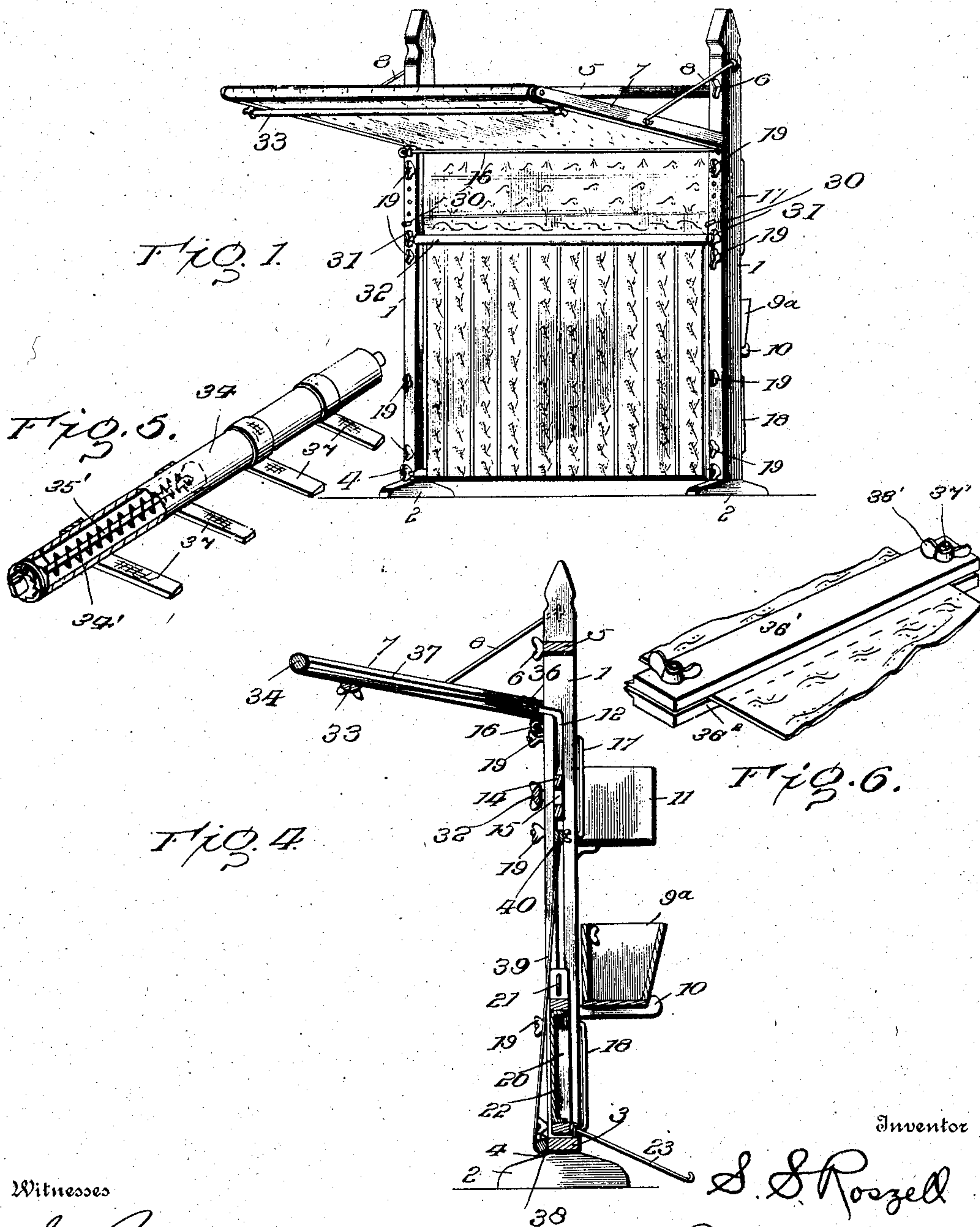


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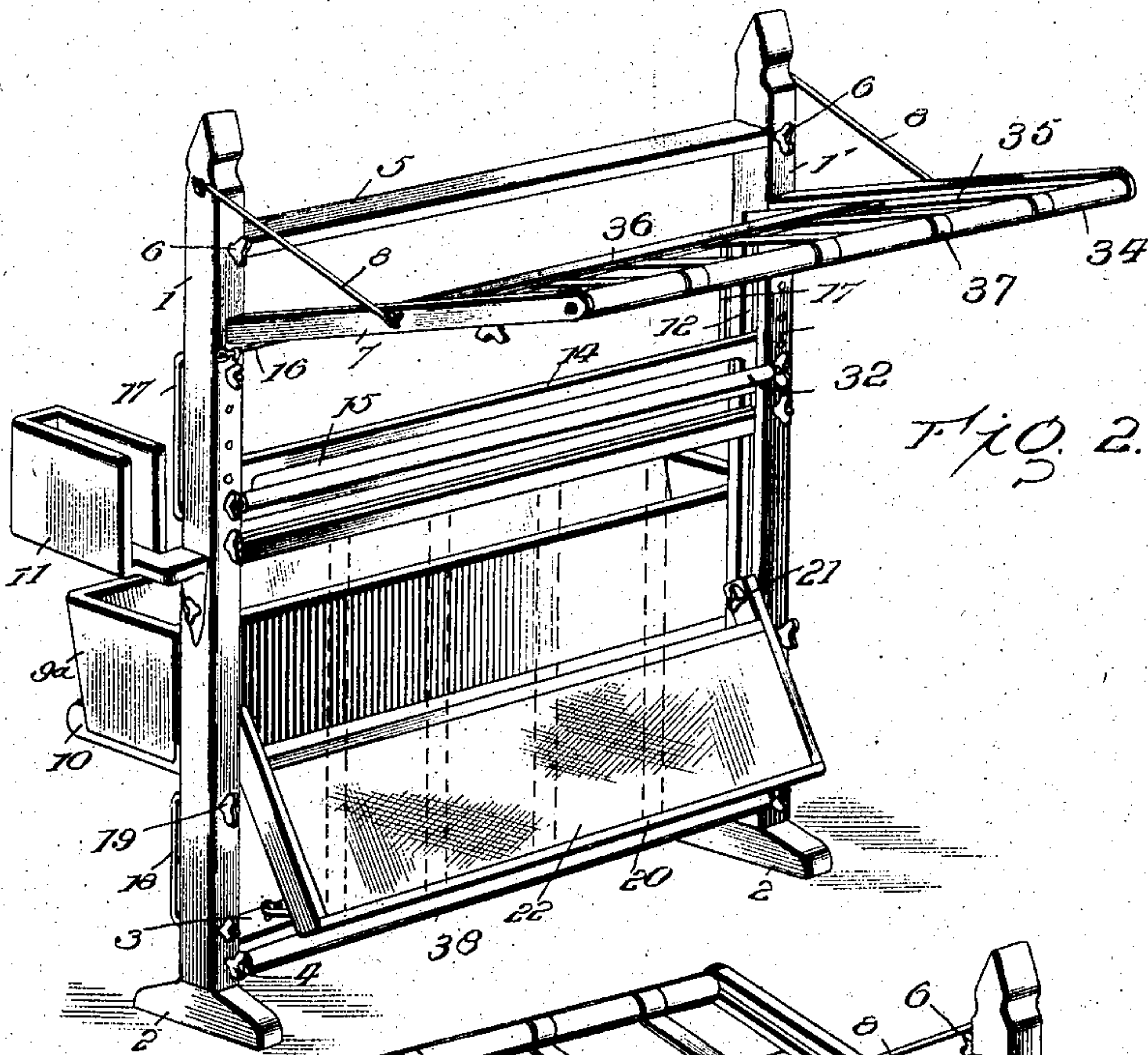
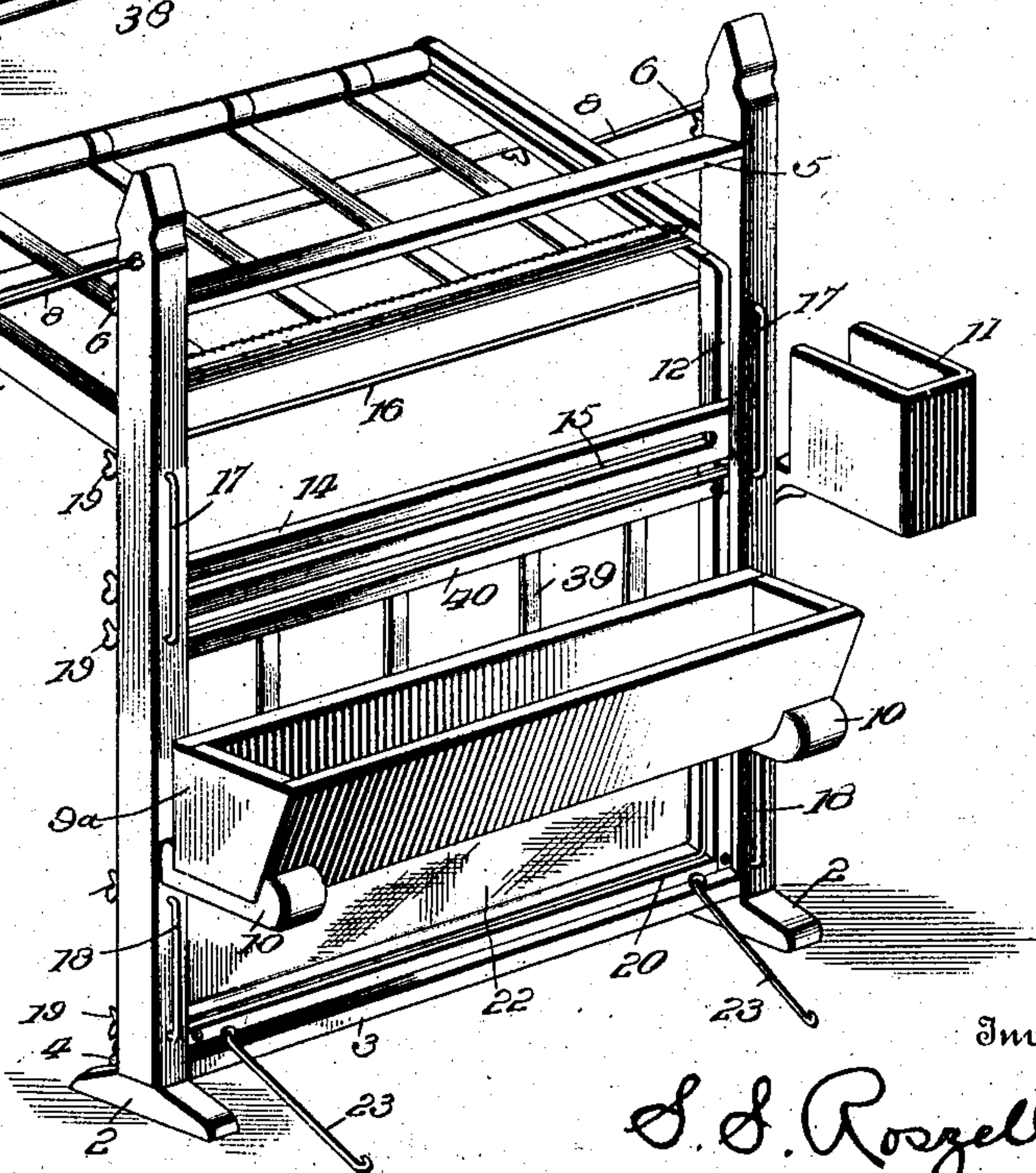


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## WALL-PAPER EXHIBITOR.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, STEPHEN S. ROSZELL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Lexington, in the county of Fayette and State of Kentucky, have invented new and useful Improvements in Wall-Paper Exhibitors, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in wall-paper exhibitors, and has for its object the production of a device so constructed that the paper can be arranged or supported in the position which it assumes upon the walls and ceiling of a room, whereby a customer will be able to see the paper exactly as it will appear when it is hung upon the wall and ceiling of a room.

A further object of the invention is to so construct the device that it is adapted to display all of the various styles of hanging the paper just exactly as it would appear when hung upon the walls and ceiling of a room—for instance, a drop-ceiling effect, a border effect, a dado effect, and, indeed, any of the other and various styles of hanging paper.

A still further object of the device is to enable the paper to be readily exhibited to the customer before it is arranged as it will appear on the wall, and after the customer has selected certain paper as seems suitable then it can be quickly arranged in any of the desired styles or effects just exactly as it will appear upon the walls and ceiling of the room, which will enable the customer to then determine whether the paper is exactly what is wanted.

The device is also so constructed that it is adapted to be quickly knocked down or taken apart and quickly set up for use and may be made of any desired width or height. Preferably it will be made of such a height that when the customer is seated the paper will be exhibited just exactly as it will appear upon the walls and ceiling of a room.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my invention, showing it dressed or, in other words, with the paper arranged thereon with a border effect. Fig. 2 is a front perspective view showing the device undressed or without the paper ar-

anged thereon and showing its details of construction. Fig. 3 is a rear perspective view of the device undressed. Fig. 4 is a transverse vertical sectional view. Fig. 5 is a perspective view of one of my improved spring-rollers, showing the tapes attached thereto. Fig. 6 is a perspective view of one of the clamping members carried by the opposite ends of the tape.

Referring now to the drawings, 1 indicates two vertically-arranged standards having at their lower ends suitable bases 2, which form supporting-feet therefor. Connecting the lower ends of these standards is the cross-bar 3, the ends of which are secured to the said standards through the medium of bolts and thumb-nuts 4, whereby the said cross-bar can be readily attached and detached from the standards. Uniting the upper ends of the standards is a cross-bar 5, having its ends connected in suitable slots or openings made in the said standards and also through the medium of suitable bolts and thumb-nuts 6. The standards 1 may be of any desired height, but preferably are about six and one-half feet high. Projecting outward and preferably at an inclination from the standards near their upper ends is what may be aptly termed a "ceiling-frame" 7. This frame is essentially U-shaped in contour and has its inner ends loosely mortised in the said standards. This ceiling-frame is supported in its proper position by suitable hooks 8, which have their upper ends connected with the upper ends of the standards 1 and their lower ends adapted to catch over suitable screws, pins, or projections 9, projecting from the sides of the said ceiling-frame 7.

Extending longitudinal the framework and arranged in a horizontal position at the rear side thereof is a trough 9<sup>a</sup>, and this trough is supported upon suitable rearwardly projecting standards 10. The object of this trough is to receive the rolls of paper which are to be exhibited upon the device in a manner to be more particularly explained hereinafter. Projecting rearwardly from one of the said standards 1 and at a point above the said trough 9<sup>a</sup> is a combined shelf and box 11,



the object of which is to receive rolls of border-paper, which will be arranged upon the device in a manner to be presently explained.

Vertically-arranged slots 12 are formed in the standards 1 just below the upper cross-bar 5, and these slots receive the opposite ends of a guide-bar 14. This guide-bar 14 is provided with an elongated longitudinally-arranged slot 15, which extends from one standard to the other, as clearly illustrated. The guide-bar 14 is vertically adjustable in the slots 12 for a purpose to be hereinafter described.

Arranged just below the upper cross-bar 5 is a rod 16, which has its ends connected with and supported by the standards 1, and the object of this bar is to pass the ceiling-paper thereover from the rear side, which will be more fully explained hereinafter. Projecting rearwardly from the standards 1 and opposite the slots 12 are U-shaped clamping members or rods 17 for the purpose of clamping the border-paper. Located at the lower ends of the standards are similarly-constructed U-shaped clamping rods or bars 18 for the purpose of receiving and clamping the dado-paper when that effect is to be exhibited. The parallel or stem portions of these clamping-rods 17 and 18 pass through the standards 1 and receive suitable clamping thumb-nuts 19, whereby the paper may be clamped and released.

A suitable frame 20, U-shaped in form, has its ends pivotally connected to the inner sides of the standards 1 at the points 21, and this frame is covered with canvas or other similar material 22. By means of braces or hooks 23, extending from the cross-bar 3, this frame can be supported in the position shown in Fig. 2, or it can be permitted to drop down to a vertical position between the standards and at a point inside of their outer edges.

In operation when the paper is to be exhibited to a customer, the rolls will be placed in the trough 9<sup>a</sup> and the paper pulled down over the extended apron 22, which will enable the customer to select a form of paper, border, or dado, according to the particular style of finish desired. After the customer has selected the paper and it is desired to see it as it will appear when hung upon the wall and ceiling of a room the apron 22 is permitted to fall to a vertical position between the standards 1. The rolls of wall and ceiling paper are then placed in the trough 9<sup>a</sup>, and if a drop-ceiling effect is to be produced the wall-paper is passed through the slot 15 and the paper permitted to drop down and is passed under the lower bar 3. The ceiling is also passed through the slot 15 and carried upward and in rear of the rod 16 and brought thereover and between the side bars of the ceiling-frame 7, as illustrated in Fig. 1. Then the person seated in a chair will be able to ob-

serve the effect of a drop-ceiling with the paper which has been selected.

Should it be desired to produce a border effect, the wall-paper is passed through the slot 15, as before described, and dropped down and passed around the bar 3, while the ceiling-paper is not passed through the slot 15, but is passed upward and around over the rod 16 and over the ceiling-frame 7. Then the border-rolls are placed in the shelf and box 11, and the border is passed through one of the clamps 17, drawn horizontally across just above the wall-paper, and passed through the clamp at the other side and clamped therein. Then a border effect is produced.

Should a dado effect be desired, the wall-paper will be arranged as before described, and whether a border or a ceiling effect is to be produced above that can be arranged as before explained, and if a dado effect is to be added thereto or to be exhibited with any desired style of upper finish the dado-paper is passed through the clamps 18 and drawn horizontally across the frame, as will be readily understood.

The object of having the guide-bar 14 vertically adjustable is to adapt the device to any desired width of border. The bar when at the lower end of the slot 12 will admit of the widest border, and as it is moved upward it will be adapted to the narrower border and to suit the conditions being exhibited.

By means of a device of the character herein described it will be readily understood that wall-paper can be arranged thereon to give the effect of any desired style of hanging, and it is needless to enumerate the various styles now being used.

While I have described the device as particularly adapted for exhibiting wall-paper, it will be readily understood that it can be used for exhibiting other lines of goods and can be arranged in a window or other desired location without departing from the spirit and scope of my invention.

The means here shown for effecting the vertical adjustment of the bar 14 consists of pins or bolts 30, which pass through perforations made in the standards 1 and the ends of the bar 14.

The molding 32 is held at the desired point by supports 31, which are adapted to be inserted into the opening into which the bolts 30 pass, and thus the molding can be raised or lowered when the bar 14 is raised or lowered or independent of the same. The said molding can also be entirely removed. When desired, a molding can be supported from the under side of the outer end of the ceiling-frame 7, as indicated, for instance, at 33, which forms a guide and support for preventing the wall-paper from sagging.

The outer end of the ceiling-frame 7 is pro-



vided with a spring-roller 34, which is constructed similar to the ordinary spring curtain-roller and is adapted to rotate. The said roller is provided with a spring 34', which surrounds a rod 35', which is mounted in the end of the frame 7, and said spring has one end secured to said rod and the opposite end secured to the roller. Thus the normal tendency of the spring is to wind the tapes on the roller. The inner sides of said frame 7 are provided with slots 35, which carry a clamping member 36, which is adapted to slide in said slots 35, and also carrying means for clamping the ceiling-paper. The said clamping members 36 are composed of an upper and lower thin strip 36' and 36<sup>2</sup>, which have their ends within the slots 35, and passing through said strips adjacent their ends are bolts 37', which carry thumb-nuts 38', and thus the two members are clamped together and the wall-paper held between the same. Connecting said clamping member and roller are a series of straps 37, which by means of the spring-roller draw the clamping member outwardly, and thus all of the paper supported by the clamping member is drawn outwardly and tightened, thus saving time and trouble of tightening each strip of paper separately, which would otherwise be necessary. The lower ends of the standards 1 are provided with a roller 38, which is similar to the roller 34, carried by the frame 7, and carries the straps 39, which carry at their outer end the clamping member 40, which slides in the slots 12, carried by the standards 1. The said clamping member 40 also carries means by which the paper can be clamped therebetween similar to that carried by the clamping member 36, and thus all of the widths of wall-paper are drawn downward and held tight, so that it will have the general effect of paper after it has been hung.

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

1. A device of the character described, comprising a vertically-arranged support, a laterally-arranged member carried by the upper end of said support, and a horizontal cross-bar having a horizontal longitudinally-extending slot therein and through which the wall and ceiling paper is adapted to pass.

2. A device of the character described, comprising a vertically-arranged support, a laterally-arranged member carried by the upper end of said support, and a horizontal vertically-adjustable cross-bar having a horizontal longitudinally-extending slot therein and through which the wall and ceiling paper is adapted to pass.

3. A device of the character described comprising a vertically-arranged support, a horizontally-arranged guide-bar having a slot therein through which the wall-paper passes and by means of which it is supported

in a vertical position, a transverse bar adjacent the upper end of said vertical support, a laterally-arranged support above said transverse bar for supporting the ceiling-paper in a laterally-arranged position, the said transverse bar, and guide-bar, together with the ceiling-paper support adapted to support the ceiling-paper in a vertical and laterally-arranged position to produce a drop-ceiling effect.

4. A device of the character described, comprising a vertically-arranged support, a horizontally-arranged cross-bar vertically adjustable in respect to the vertically-arranged support and adapted to support the wall-paper in a vertical position at various heights, a laterally-arranged member at the upper end of the support adapted to support the ceiling-paper in a relatively arranged lateral position, substantially as described.

5. A device of the character described, comprising a vertically-arranged support provided with a horizontal guide member vertically adjustable in respect thereto, the said guide member consisting of parallel portions, whereby the wall-paper may be passed between the parallel portions and extended downward, and the ceiling-paper passed through the parallel portions and extended upward, and a laterally-arranged member at the upper portion of the support adapted to receive and support the ceiling-paper in a relatively lateral position, substantially as described.

6. A device of the character described, comprising a vertically-arranged support having a horizontal member having an elongated slot through which the wall-paper is adapted to pass, and by which it is supported in a vertical position, a laterally-extending member at the upper end thereof and adapted to support the ceiling-paper in a relatively laterally arranged position, and spring-rollers carried by the lower end of said vertically-arranged support and the outer end of said laterally-extending member, and means for connecting the paper to its respective roller.

7. A device of the character described, comprising a vertically-arranged support having oppositely-arranged vertical slots, a horizontal member movable in said slots and over which the paper passes, a laterally-extending member at the upper end thereof, and having oppositely-arranged horizontal slots, a spring-roller carried by the outer end of said member, a clamping member slidable in said slots and having means for clamping the paper therebetween, straps connecting said clamping member and spring-roller, a spring-roller carried by the lower end of said vertical frame, a clamping member slidable in said vertical slots and having means for clamping the paper and straps connecting said clamping member and said roller, substantially as described.



8. A device of the character described, comprising a vertically-arranged support, a laterally-arranged member carried by the upper end of said support, and a horizontal cross-bar carried by the support and having a horizontal slot through which the ceiling and wall paper is adapted to pass.

9. A device of the character described, comprising a vertically-arranged support, a laterally-arranged member carried by the upper end of said support, a horizontal vertically-adjustable cross-bar carried by the support having a slot through which the wall and ceiling paper is adapted to pass, and a vertically-adjustable molding carried by said support.

10. A device of the character described, comprising a vertically-arranged support, a laterally-arranged member carried by the upper end of said support, a horizontally-arranged roller carried by the outer end of said lateral member, a roller carried by the lower end of said vertically-arranged support, a horizontally-arranged bar carried by the support and having a horizontal slot through which the wall and ceiling paper is adapted to pass, and means carried by the rollers for securing the paper thereto.

11. A device of the character described, comprising a vertically-arranged support, a laterally-arranged member carried by the upper end of said support, a spring-roller carried by the lower end of said vertically-arranged support, a roller carried by the outer end of said lateral member, straps passing around said rollers, clamping members carried by said straps, and a transverse member carried by said support and having a slot through which the ceiling and wall paper passes.

12. A device of the character described, comprising a vertically-arranged support, a spring-roller carried by the lower end of said support, a laterally-arranged member carried by the upper end of said support, a spring-roller carried by the outer end of said lateral member, separate straps wound upon said rollers, a separate clamping member carried by the straps of each roller, and a transverse vertically-adjustable member carried by the vertically-arranged support and having a horizontal slot through which the wall and ceiling paper passes.

13. A device of the character described, comprising a vertically-arranged support, a laterally-arranged member carried by the upper end of said support, a transverse bar carried by the upper end of said support adjacent the said lateral member, and a second transverse vertically-adjustable bar below the first bar and having a horizontal slot through which the wall and ceiling paper passes.

14. A device of the character described, comprising a vertically-arranged support, a

laterally-arranged member carried by the upper end of said support, a transverse bar carried by the support adjacent the lateral member, a second transverse vertically-adjustable bar having a slot through which the ceiling-paper and wall-paper is adapted to pass, a horizontal paper-holding trough adjacent said adjustable bar, and means carried by the outer end of said lateral member for securing the paper thereto.

15. A device of the character described, comprising a vertically-arranged support, a laterally-arranged member carried by the upper end of said support, a roller carried by the outer end of said member, a slidable clamping member carried by said lateral member, a stationary bar carried by the support adjacent the laterally-extending member, a vertically-adjustable bar having a longitudinally-extending opening therein carried by said support, and a vertically-movable clamping member carried by said support.

16. A device of the character described, comprising a vertically-arranged support, a laterally-arranged member carried by the upper end of said support, and a horizontal vertically-adjustable cross-bar carried by the support and having a slot through which the wall and ceiling paper is adapted to pass.

17. A device of the character described, comprising a vertically-arranged support, a laterally-extending frame carried by the upper end, a transverse bar carried by said support below the laterally-extending member, a vertically-adjustable cross-bar carried by said support below the transverse bar and having a slot through which the ceiling and wall paper is adapted to pass, a paper-receiving trough adjacent said adjustable bar, a second paper-receiving trough above the first trough and a pivoted frame carried by said support below the adjustable bar.

18. A device of the character described, comprising a vertically-arranged support composed of vertical standards having oppositely-arranged slots on their inner sides, a spring-roller between said standards adjacent the lower end, straps wound upon said roller, a clamping member carried by said straps and vertically movable in said oppositely-arranged slots, a vertically-adjustable cross-bar in said slots above the clamping member and having a horizontal slot through which the wall and ceiling paper is adapted to pass, a laterally-extending member carried by the upper end of said standards and composed of side bars having slots in their inner sides, a spring-roller carried by the outer end of said lateral member, straps wound upon said roller, and a clamping member sliding in said slots and secured to the straps.

19. A device of the character described, comprising a vertically-arranged support, a laterally-arranged member carried by the upper end of said support, and a horizontal ver-



tically-adjustable cross-bar carried by the support and adapted to support the wall-paper and the ceiling-paper.

5 20. A device of the character described, comprising a vertically-arranged support having a horizontal member adapted to support the wall-paper in a vertical position, a spring-roller carried by the lower end of said vertically-arranged support, a laterally-extending member at the upper end of said support and adapted to support the ceiling-paper in a relatively laterally arranged position, a spring-roller carried by the outer end of said laterally-extending member and  
10 15 means for attaching the paper to its respective roller.

21. A device of the character described, comprising a vertically-arranged support, a laterally-arranged member carried by the upper end of said support, a horizontal stationary bar carried by said vertical support adjacent the lateral member, and a horizontal vertically-adjustable cross-bar carried by the support below the stationary bar and adapted to support the wall and ceiling paper. 20 25

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

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