

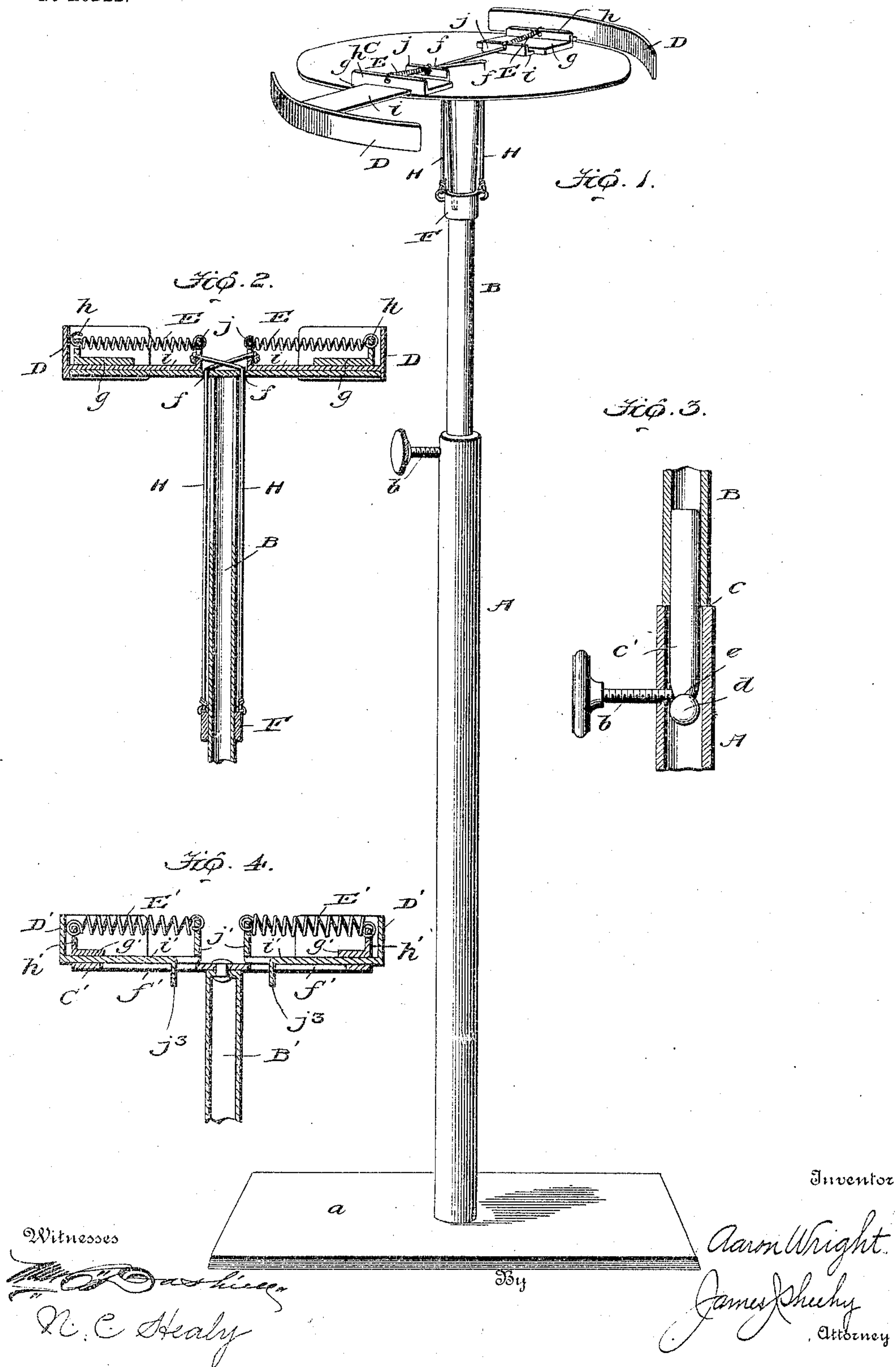
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DISPLAY-STAND.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, AARON WRIGHT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Hudson, in the county of Columbia and State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Display-Stands, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to display-stands, and contemplates the provision of a simple, inexpensive, and easily manipulated stand designed more particularly for displaying ladies' and men's hats to advantage.

The invention will be fully understood from the following description and claims when taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the display-stand constituting the present and preferred embodiment of my invention. Fig. 2 is a detail diametrical section taken through the upper portion of the stand and illustrating the hat-engaging strips as retracted—*i. e.*, drawn inwardly. Fig. 3 is an enlarged detail section illustrative of the manner in which the revoluble upright is connected to the standard of the stand, and Fig. 4 is a detail section of a modification.

Similar letters designate corresponding parts in all of the views of the drawings, referring to which—

A is the standard of my novel display-stand. The said standard, which is tubular at its upper end, rises from a suitable base *a* and is provided adjacent to its upper end with a screw *b* for a purpose presently set forth.

B is the revoluble upright, which has a shoulder *c* arranged to bear on the upper end of the standard A and also has a depending portion *c'* extending down into said standard, as shown in Fig. 3. At its lower end the reduced portion *c'* is provided with a globular portion *d*, above which is formed a circumferential groove *e*, arranged to receive the inner end of the screw *b*. In virtue of this construction it will be observed that the upright B is free to be turned axially on the standard A, and yet casual disconnection of the said upright from the standard is precluded.

C is a horizontally-disposed head formed integral with or otherwise fixed on the upper end of the upright B. The said head is provided at opposite sides of the upright B with vertically-disposed apertures *f*, and it is also provided at points adjacent to its perimeter with fixed guides *g*, having upturned flanges *h* at their outer ends.

D D are curvilinear strips having shanks *i* extending inwardly through the guides *g* and terminating at their inner ends in upturned flanges *j*. E E are coiled springs interposed between and connected to the flanges *h* of the guides *g* and the flanges *j* of the strip-shanks *i*; F, a vertically-slidable collar mounted on the revoluble upright B, and H H cables, preferably cords, extending through the apertures *f* in the head C and connected at their opposite ends to the strip-shanks *i* and the collar F. By reason of this latter construction when the collar F is moved downwardly on the upright B the curvilinear strips D will be retracted or drawn inwardly against the action of the springs E, and a hat may then be readily placed over the said strips D and head C. When, however, the collar F is released, the springs E will contract, and by so doing will press the strips D against the inner side of the hat-crown, and thereby secure the same on the head C and against casual displacement. While the hat is securely held against casual displacement, as stated, it will be observed that when it is desired to remove the hat for a prospective purchaser or for any other purpose the same may be readily accomplished subsequent to the retraction of the strips D through the medium of the collar F and the cables H.

It will be appreciated from the foregoing that I have provided a display-stand upon which hats may be readily placed and secured and from which hats may be quite as readily removed and one so constructed that the hats may be readily turned so as to display the different features thereof without the necessity of removing the hats from the stand.

While my novel display-stand is possessed of all the practical advantages ascribed to it in the foregoing, it will be observed that the

stand is very simple and inexpensive in construction and embodies no delicate parts such as are likely to get out of order after a short period of use. It will also be observed that

5 when the stand is nickel-plated or otherwise embellished it is calculated to enhance rather than detract from the finished appearance of a show-case or other piece of store furniture upon which it is placed.

10 In the modified construction shown in Fig. 4 a horizontally-disposed head C' is pivotally or otherwise mounted on the upper end of an upright B'. The said head C' is provided at opposite sides of its center with slots f', and

15 it is also provided at points adjacent to its perimeter with fixed guides g', having upturned flanges h'. Disposed at opposite sides of the head C' are curvilinear strips D', having shanks i' extending inwardly through the

20 guides g' and provided at their inner ends with upturned flanges j'. Interposed between and connected with the flanges h' and j' are coiled springs E', which tend to move the strips D' outwardly and normally hold the

25 same away from the perimeter of the head C'. In order to enable a person to readily move the strips D' inwardly, as when a hat is to be placed on the stand, I provide the shanks i' of the said strips with depending finger-pieces j³.

30 These finger-pieces, which are preferably struck from the shanks, extend downwardly through the slots f' in the head, and by pressing said finger-pieces inwardly the operator moves the strips D' inwardly or toward the

35 perimeter of the head.

I have entered into a detailed description of the construction and relative arrangement of the parts embraced in the present and preferred embodiments of my invention in order

40 to impart a full, clear, and exact understanding of the same. I do not desire, however, to be understood as confining myself to such specific construction and relative arrangement of parts, as such changes or modifications may

45 be made in practice as fairly fall within the scope of my invention as claimed.

Having described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

50 1. In a display-stand, the combination of a

standard rising from a suitable base and tubular at its upper end, a screw bearing in said standard at a point adjacent to the upper end thereof, a revoluble upright having a shoulder bearing on the upper end of the standard, 55 and also having a reduced portion extending down into the standard and provided with a circumferential groove receiving the inner end of the screw, and suitable means at the upper end of the revoluble upright for supporting 60 the article to be displayed.

2. The combination, in a display-stand, of an upright, a horizontally-disposed head mounted on said upright and having guides terminating at their outer ends in flanges, strips 65 shaped to engage the inner side of a hat-crown and having shanks disposed in the guides of the head and terminating at their inner ends in flanges, and coiled springs interposed between and connected to the flanges of the guide 70 and strip-shanks.

3. The combination, in a display-stand, of an upright, a horizontally-disposed head mounted on said upright and having a horizontally-disposed guide terminating at its outer end in 75 a flange, a device adapted to engage an article to be displayed and having a shank disposed in the guide of the head and terminating at its inner end in a flange, and a coiled spring interposed between and connected to the flange 80 of the guide and the flange on the shank of the said article-engaging device.

4. The combination, in a display-stand, of a head having slots f', and also having guides provided with flanges, strips shaped to engage 85 the inner side of the hat-crown, and having shanks disposed in the guides of the head and terminating at their inner ends in flanges, and also having depending finger-pieces extending through the slots f' of the head, and coiled 90 springs interposed between and connected to the flanges of the guides and strip-shanks.

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

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