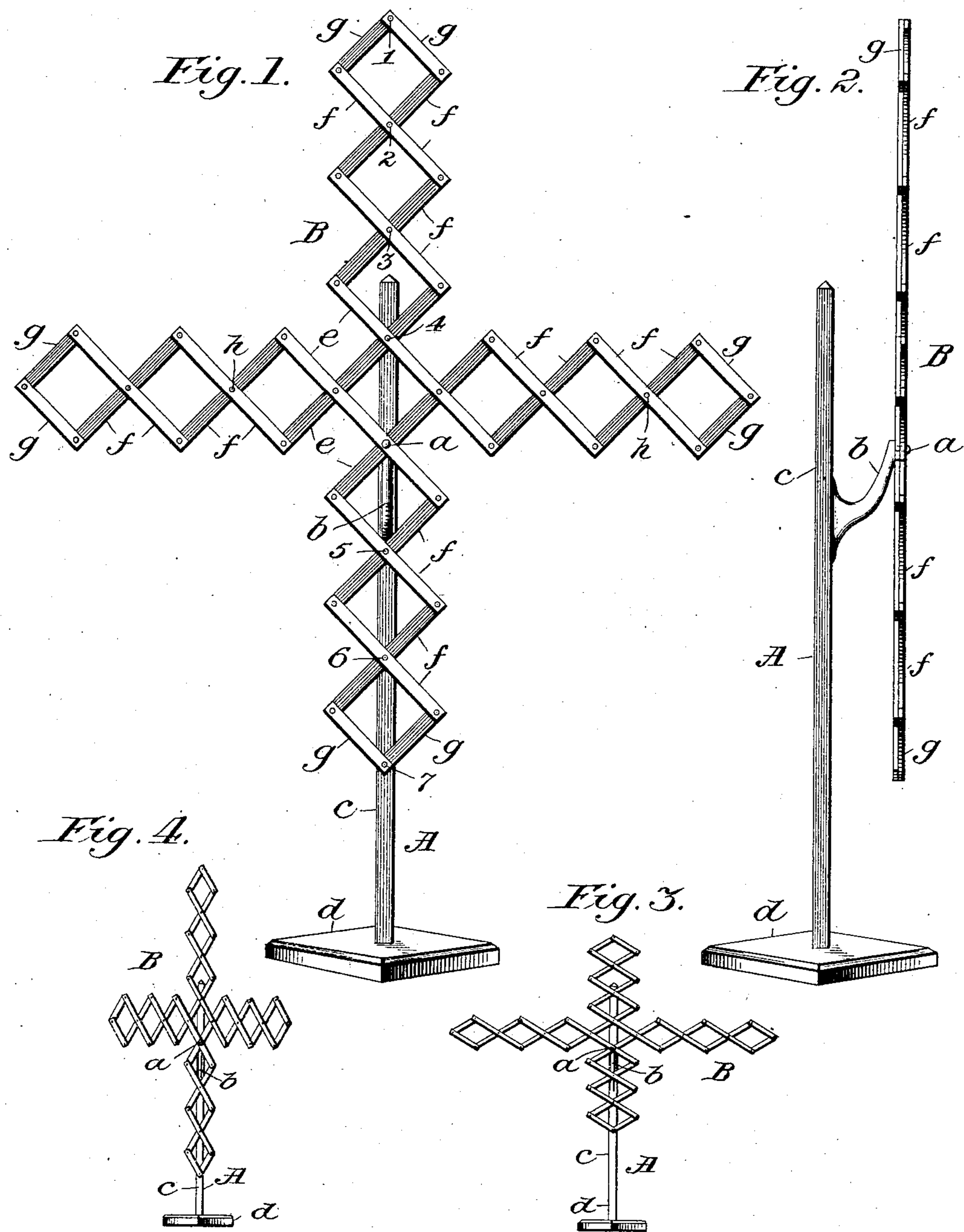


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HERMAN FRANKENTHAL, a citizen of the United States of America, and a resident of the borough of Manhattan, New York city, in the State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Display-Racks, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to devices for displaying articles of merchandise in show-windows and the like; and it consists in a novel device for that purpose and in certain novel combinations of parts embodied in such device, as hereinafter set forth and claimed.

The objects of the invention are to provide by simple means for the effective display of dry goods and miscellaneous articles of merchandise adapted to be displayed in like manner; to provide for supporting the same in various shapes, so as to attract attention by the changes from one shape to another; to adapt the device to be folded when not in use, so as to occupy very little space, and thus to facilitate shipment or storage, and to accomplish such results by means of an easily-handled device adapted to be quickly adjusted and to retain any given shape to which it may be adjusted with the aid of one or more suitable clamping-screws or the like.

A sheet of drawings accompanies this specification as part thereof.

Figures 1 and 2 are respectively a front view and a side view of the improved display-rack with its base in perspective; and Figs. 3 and 4 are small-scale face views of the same, illustrating additional forms to which it may be adjusted.

Like reference letters and numbers refer to like parts in all the figures.

This improved display-rack is composed of a suitable support A and a body B, the latter being of "lazy-tongs" construction and adapted to assume or to be adjusted to various cruciform shapes, as viewed from the front, with corresponding changes in its dimensions from one extremity to another, as illustrated by Figs. 1, 3, and 4.

The support A is preferably and conveniently portable and composed of a horizontal pivot *a*, forming one of the joints of the body

B and attaching the body to the support, an arm *b*, forming the direct support of said pivot, a vertical standard *c*, on the front of which said arm is supported, and a quadrangular base *d*, from the center of which said standard rises and which is arranged with one of its angles in front and beneath the pivot *a*.

The body B is of lazy-tongs construction, as aforesaid, and is composed of three sets of relatively movable pieces *e*, *f*, and *g*, four of the longest pieces, *e*, being crossed to form the middle of the body and eight of the shortest pieces, *g*, forming its several extremities. The intermediate pieces *f* may be of one and the same intermediate length, with their intersections *h*, Fig. 1, uniformly located so as to form parallelograms of one and the same size throughout, as shown in the drawings. This is not, however, considered essential. The number of such intermediate pieces *f* may also be increased or diminished without materially changing the device.

The location of the supporting-pivot *a* with reference to the lazy-tongs body B may also be changed to any of the joints shown at 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 in Fig. 1. The construction of the support A and the shape of its base *d* may be changed without affecting the distinguishing operation of the lazy-tongs body, and other like modifications will suggest themselves to those skilled in the art.

Having thus described said improvement, I claim as my invention and desire to patent under this specification—

1. An extension display-rack composed of a suitable support, and a lazy-tongs body having as viewed from the front a cruciform shape and adjustable to simultaneously extend two of its members and to shorten the other two.

2. An extension display-rack composed of a portable support comprising a horizontal pivot, an arm supporting said pivot, a vertical standard on the front of which said arm is supported and a base for said standard, and a lazy-tongs body movable on said pivot having a cruciform shape as viewed from the front and adjustable to simultaneously extend two of its members and to shorten the other two.

3. An extension display-rack composed of

a portable support comprising a horizontal pivot, an arm supporting said pivot, a vertical standard on the front of which said arm is supported and a quadrangular base with one
5 of its angles in front, above which angle said pivot is located, and a lazy-tongs body movable on said pivot having a cruciform shape as viewed from the front and adjustable to simultaneously extend two of its members and
10 to shorten the other two.

4. The combination in an extension display-

rack of three sets of pieces connected with each other by pivotal joints and forming a lazy-tongs body having, as viewed from the front, a cruciform shape, and movable to simultaneously extend two of its members and to shorten the other two, substantially as hereinbefore specified. 15

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