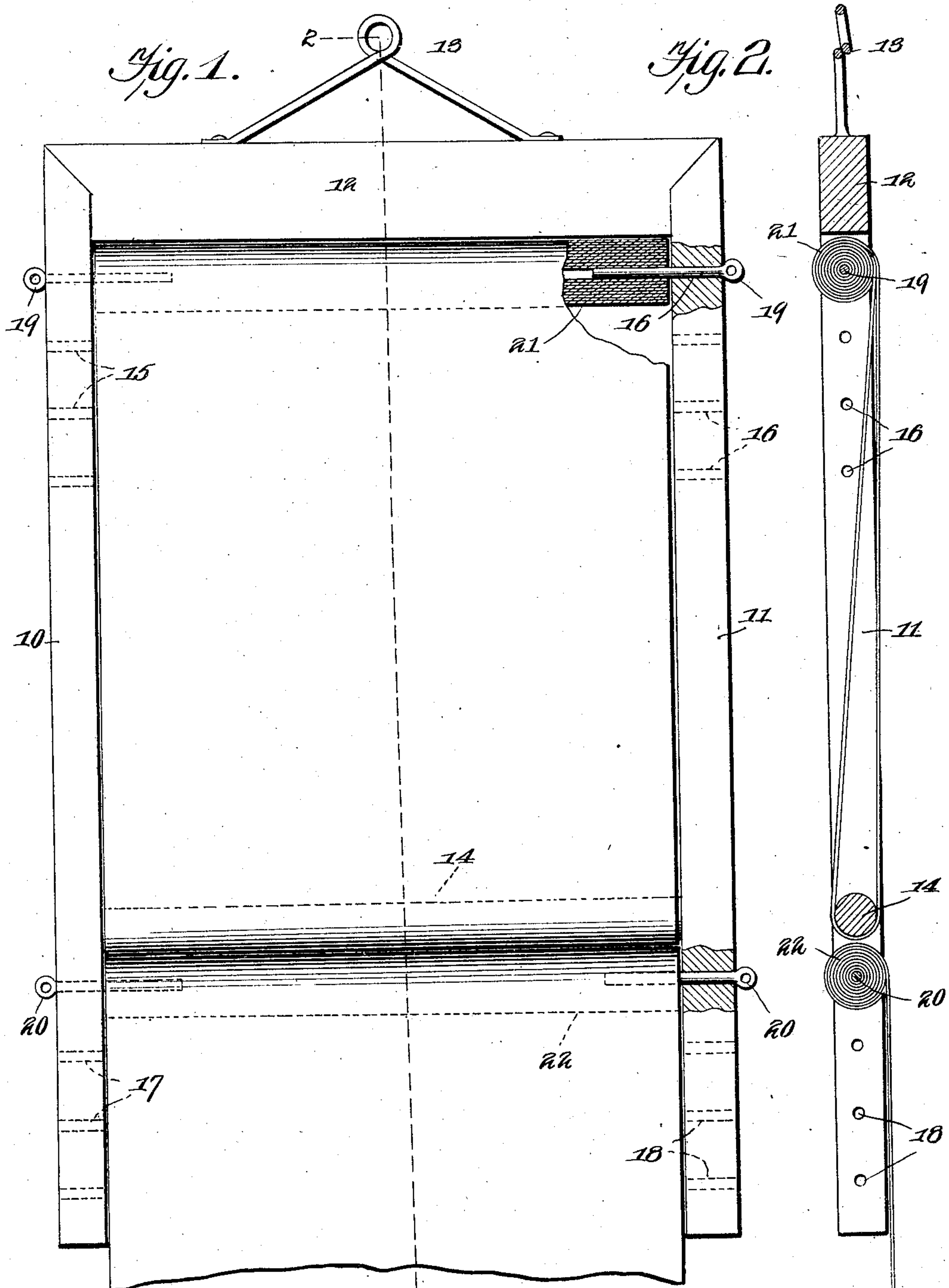


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, OTTO H. MUEHLER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Mount Vernon, in the county of Posey and State of Indiana, have invented a new and useful Display-Rack, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to devices for displaying goods for exhibition purposes, more particularly for displaying wall-paper and similar goods to the best advantage, and has for its object to produce a simply-constructed and convenient rack whereby the various patterns which go to make up the combinations employed in decorating a room are displayed in the same order and present the same general appearance as when on the wall and without injury to the goods employed upon the rack.

With these and other objects in view, which will appear as the nature of the invention is better understood, the same consists in certain novel features of construction, as hereinafter fully described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, and in which corresponding parts are denoted by like designating characters, is illustrated the preferred form of the embodiment of the invention capable of carrying the same into practical operation, it being understood that the invention is not necessarily limited thereto, as various changes in the shape, proportions, and general assemblage of the parts may be resorted to without departing from the principle of the invention or sacrificing any of its advantages, and the right is therefore reserved of making all the changes and modifications which fairly fall within the scope of the invention and the claim made therefor.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a front view, partially in section, of the improved device. Fig. 2 is a sectional side view on the line 2 2 of Fig. 1.

The improved device comprises a rack or frame of spaced side members 10 11, connect-

ed at their upper ends by a transverse bar 12, from which the suspension member 13 extends, and connected at points spaced above their lower ends by a transverse bar 14, preferably circular in shape and rotative or not, as preferred.

Formed in the side members 10 11 just below the upper cross-bar 12 are a plurality of spaced apertures 15 16, and in transverse alignment and formed through the side members below the cross-bar 14 are similar aligned perforations 17 18. The two sets of perforations are to receive pins 19 20, by means of which the various rolls of wall-paper (indicated at 21 22) are supported between the side members, as shown.

To apply the goods to be displayed to the device, a roll of the paper to be employed upon the ceiling, as indicated at 21, is suspended by its ends upon the pins 19, thrust through a pair of the oppositely-disposed apertures 15 16 and entering the centers of the roll and unrolling sufficiently of the same to pass beneath the cross-bar 14 and back again to the roll of paper at the rear, between which and the unrolled portion the end is tucked to hold it in position. A roll of the paper to be employed upon the side walls (indicated at 22) is then supported in a similar manner by the pins 20, thrust through the apertures 17 18, and any desired amount unrolled and permitted to hang loosely or the end passed upward in the rear of the unrolled portion and "tucked" in between the roll and the unrolled portion in the same manner as with the ceiling-pattern roll. By this means a portion of the patterns of the ceiling and wall paper will be displayed in the same general order and present substantially the same appearance as on the wall and without injury to the goods, as will be obvious.

The rack will generally be suspended from a point near the ceiling of the salesroom, so that a comparatively long portion of the wall-patterns may be displayed.

The patterns may be quickly changed when required, or a plurality of the racks may be employed in the same salesroom.

The racks will generally be of wood, but
5 may be of other material, if required.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed is—

A display-rack comprising spaced side mem-
bers connected at one end by a transverse mem-
10 ber having suspending means attached there-
to, and with a transverse bar connecting the
side members at points spaced from their lower

ends, said side members having spaced trans-
versely-alined apertures adjacent to said up-
per connecting-bar and beneath said lower 15
connecting-bar for adjustably supporting sus-
pending pins or rods.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as
my own I have hereto affixed my signature in
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