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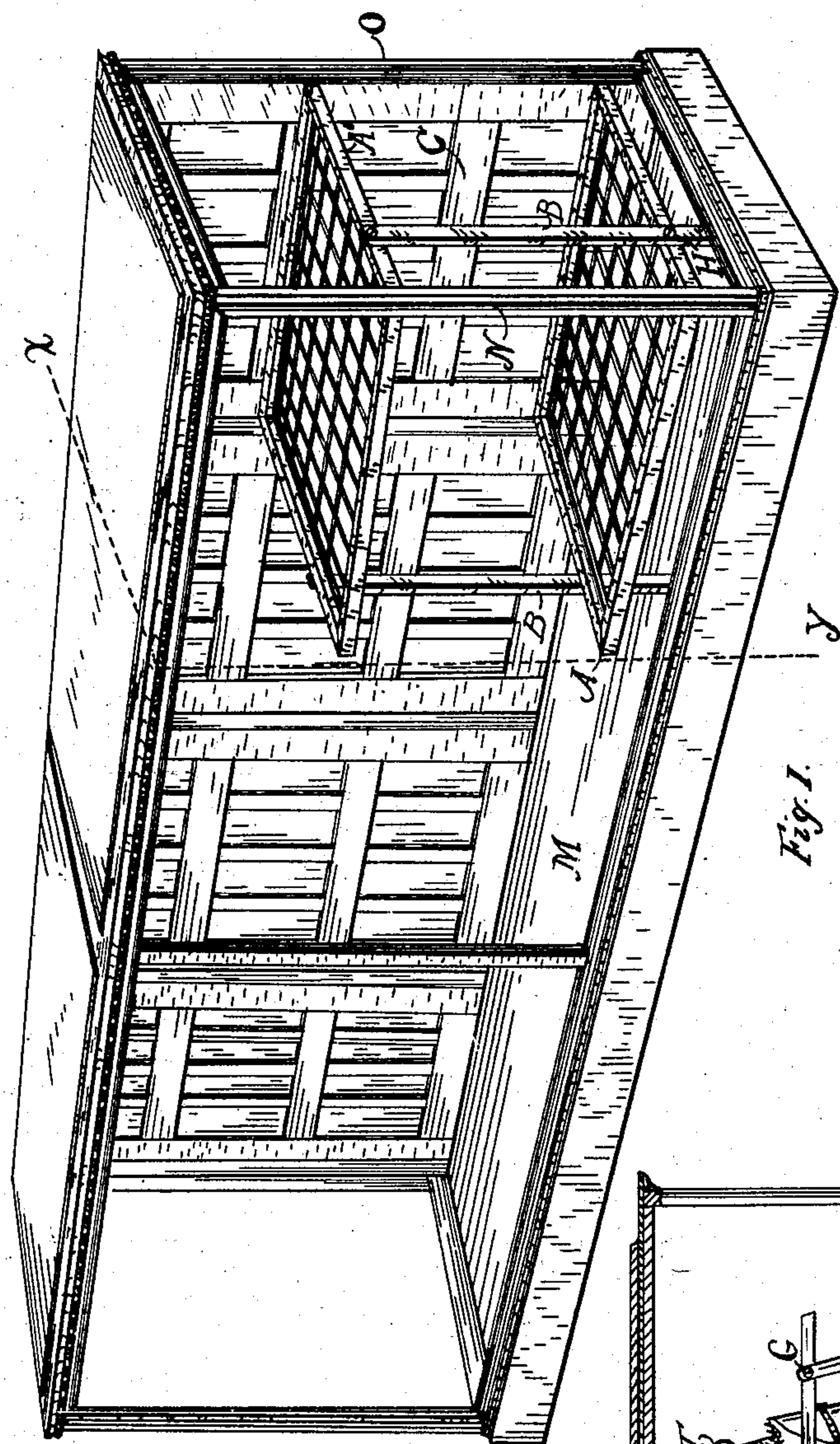


Fig. 1.

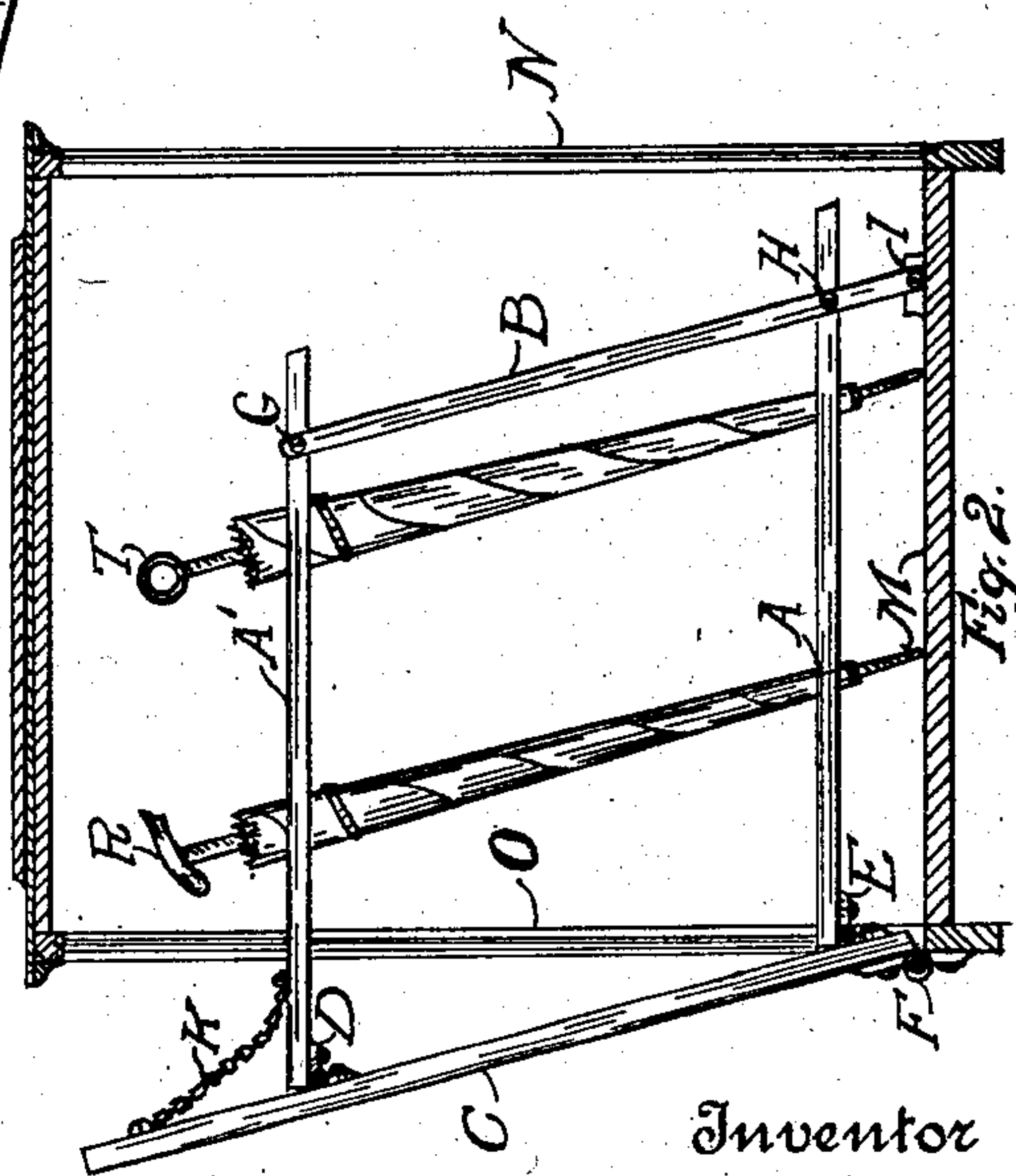


Fig. 2.

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SHOW-CASE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, RAYMOND MANCHA, a citizen of the United States, residing at Grand Rapids, in the county of Kent and State of Michigan, have invented new and useful Improvements in Show-Cases, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in show-cases, and more especially to show-cases adapted to retaining and displaying umbrellas, canes, and like articles of merchandise; and the invention consists in the combination of a frame or plurality of frames or racks adapted to support the umbrellas and the like in a perpendicular or substantially perpendicular position, said frames being so connected to the show-case that the umbrellas can be tilted so as to present the handles in a convenient position to be removed from the frames.

It also consists in combining with the frames of a door placed in the rear of the show-case, which operates the frames as the said door is opened.

The objects of my invention are, first, to produce a convenient show-case for holding and retaining in an upright position umbrellas, canes, and the like; second, to provide means for shifting the upper end of the said articles of merchandise into position for ready removal from the show-case; third, other objects hereinafter pointed out and described. These objects I accomplish by means of the mechanism illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 shows a front perspective view of the show-case constructed in accordance with my invention. Fig. 2 shows a sectional view on the line X Y of Fig. 1 with the door partially opened and the upper framework shifted so as to incline outwardly or backwardly, as the case may be, the umbrellas held in the rack.

Similar letters refer to similar parts throughout both views.

O shows the rear corner-post or framework of the show-case, and N shows the front corner-post of the show-case. The top and bottom of the show-case are constructed in any suitable manner.

M shows the bottom of the case, upon which rest the lower ends of the umbrellas.

A' shows the upper framework or rack,

which is composed of a rectangular frame, the strips crossing each other preferably at right angles, so as to leave openings, each opening being of a sufficient size to receive the umbrella, cane, or the like.

A shows the lower rack, which is constructed precisely in the same manner as A' and is preferably raised a short distance above the bottom M. A' is pivoted to the upright support B at G, and the framework B is pivoted to the framework A at H and is also pivoted to the case at the bottom, (shown by I.) The upper framework A' is pivoted at D to the door, as shown in Fig. 2. The door C is pivoted at F at its lower end, as shown also in Fig. 2, and is pivoted or may be pivoted with a connection K, which connection K extends very near the upper end of the door C to a suitable position on the framework A'.

R and T represent umbrellas placed in the frame.

The door C is placed, preferably, in the rear of the case, as shown.

The front and ends of the case are preferably provided with glass in order to protect the merchandise stored in the show-case.

The show-case may be made of any required number of sections, each section being provided with umbrella racks or frames and each section being provided with a door, as above described. When the umbrellas, canes, and the like are in position and the door is closed, they are supported in the upper and lower framework or racks and stand in a substantially perpendicular position.

When it is desirable to obtain access to the show-case, the door C, which is pivoted at its lower edge, is opened, thereby drawing with it the upper frame A' and the lower frame A and bringing the upper ends of the umbrellas, canes, &c., into position to be removed from the case.

Any suitable means may be used for the purpose of retaining the door closed, and any suitable stop may be used for the purpose of preventing the door from opening too far.

In the drawings I have only shown the frames for supporting the umbrellas in one section. It will be understood, however, that these frames are used in each section and that any number of sections may be used.

Having thus described my invention, what

I claim to have invented, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In combination with a show-case body, a plurality of swinging or tilting supports, 5 and a frame pivotally mounted on said supports, said frame being provided with means for supporting umbrellas or the like in a substantially perpendicular position.

2. In combination with a body of a show- 10 case, a frame or rack adapted to support the umbrellas, a door pivoted to the said frame and also pivoted at its lower end to the show-case, substantially as described.

3. In combination with the body of a show- 15 case, a door opening from its rear side and

pivoted at its bottom, the frames A and A' pivoted to the said door and the upright support B pivoted at its upper end to A' and at its lower end to A, both of said frames move longitudinally as the door is opened and 20 closed, substantially as and for the purpose described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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