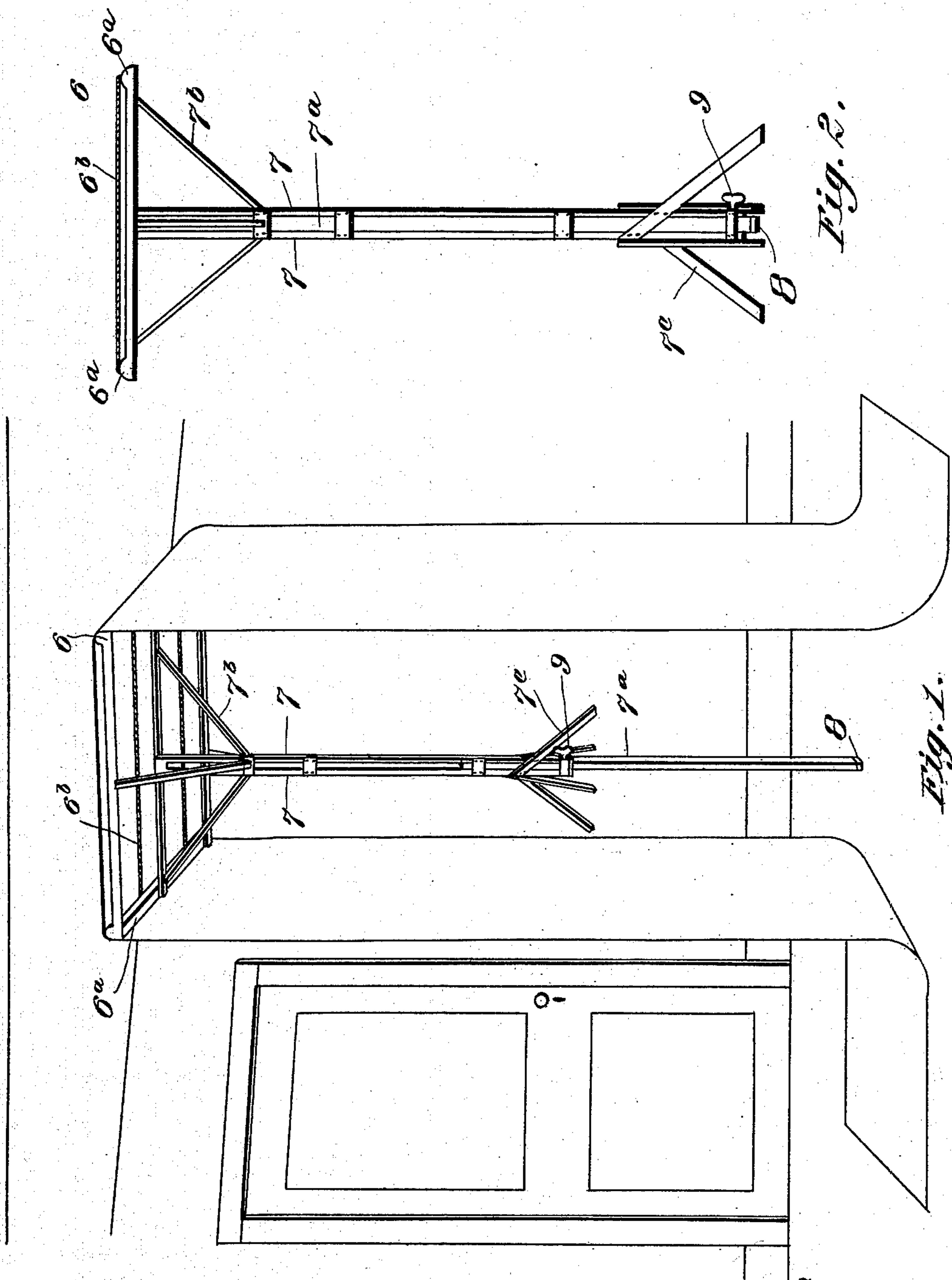
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM H. ROOT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Aledo, in the county of Mercer and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Paper-Hanging Scaffolds; 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, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to scaffolds, particularly for the use of paper-hangers; and the intent and object thereof is to form a scaffold or device by means of which a ceiling can be papered without requiring that a platform or support be erected for the workman to enable him to reach the ceiling, as is customary.

The device comprises a frame or platform supported on a vertically-adjustable standard, and in its use the paper is hung over the platform, which is then elevated against the ceiling, as will be more fully hereinafter explained.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the device in vertical extension, illustrating the manner of its use. Fig. 2 is a side elevation with the platform lowered.

Referring specifically to the drawings, the device includes a platform or paper-support formed by a frame 6, between the end pieces 6^a of which are stretched a number of parallel cords or wires 6^b. This frame is rectangular in shape and may be formed of wood or metal. Cloth or other material may be substituted for the cords or wires, although the latter is believed to be preferable, because a brush can be worked between the wires to smooth the paper against the ceiling and because it exposes to view the paper when on the frame and enables the operator to move quickly, easily, and accurately join the paper and match the figures.

The platform is supported upon the upper end of an extensible standard formed of spaced side pieces 7, between which slides a central post 7^a. The platform is braced by suitable braces (indicated at 7^b) and the standard by legs 7^c, so that when the platform is lowered the device will stand upon the floor, at which time the post is telescoped between

the side pieces. When the scaffold is raised to the ceiling, the post draws out and remains in contact with the floor, as shown in Fig. 1, in which position the parts may be fixed by means of the screw-clamp 9. This holds the platform firmly against the ceiling and between the floor and the ceiling, so that it will stay and stand alone in the position in which it is placed.

In use the strip of paper after the paste is applied is hung lengthwise over the platform, the ends of the strip hanging down over the ends of the platform. When the platform is raised to the ceiling, it is fastened by means of the extension-standard and the clamp, which holds the paper firmly in place against the ceiling and allows the overhanging ends to be raised and attached to the ceiling by means of a brush or roller.

The lower end of the post is provided with a rubber tip, as indicated at 8, so that it will not slip on the floor.

The single point of contact of the post with the floor when the platform is raised permits the platform and standard to be easily turned to bring the strip of paper in proper alignment with the wall or adjacent strip. By using this device a paper-hanger can work from the floor with a long-handled brush and paper a ceiling without difficulty and without the trouble incident to the erection of a supporting-platform for himself. The parts are made sufficiently light to allow the device to be handled with facility.

What I claim is—

1. A paper-hanging scaffold comprising a supporting-frame for a strip of paper, and a standard thereunder extensible to bind the scaffold between the floor and ceiling, and having a single point of contact with the floor when in extension.

2. A paper-hanging scaffold comprising a paper-supporting frame, a vertically-extensible standard thereunder having a post slidable from the lower end thereof and legs which form lateral supports for the scaffold when the frame is lowered but which lift from the floor when the frame is raised, leaving the scaffold supported by the post.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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