

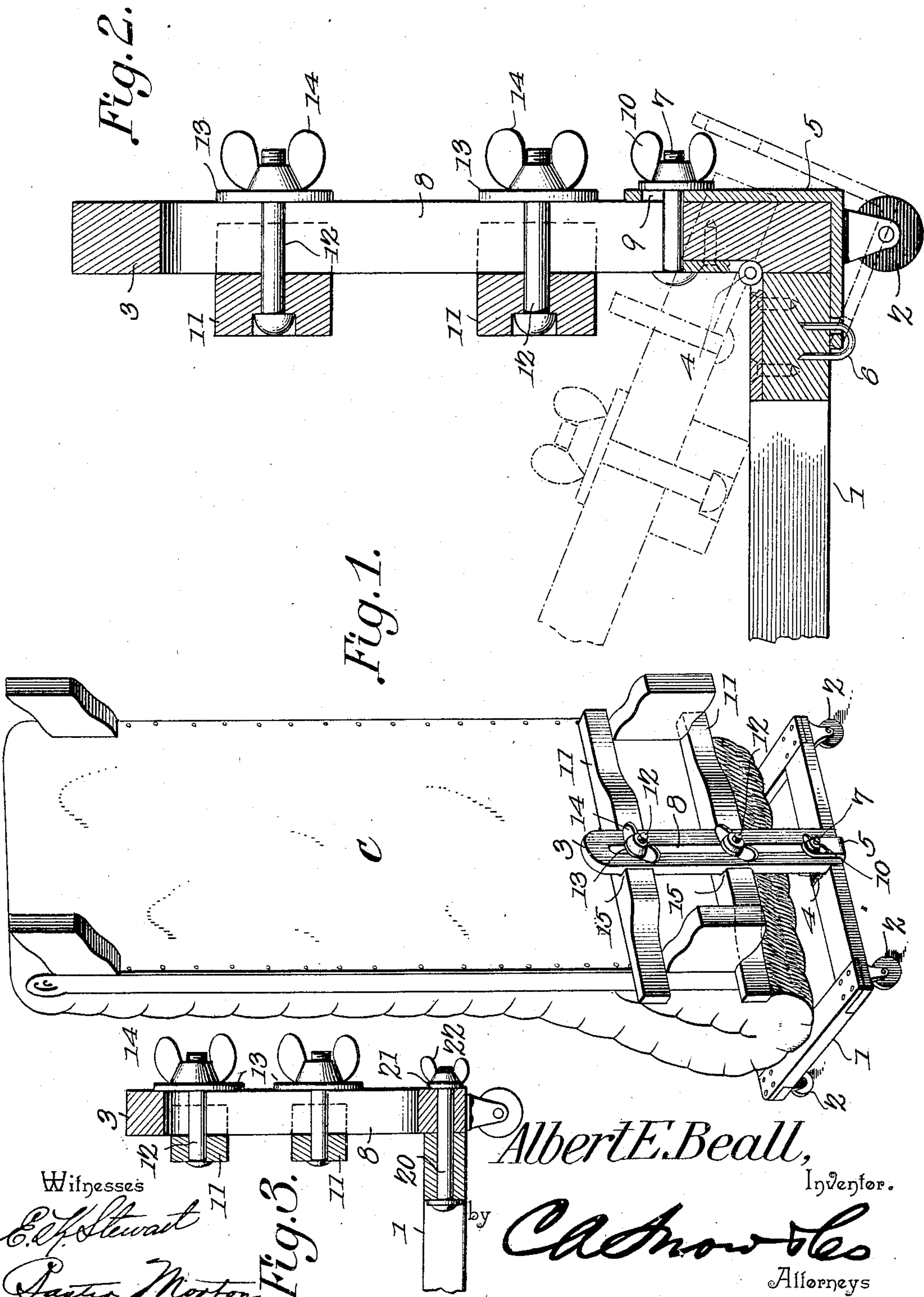
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALBERT E. BEALL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Clinton, in the county of Clinton and State of Iowa, have invented a new and useful Combined Display Stand and Truck, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to combined display stands and trucks, and has especial reference to that class of such devices which are primarily designed for exhibiting couches and other bulky articles of furniture in stores and salesrooms.

The principal object of the present invention is to simplify and cheapen the construction of devices of the character specified, while at the same time providing for more convenient adjustment of the parts thereof and making the structure readily foldable to occupy a minimum of space when not in actual use.

With the object above mentioned and others in view my invention consists in certain novel features of construction of a combined display stand and truck, as hereinafter fully described, and illustrated in two embodiments of the invention shown in the accompanying drawings, it being understood that changes in the form, proportions, and exact mode of arrangement of the elements exhibited may be made without departing from the spirit of the invention or sacrificing the advantages thereof.

In the drawings illustrative of the invention, Figure 1 is a view in perspective of the combined display stand and truck representing the preferred form of embodiment of the invention, the combined display stand and truck being shown in use with a couch of an ordinary type shown in position for display upon the platform of the stand. Fig. 2 is a sectional view through the standard, clamping-bars, and a portion of the platform of the combined stand and truck, the position taken by the standard when the apparatus is not in use being indicated in dotted lines. Fig. 3 is a sectional view through the standard, clamping-bars, and a portion of the platform of a modified form of the invention.

Referring to the drawings, in which corresponding parts are designated by similar char-

acters of reference throughout, 1 designates a base or platform which may be of any suitable or preferred construction and which is mounted upon casters or rollers 2, a caster being ordinarily provided at each corner of the platform or base, as shown. At one side of the platform or base a standard 3 is secured, the standard being hinged to the base by means of hinges 4 of any suitable construction in the preferred form of the invention and being held normally in a vertical position by means of a hasp or strap 5, which is secured by a staple 6 on the under side of the platform or base and has the free end thereof bent at right angles to the end secured in the staple, so that the free end may be engaged with a bolt 7, which is mounted in the lower end of a slot 8, extending longitudinally of the standard 3. In order to receive the bolt 7, the hasp 5 is slotted at 9, and a wing-nut 10 is provided upon the bolt to clamp the hasp in contact with the rear surface of the standard.

The standard 3 carries a pair of transverse arms or bars 11, each of which is secured in position by means of a bolt 12 extending through the slot 8 and provided with a washer 13 and a wing-nut 14 to secure the arm at any desired point upon standard. In order to prevent pivotal movement of the arms or bars upon the standard, each is formed with shoulders 15, between which the standard fits closely, little or no play being allowed at either side.

In Fig. 3 I have illustrated a slightly-modified form of the invention in which the means employed for securing the standard 3, with the structures mounted thereon, to the platform 1 is different from that above described. Instead of hinging the standard to the base or platform a bolt 20 is employed to secure the standard in the recess formed therefor at the back of the platform, the bolt being provided with washer 21 and a wing-nut 22 cooperating therewith in holding the standard in position.

In using the combined display stand and truck the couch or other article of furniture is placed in position upon the platform with the legs or arms thereof directed rearward

toward the standard, so that the said legs or arms may be gripped between the adjustably-mounted bars 11. As illustrated in Fig. 1, an ordinary couch C is most conveniently secured upon the platform or base by setting the couch upon one end, preferably the head, and introducing the legs adjacent to that end between the two bars 11, which are then clamped in position, so as to hold the legs of the couch securely.

When the couch is mounted upon the combined display stand and truck in the manner specified, the spring structure and other details of construction may be easily and conveniently displayed to an intending purchaser without the necessity of tilting the couch about and running the risk of injuring it. Furthermore, the couch is securely held in position upon the base or platform of the combined stand and truck and may be shifted about into any desired position with very little effort, so enabling the prospective purchaser to examine it thoroughly with the greatest convenience.

When it is desired to remove the couch from the platform, one of the bars 11 may be quickly disengaged by unscrewing the wing-nut upon the bolt which holds the bar in position, and then the couch may at once be removed from the truck.

When the combined display stand and truck is not required for use, the hasp or strap 5 may be disengaged from the bolt 7, and the standard 3 may then be folded over in the position indicated in Fig. 2, so enabling the com-

bined display stand and truck to be set up on edge and occupy a comparatively small amount of space.

Having thus described the construction and use of my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In a structure of the character specified, a platform, a standard at one side of said platform, and a pair of clamping-bars disposed transversely of said standard and adjustable toward and from each other, each of said bars having shoulders engaging the sides of said standard to prevent pivotal movement of a bar thereon.

2. In a structure of the character specified, a platform, a longitudinally-slotted standard at one side of said platform, a bar disposed transversely of said standard and having shoulders engaging the sides thereof, and a fastening member extending through the said bar and through the slot in said standard.

3. In a structure of the character specified, a platform, a standard hinged at one side of said platform, means for securing said standard in vertical position, and a pair of clamping-bars disposed transversely of said standard and adjustable toward and from each other.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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