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Fig. 1

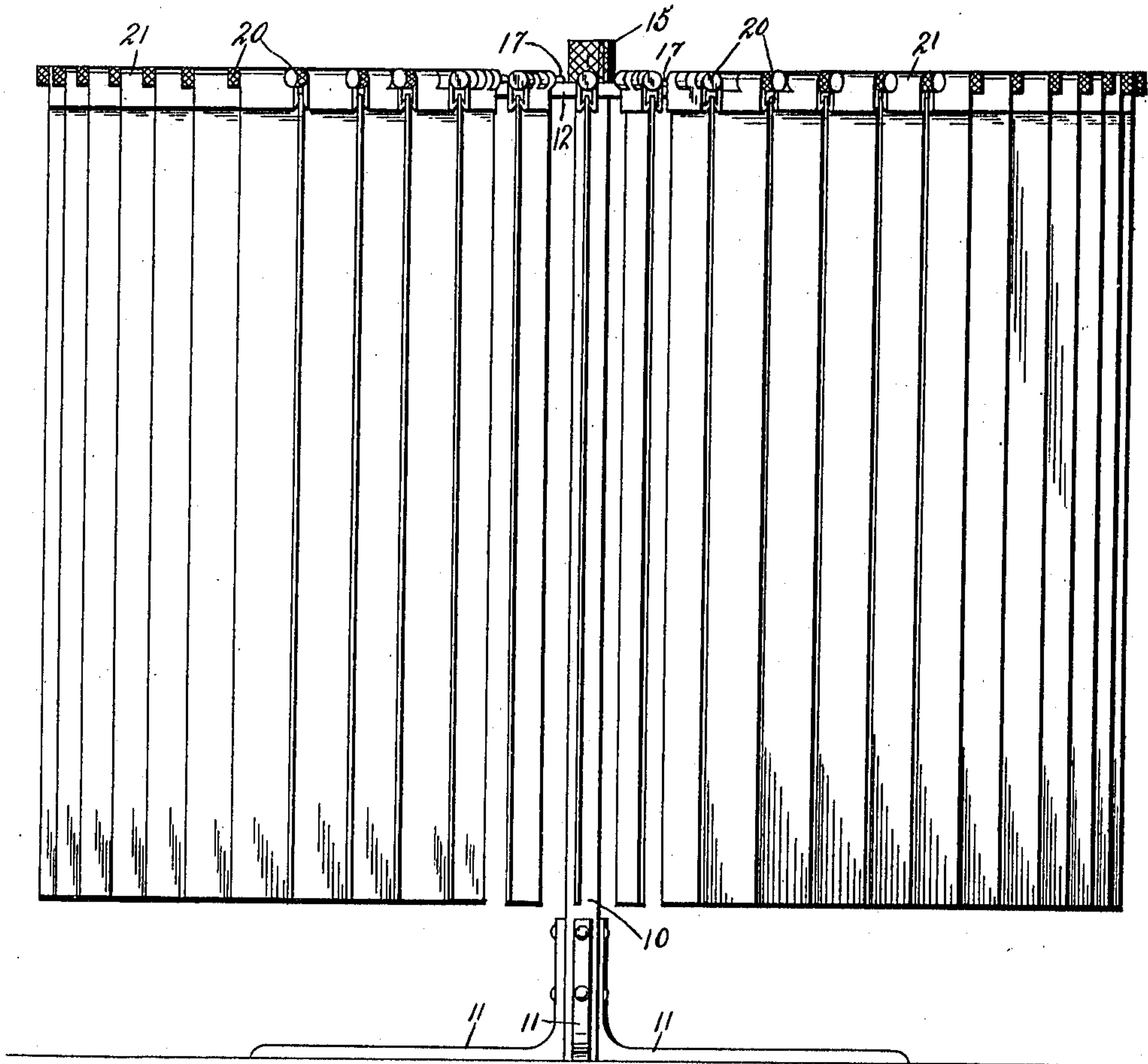
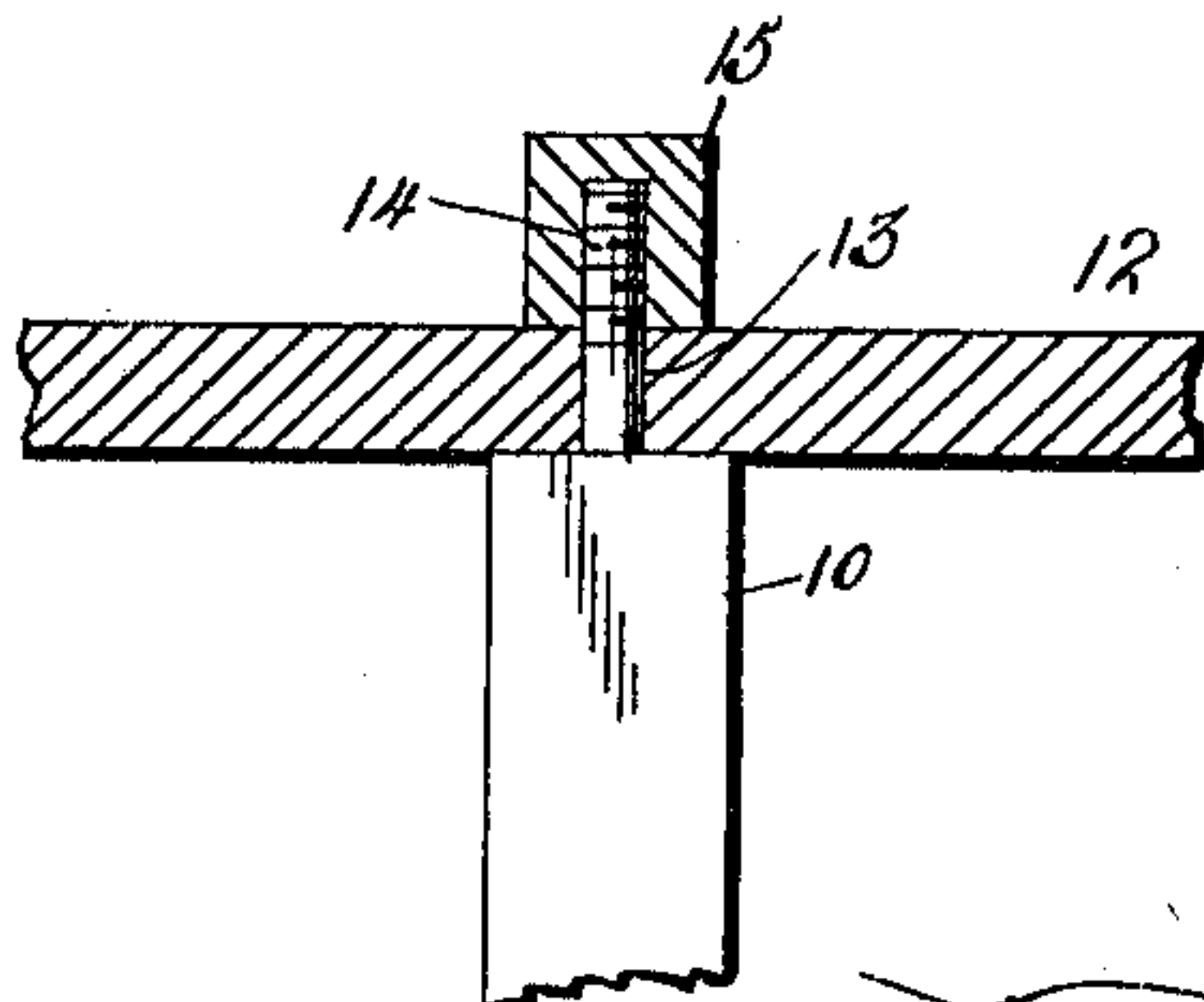


Fig. 6



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Fig. 2.

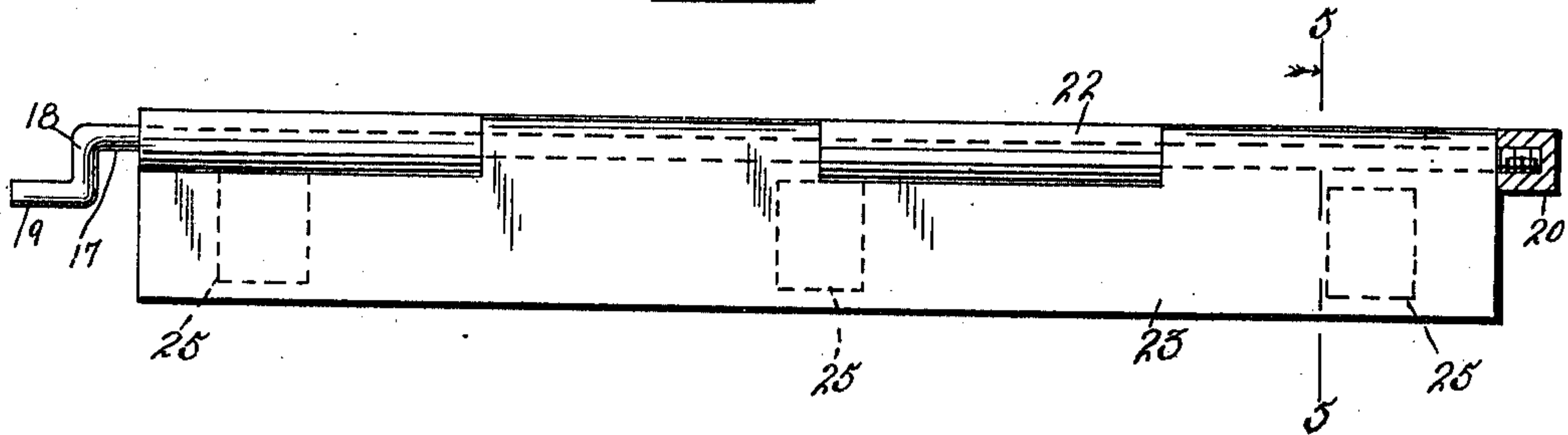


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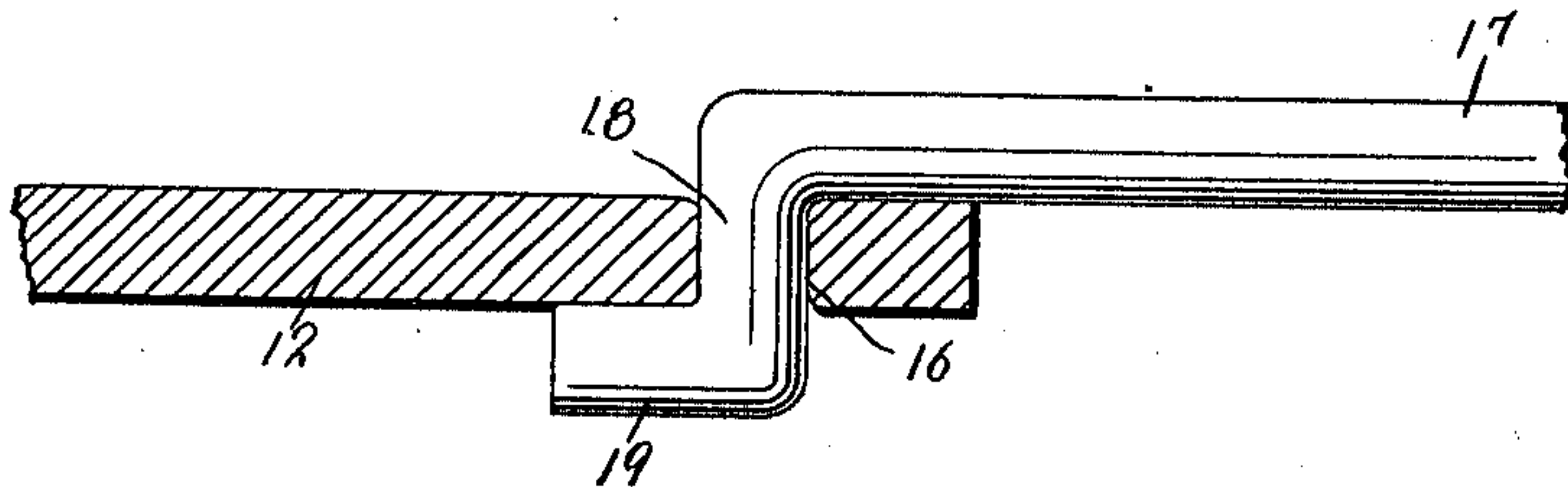
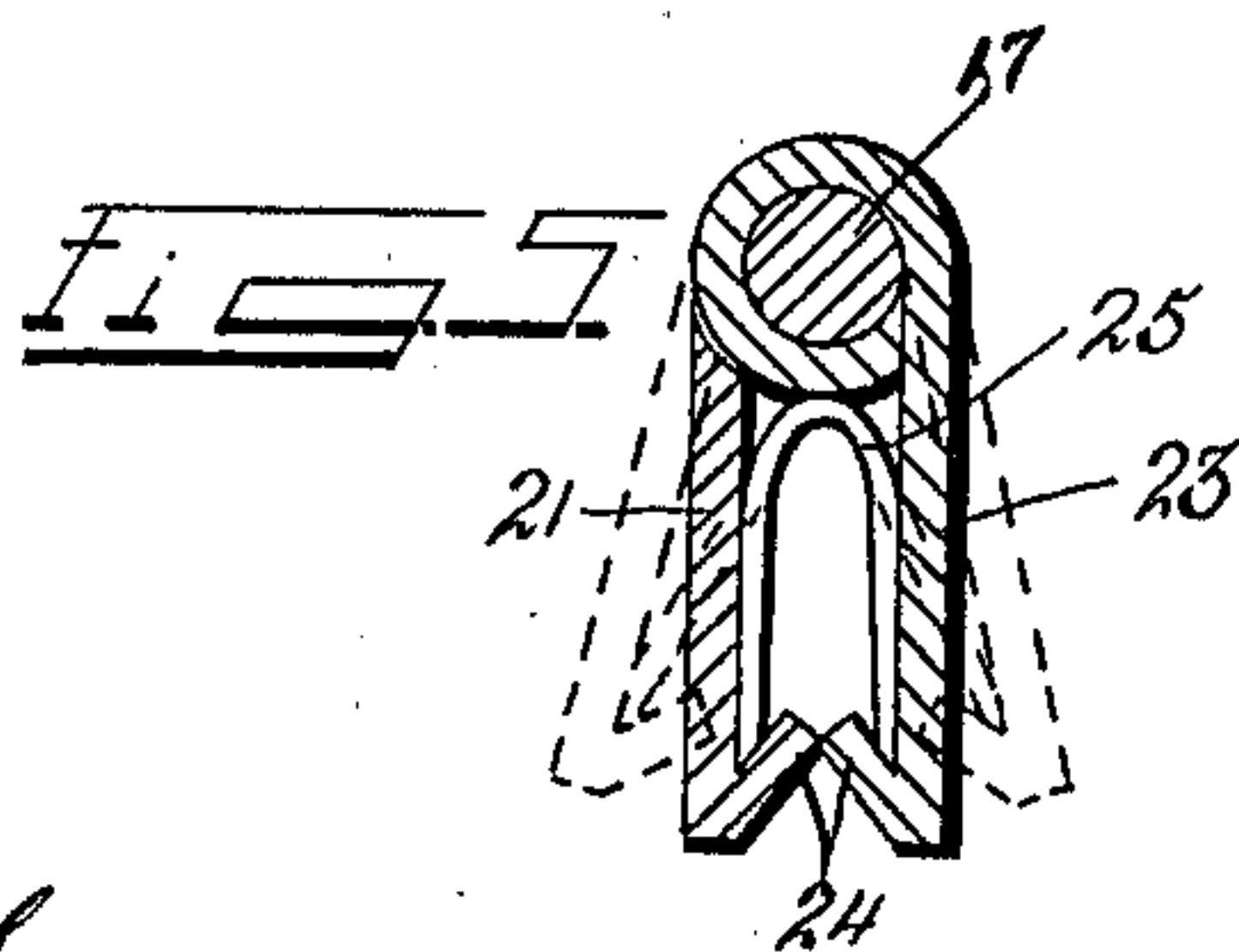
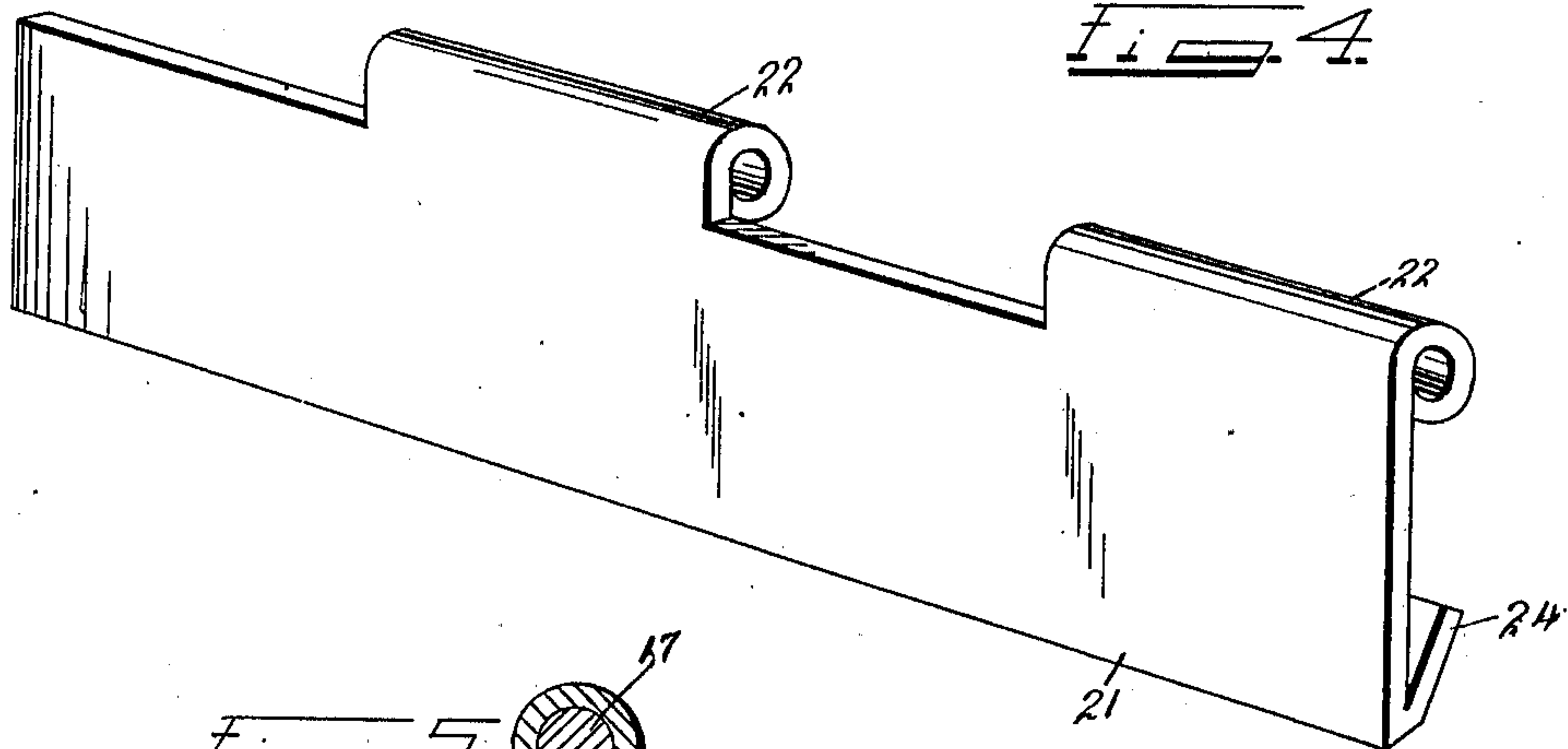


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GUY R. WILLIAMS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Omaha, in the county of Douglas, State of Nebraska, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Wall-Paper Exhibitors; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in display racks for exhibiting wall paper and moldings to be used therewith or other material in strip form, the object of the invention being more particularly to provide a rack whereby a number of strips of such paper to be exhibited may be suspended in position and readily moved to view.

A further object of the invention is to provide a supporting post with a rotatable disk having supporting arms of novel construction secured thereto so as to allow the paper to have sufficient movement independent of the other arms, to permit view of one strip of paper without interfering with the position of the others.

A still further object is to provide a novel clamping means for supporting the paper from the arms.

The invention consists of certain other combinations and arrangements of parts as will be hereinafter more fully described and clearly specified in the appended claims.

In the drawings:—Figure 1 is a side elevation of my improved rack with the paper in position. Fig. 2 is a detail side elevation of one of the supporting arms enlarged and showing its outer end in section to disclose a tap secured thereon. Fig. 3 is a view of a fragmentary portion of the supporting disk through one of the openings and showing one of the arms supported thereon, the disk being shown in section. Fig. 4 is a perspective view of one of the plates forming a leaf of the hinge member forming part of the suspending means for the paper. Fig. 5 is a sectional view of the clamping member taken on the line 5—5 of Fig. 2. Fig. 6 is a detail sectional view of a portion of the disk, showing the manner of attaching the same to the post.

Referring to the drawings in detail, there is shown a post 10 which is supported in a vertical position upon a suitable base, pref-

erably in the form of four brackets 11 and which are secured to the lower end of the post in any desirable manner. A circular metallic disk 12 is rotatably supported upon the upper end of the post 10, said disk having a central aperture 13 adapted to fit over a bolt 14 carried by the post and clamped in position by a tap 15 without binding the same against rotation, whereby the disk may be readily rotated in disposing the paper for view as will be hereinafter more fully described. The disk 12 is also provided with a plurality of circular openings 16 properly spaced apart and arranged concentrically relative to the bolt 14, said openings being further sufficiently spaced from the circumferential edge of the disk to properly support the arms 17 therein. The arms 17 are each provided with downturned ends as shown at 18 which are then directed inwardly as shown at 19, the portions 18 being then extended through the openings and the portions 19 serving to support the arms 17 in a horizontal position and to permit them to have sufficient lateral play between the next adjacent arms to permit view of the paper carried thereby without disturbing the remaining sheets. Each of the arms is also provided with a tap 20 which is threaded upon their outer ends and adapted to retain the supporting clamps upon the rods as is readily apparent. These clamps are mounted upon each rod and comprise the plates 21 which have one longitudinal edge recessed to provide a series of tongues 22 adapted to be bent around the arm, the recessed portions being adapted to receive similar tongues formed upon a plate 23, thereby providing a hinge the lower end of each leaf of which is directed inwardly at an inclination as shown clearly at 24. A series of U-shaped springs 25 which are formed of resilient strip material and are normally contracted at their free ends are disposed between the leaves 21 and 23 and are adapted to engage the portions 24 thereof upon the inner faces so as to hold the adjacent edges in contact to grip the paper and positively support the same in position and against accidental displacement. These springs are preferably disposed equi-distantly apart as shown in dotted lines in Fig. 2 of the drawings, so as to exert an equal pressure throughout the length of the clamping members, thereby preventing the paper from being torn at the sides as would otherwise occur.

In use, the paper is clamped between the members above described, one or two of such members being mounted upon each of the arms 17 and in order to expose the different grades of paper to a customer or otherwise as may be desired, the disk may be rotated and the arms swung to the right or left as the case may require for a sufficient space to clearly dispose the strips for view and without affecting the positions of the remaining strips. It is obvious that by such construction, a display rack is provided which will permit a number of samples of wall paper or the like to be conveniently moved to view and when the paper is in position, the hinged plates or leaves will serve as a cover for the paper and thereby protect the same from dust as might be likely to settle thereon. The paper may be also readily changed when desired, simply by opening the leaves 21 and 23 and applying new samples.

I claim:—

1. A display rack comprising a post vertically supported, a pivot at the upper end of the post, a disk rotatably mounted thereon, said disk being provided with a series of spaced openings, concentric with its pivot, rods having their end portions disposed through said openings, clamping members

mounted upon each of said rods, said clamping members forming a shield for the material to be held therebetween, and a tap upon the end of each rod to retain said clamping members in position.

2. A display rack comprising a vertical support, a pivot at the upper end of the support, a disk rotatably mounted thereon, said disk being provided with a series of openings equi-distantly spaced apart adjacent its edge, rods having their end portions disposed through said openings, clamping members mounted upon each of said rods, said clamping members comprising hinged plates having tongues pivotally mounted upon the rods, the lower edges of the plates being directed inwardly at an inclination to form gripping edges, U-shaped springs mounted between the plates with their free ends engaging said inclined portions to hold the same in contact, and means to prevent displacement of the clamping members.

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

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