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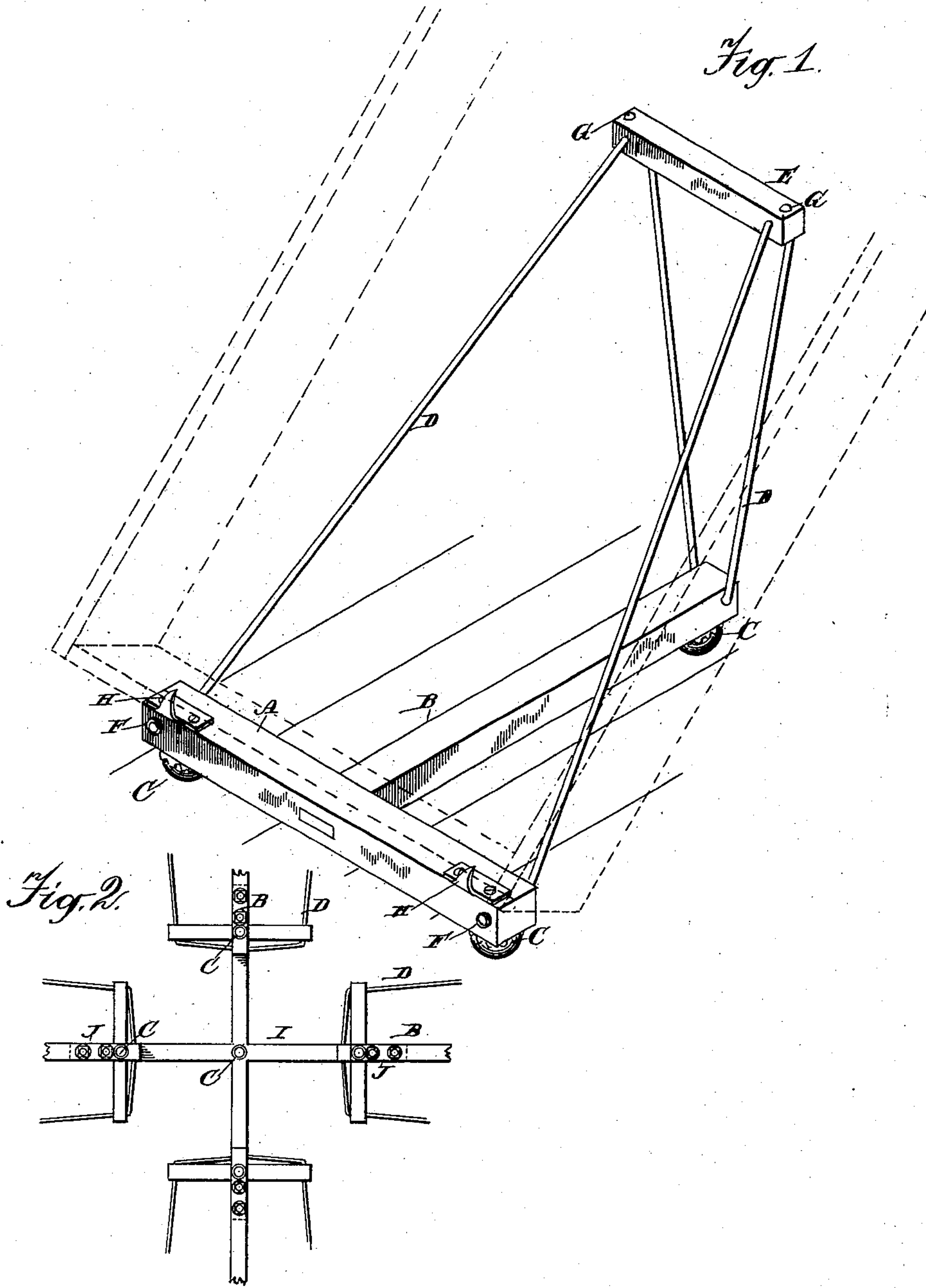
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DISPLAY-STAND.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, JOHN C. HEXOM, residing at Decorah, in the county of Winne-
shiek, and CAMBRIDGE G. HOUX, residing at
5 Cedar Rapids, in the county of Linn, State of
Iowa, citizens of the United States, have in-
vented certain new and useful Improvements
in Display-Stands, of which the following is
a specification.

10 This invention has for its object to provide
a simple, convenient, and portable stand for
the display of merchandise, more particularly
boxes of fruit and the like, in grocery stores.

The nature of the invention will fully ap-
15 pear from the description and claim follow-
ing, reference being had to the accompanying
drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a front view in perspective of
a stand embodying our invention, the posi-
20 tion of a box thereon being indicated in dotted
outline. Fig. 2 is a fragmentary plan view
from the under side, illustrating a cross-
shaped spider for connecting a number of the
stands in a group.

25 In most grocery stores it is common to dis-
play fruit, crackers, and other commodities
in boxes inclined against the counter or sides
of the room. In many cases it would be more
desirable to set them in other parts of the
30 store, and in any case it is necessary to move
them in sweeping and at other times. This
stand is designed to enable the shopkeeper
to display such wares anywhere on the floor
that may be most convenient or desirable
35 and to shift them quickly and easily from
place to place whenever necessary.

The stand comprises a base A B in the form
of a T and supported on three casters C,
which are preferably of the ball type, as
40 shown. From the back end of the base spring
a diverging pair of brace-rods D D, which at

a suitable height are bent and pass through
the ends of a cross-bar E. Thence they ex-
tend in diverging downwardly-inclined lines
and pass through the front bar of the base, 45
and their ends are riveted over suitable wash-
ers F. To prevent splitting, the cross-bar E
may be provided with rivets G. On the front
bar of the base is mounted a pair of sharp
spurs H, which prevent any slipping of the 50
box when in position.

It is sometimes desirable to arrange boxes
of merchandise in some central or conspicu-
ous place in groups facing in several different
directions. This might of course be done by 55
setting each stand separately in place; but
we have provided for the moving of the whole
group at once by coupling all the stands to-
gether. The device for this purpose is shown
in Fig. 2 and is a simple cross-shaped spider 60
I, of metal or wood, bolted at J to the rear-
wardly-extending bars of the several bases.

Having thus described our invention, what
we claim as new, and desire to secure by Let-
ters Patent, is— 65

A store box-stand substantially as de-
scribed, comprising a T-shaped base, pro-
vided with casters and box-retaining spurs,
and an inclined back-support for the box,
composed of a single, looped and diverging 70
brace-rod and a connecting cross-bar, loops
of the brace being formed at the connections
with the rear end of the base, and each end
of the cross-bar, and terminal connection with
the front bar of the base. 75

In testimony whereof we affix our signa-
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