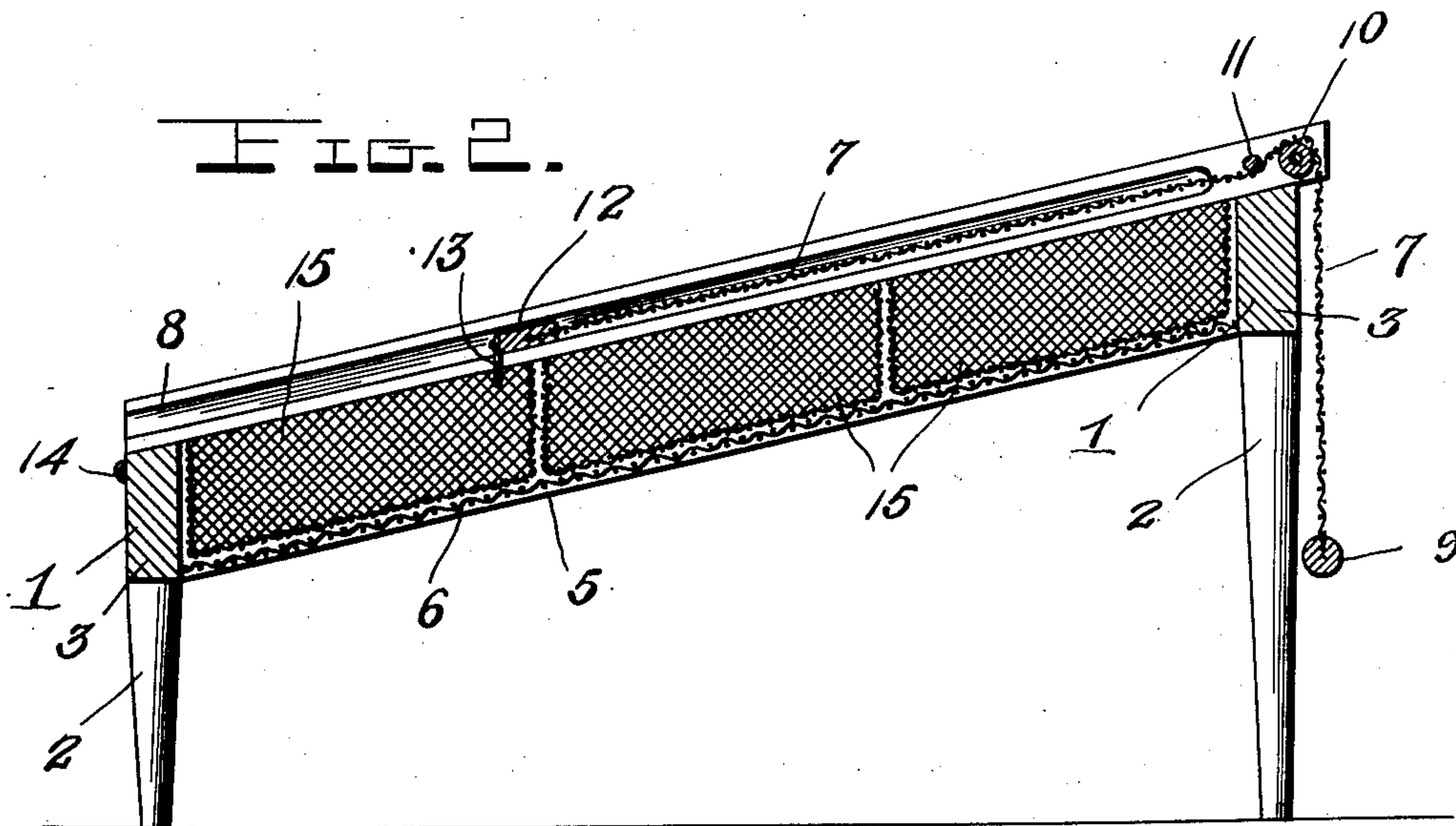
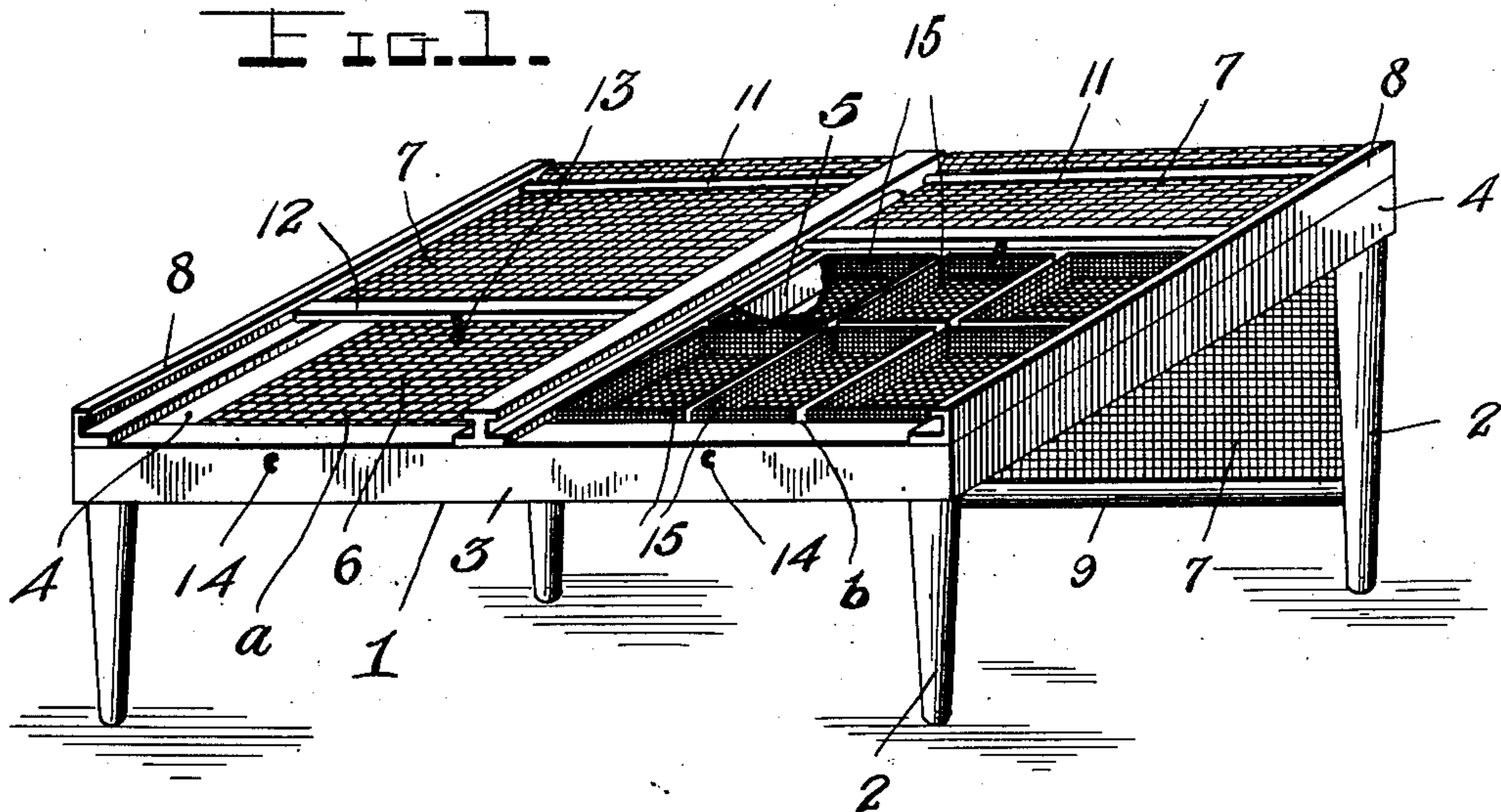


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MILO W. BENJAMIN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Waterloo, in the county of Blackhawk and State of Iowa, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Display-Stands, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

This invention relates to improvements in display stands and more particularly to one especially adapted for supporting and displaying fruit.

The object of the invention is to provide a simple and practical device of this character which will be strong, durable and comparatively inexpensive in construction, which will permit the fruit or other merchandise to be attractively displayed and at the same time effectively protected against theft and which will be sanitary.

With the above and other objects in view, the invention consists of the novel features of construction and the combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter fully described and claimed, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improved display stand showing the same composed of two sections both of which are partially open to permit of access to the fruit or goods therein; and Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view.

The invention comprises a body 1 of open rectangular or other form and supported, preferably, but not necessarily, in a downwardly and forwardly inclined position upon supporting legs 2. The body 1 may have one or more sections, but as illustrated, two are provided and they are designated *a* and *b*. Said body 1 is composed of longitudinal or front and rear side bars 3 united by end bars 4 and an intermediate cross bar 5, which latter forms a partition to separate the sections or compartments *a*, *b*. The bottoms of the two compartments or sections are formed by stretching woven wire fabric 6, or equivalent foraminous material, over the body or frame and securing it to the bars 3, 4 and 5. This foraminous or imperforate bottom 6 permits the fruit or other goods in the compartments *a*, *b* to have proper ventilation, thereby rendering the device sanitary and

enabling perishable goods to be more readily kept for a longer period of time.

For the purpose of permitting the fruit or other goods in the compartments *a*, *b* to be displayed and at the same time protected against theft and from flies and other insects, removable screen covers 7 of flexible woven wire fabric are provided. The edges of said covers 7 are slidably arranged in guides 8 formed by channeled metal bars secured to the top of the body or frame 1 and extending from front to rear thereof. The middle or intermediate guide is channeled upon both of its sides to serve as a guide for both of the covers, as clearly shown in Fig. 1. Said covers are automatically actuated to their open position by means of weights 9 in the form of cross bars secured to the rear edges of said covers, the latter being adapted to run over anti-friction rollers 10 journaled at the back or rear of the body 1 between the bars 8.

To more effectively guide the covers 7, transverse guide rods 11 are provided between the bars 8 in advance of the anti-friction rollers 10 so as to hold said covers down upon the same. Secured to the front or forward edges of the covers 7 are reinforcing bars 12, the ends of which slide in the guide 11 and upon the central portions of each I provide suitable catches or locks 13 to engage keepers 14 upon the front side bar 3 of the frame. The catches or locks 13 are adapted to secure the covers in their closed position so as to protect the contents of the compartments of the stand from flies and insects and also from being stolen when the stand is unattended; and when said catches or locks are released from their keepers 14, the covers will be gravity actuated to their open position by reason of the weights 9 carrying the back or rear portions of the covers over the rollers 10 and downwardly behind the device.

If desired, removable trays or baskets 15 constructed preferably of woven wire, as shown, may be arranged in the compartments *a*, *b*, as illustrated in the drawings.

From the foregoing it will be seen that the invention provides a stand especially adapted for fruit, vegetables or other perishable goods, which is highly sanitary, strong and durable and easy to open and close.

Having thus described the invention what is claimed is:

A display stand of the character described comprising a body having a foraminous bottom, guides at its edges, a flexible cover of woven wire slidably engaged with said guides, a roller over which said cover passes, a guide rod adjacent to the roller, a weight upon the rear end of the cover for actuating it to its open position, a reinforcing bar upon

the front end of the cover and co-acting fastening means upon the reinforcing bar and body to retain the cover in its closed position.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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