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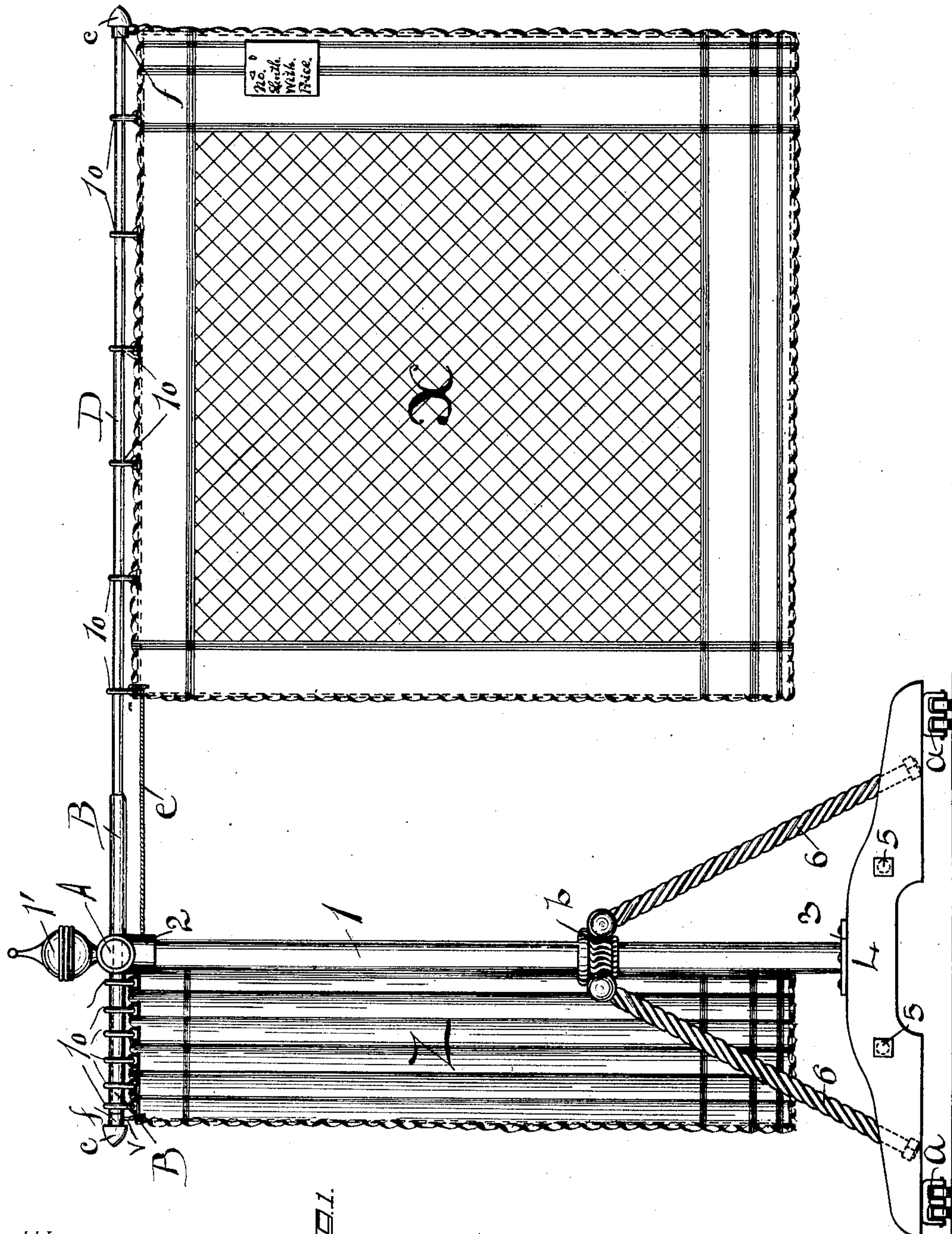
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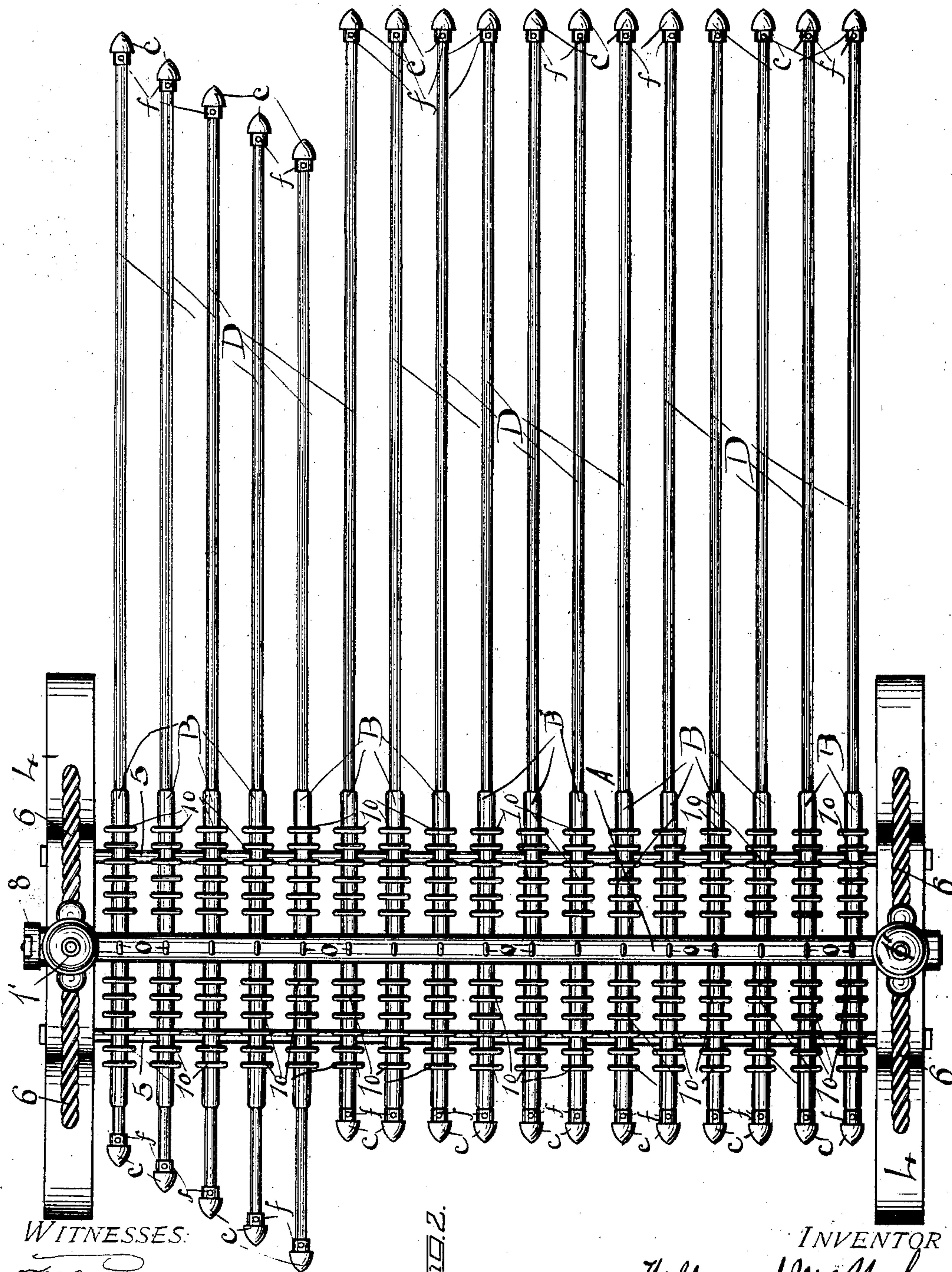
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DISPLAY-RACK.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM J. McNAB, residing at Omaha, in the county of Douglas and State of Nebraska, have invented certain useful Improvements in Display-Racks; and I do hereby declare that the following is 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, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to a new and novel improvement in display-racks.

The aim of my invention is to provide a display-rack adapted to hold certain articles of manufacture, preferably fabrics, as lace curtains, towels, and the like, and is so arranged that when not used the sample secured to the display-rack is in a folded condition; though the same may be readily drawn out to display the same; and my invention embodies certain combinations of instrumentalities hereinafter more fully described, and finally set forth in the claim.

In the accompanying drawings I have shown in Figure 1 a side elevation of a display-rack embodying my invention, while Fig. 2 discloses a top view thereof.

In carrying out the aim of my invention, which is to provide a portable display-rack upon which the samples may be conveniently held, I provide two base-sills 4 4. These base-sills form supporting-legs, provided below with suitable casters *a*, as shown. These supporting-legs are secured by means of two horizontal connecting-rods 5 5, suitably secured.

Extending upward from each supporting-leg 4 is a post 1, preferably in the form of a metallic tube, which below is provided with the flanges 3, by means of which the post is secured. Secured to each post 1 is a collar *b*, from which collar extend the brace-rods 6, in turn secured to the supporting-legs, as is shown in Fig. 1. Above each post is provided with a suitable **T**, as disclosed in Fig. 1, and each of these **T**'s is marked to hold a horizontal perforated supporting-tube A, as disclosed, so that by means of the supporting-legs 4, the

connecting-rods 5, posts 1, and the supporting-tube A a skeleton frame is provided of suitable strength and rigidity.

Secured horizontally within the supporting-tube A are a plurality of sleeves B, and each one of these sleeves slidably holds a display-rod D, as clearly indicated in the drawings. These display-rods D are provided at the ends with the terminal buttons *c*, as shown.

Working upon the sleeves B and the slidably-held display-rods D are a number of rings 10, such as are ordinarily employed in supporting lace curtains, portières, and the like, these rings being provided with some sort of a fastening device, so that the lace curtain, as *x* and *z*, may be conveniently secured to the rings. Now at each end each display-rod D is provided with a collar *f*, to which is secured a suitable hook, as *v*, and these hooks are secured to the outer ends of the samples to be displayed, as is shown in Fig. 1, for instance.

Secured to the **T**'s 2 are suitable embellishing-knobs, as shown.

Now in displaying, say, curtain samples, for instance, the operator would secure the curtain, as *x*, first by means of the hook *v* at the end of the rod D, then securing the curtain to the rings 10, and then spread out the curtain, as shown in Fig. 1, and at the end secure a strand *e* or tape by means of a pin or otherwise to the curtain, so that when the display-rod D is shoved outward its full extent, being stopped by one of the terminal buttons *c*, the curtain *x* will be neatly displayed. Upon the opposite side, however, and to the same rod is secured a curtain sample *z*, the outer end of which is also fastened to the hook *v*, the rings 10, and finally being secured by means of a suitable strand or tape *e*. Now in order to display the curtain *z* the operator shoves the rod D through the sleeve B into an opposite direction to spread out the curtain *z* and fold up the curtain *x*, so that it will be noticed that each display-rod supports two samples. In the drawings I have shown a display-rack of a size sufficient to display thirty-four curtains, portières, or like samples. Now when the curtains or samples are not to be displayed the operator, if the samples were in

the condition as shown in Fig. 1, would simply release the edge of the curtain *x* from the hook *v* and then shove back the curtain until the first ring would slide over the sleeve B
5 and be stopped against the supporting-tube A. In using the rack to display the curtains upon both sides the curtains would again be secured to the hooks. The display-rods D are of a height a sufficient distance from the
10 ground so that people can readily walk below the same, so that they are not in the way. All the samples are further neatly held together when not in use, and in displaying curtains when they are fully stretched their pat-
15 terns and color may be carefully inspected, while in loosening the end hooks *v* the curtains, draperies, and other effects may be nicely draped to bring out the fold effect

These display-racks may be made of any
20 suitable length to hold any desired number of samples.

If desired, the supporting-tube A may be tilted, so that the display-rod will be held in a pendent position. So, also, may the display-

rods D be made in sections, one section tele- 25
scoping into the other for the purpose of convenience, so that rod will take up less room.

Having thus described my said invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by
United States Letters Patent, is— 30

A display-stand of the character described, comprising two supporting-legs, posts extending upward from each supporting-leg, perforated horizontally-disposed supporting-tube
35 held by the aforesaid posts, a sleeve horizontally secured within each of the perforations within said supporting-tube, a display-rod held within each of said sleeves, and means secured to each display-rod upon opposite
40 sides to receive a suitable sample, all arranged substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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

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