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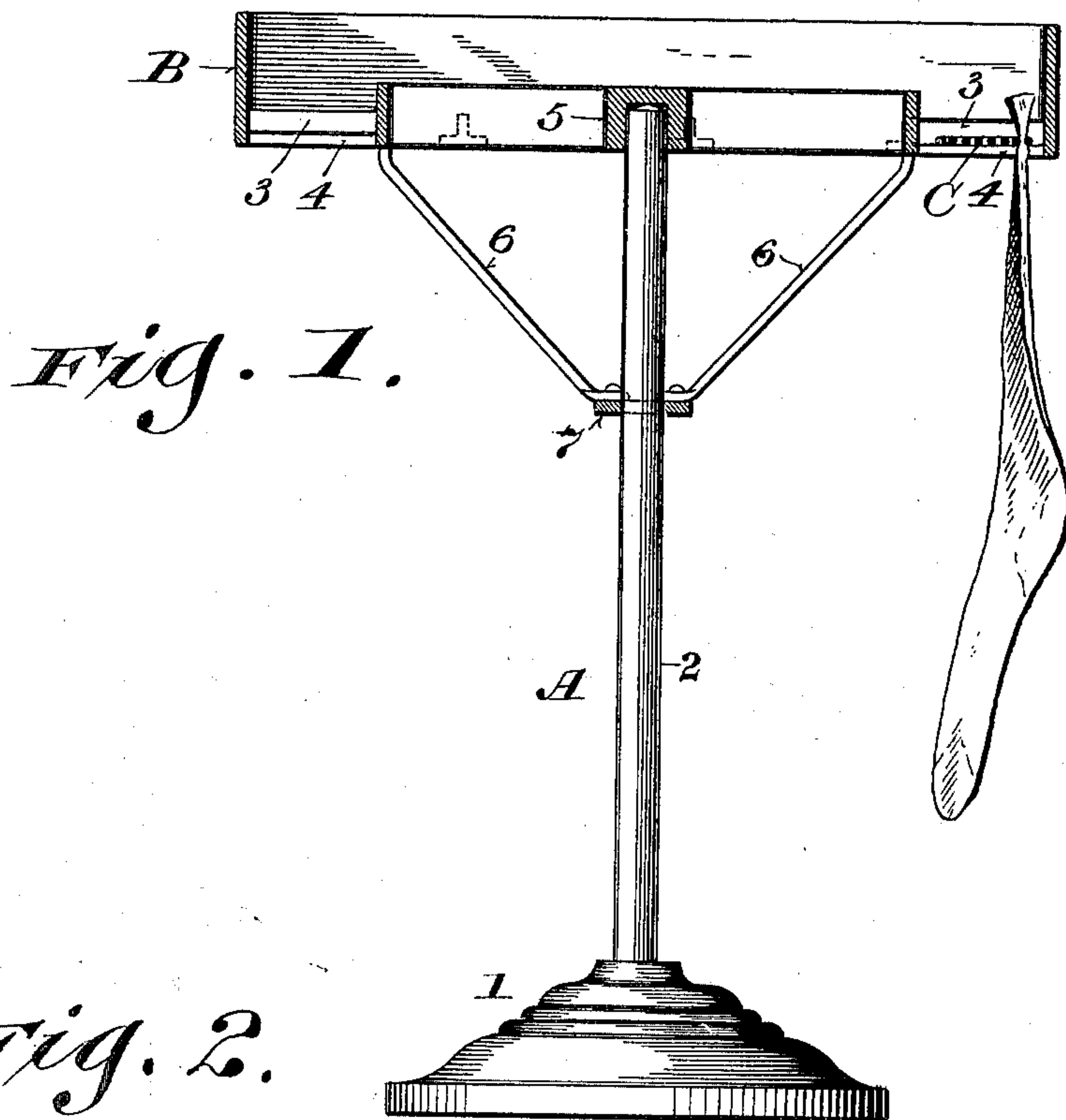
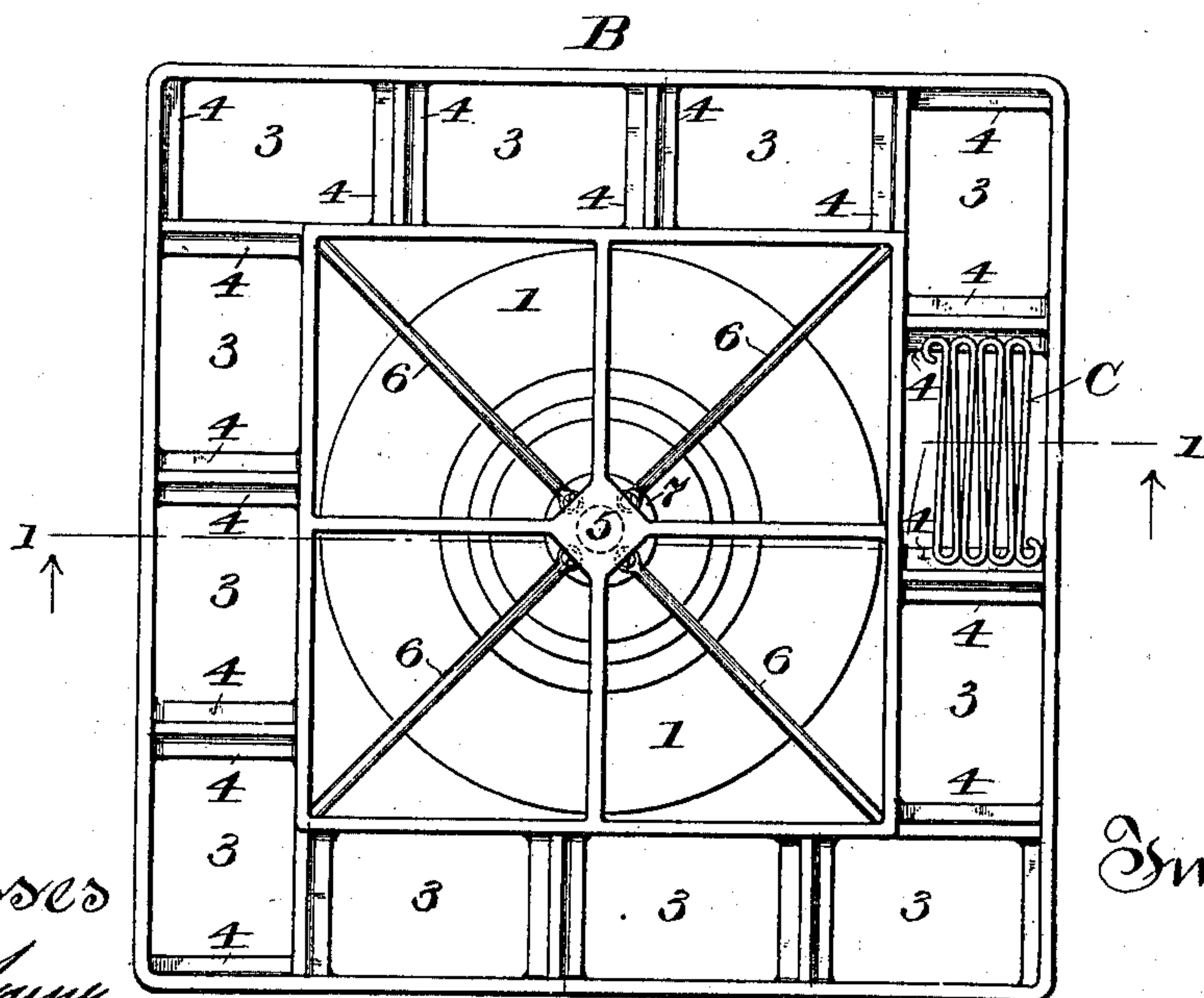


Fig. 2.



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DISPLAY-HOLDER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, RUDOLPH H. WALK, a citizen of the United States, residing at Milwaukee, in the county of Milwaukee and State of Wisconsin, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Display-Holders, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part thereof.

The main object of this invention is to display hosiery and the like, particularly stockings, in accessible and convenient condition for inspection and removal by single pairs.

It consists in certain novel features of construction and in the arrangement and combinations of parts hereinafter particularly described, and defined in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings like characters designate the same parts in both figures.

Figure 1 is a vertical section on the line 1 1, Fig. 2, of a display-holder embodying my invention; and Fig. 2 is a plan view of the same.

The holder in its preferred form is composed of a stand A, a frame B, having a number of open-bottomed compartments, and clamps C, removably fitted in the compartments of said frame and each adapted to receive and hold a number of pairs of stockings or other articles to permit the same to be suspended below the compartments.

The stand A consists of a base 1 and a vertical post or rod 2 of sufficient strength and length to carry at its upper end the frame B with the articles suspended from said frame in the desired position for exhibition and easy access.

The frame B has a number of compartments 3 3, formed by vertical walls or partitions, and each compartment, which is open both at the top and bottom, is provided at opposite sides with horizontal ledges 4 4. At the center the frame is formed or provided with a vertical box or bearing 5, fitted to turn upon the upper end of the post or rod 2. The shape and size of the frame and the number, size, shape, and arrangement of the compartments therein may be varied according to the nature and quantity of articles to be displayed or other conditions.

The clamps C are loosely fitted in the several compartments of the frame B, one to each

compartment, and adapted to rest at their ends on the ledges 4 4. Each clamp consists of a rod, band, or wire, of metal or other suitable material, bent into a number of loops opening at opposite ends of the clamp, as shown in Fig. 2. The clamps are preferably made of spring-wire, which makes the component loops elastic, whereby they are adapted to open more or less to receive articles of varying thickness and to close tightly upon them. The clamps are made to conform in size and shape with the compartments of the frame in which they are to be held and may be formed with any desired number of loops and constitute spring-clamping grating-bottoms to the compartments, adapted to hold in suspension articles hanging below the compartments.

The stockings or other articles to be displayed in the holder are drawn into the loops of the clamps C through the openings at opposite ends of the clamps when the latter are removed from the frame. The clamps are then dropped into place in the compartments 3, so that the bends at the ends of the loops will rest upon the ledges 4 4 on opposite sides of each compartment. The stockings or other articles are thus suspended either separately or in pairs from the frame and are exposed to view on the outside and accessible for inspection below the frame, which may be turned to bring any particular article within view or reach. By lifting the clamps, which are separately removable from the frame, out of the compartments therein any particular stocking or pair of stockings or other article may be readily withdrawn from the clamp without displacing others held therein.

To steady and more firmly support the frame B upon the standard, braces 6 may be provided, extending downwardly and inwardly from the frame to a collar 7, loosely fitted on the post or rod 2, or the same end may be accomplished by lengthening the box or bearing 5.

Various changes in minor details of construction and arrangement of parts may be made within the spirit and intended scope of the invention.

The term "wire" as used in the foregoing description and in the following claims is in-

tended to include a rod or band of any suitable shape in cross-section for the construction of the clamps C.

I claim—

- 5 1. A display-holder consisting of a frame having open-bottomed compartments, each of which is provided on opposite sides with horizontal supporting-ledges, and a number of clamps, each consisting of a wire bent into
10 loops, opening alternately at opposite ends of the clamp and resting at the ends of the loops upon the ledges in a compartment of said frame and constituting a spring grating-bottom to the compartments adapted to hold in
15 suspension articles hanging below the compartments, substantially as described.
2. A display-holder consisting of a frame having a number of open-bottomed compartments, each of which is provided on opposite
20 sides with horizontal ledges, clamps each consisting of wire bent into loops, opening alternately at opposite ends of the clamp and adapted to rest at the ends of the loops upon the ledges in a compartment of said frame and
25 constituting a spring grating-bottom to the compartments adapted to hold in suspension articles hanging below the compartments, and a stand upon which said frame is mounted and adapted to turn, substantially as de-
30 scribed.
3. A display-holder consisting of a horizontal frame adapted to turn on a vertical axis and having a number of open-bottomed compartments each of which is provided on op-
35 positesides with horizontal ledges, and a number of clamps removably fitted in said compartments and adapted to rest at the ends

upon said ledges, each clamp consisting of a wire bent into loops opening alternately at opposite ends of the clamp and constituting 40 a spring grating-bottom to the compartments adapted to hold in suspension articles hanging below the compartments, substantially as described.

4. A display-holder consisting of a frame 45 having a number of open-bottomed compartments each of which is provided on opposite sides with ledges, and a number of elastic clamps each composed of a series of spring-loops opening alternately at opposite ends of 50 the clamp and engaging with the ledges of the compartments to constitute a spring grating-bottom to the compartments adapted to hold in suspension articles hanging below the compartments, substantially as described. 55

5. A display-holder consisting of a horizontally-disposed frame divided by vertical partitions into a number of compartments each of which is open at the top and bottom and provided on opposite sides with horizontal 60 ledges, and a number of separately-removable clamps loosely fitted in said compartments and each composed of a series of loops opening alternately at opposite ends of the clamp and constituting a spring grating-bottom to 65 the compartments adapted to hold in suspension articles hanging below the compartments, substantially as described.

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

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