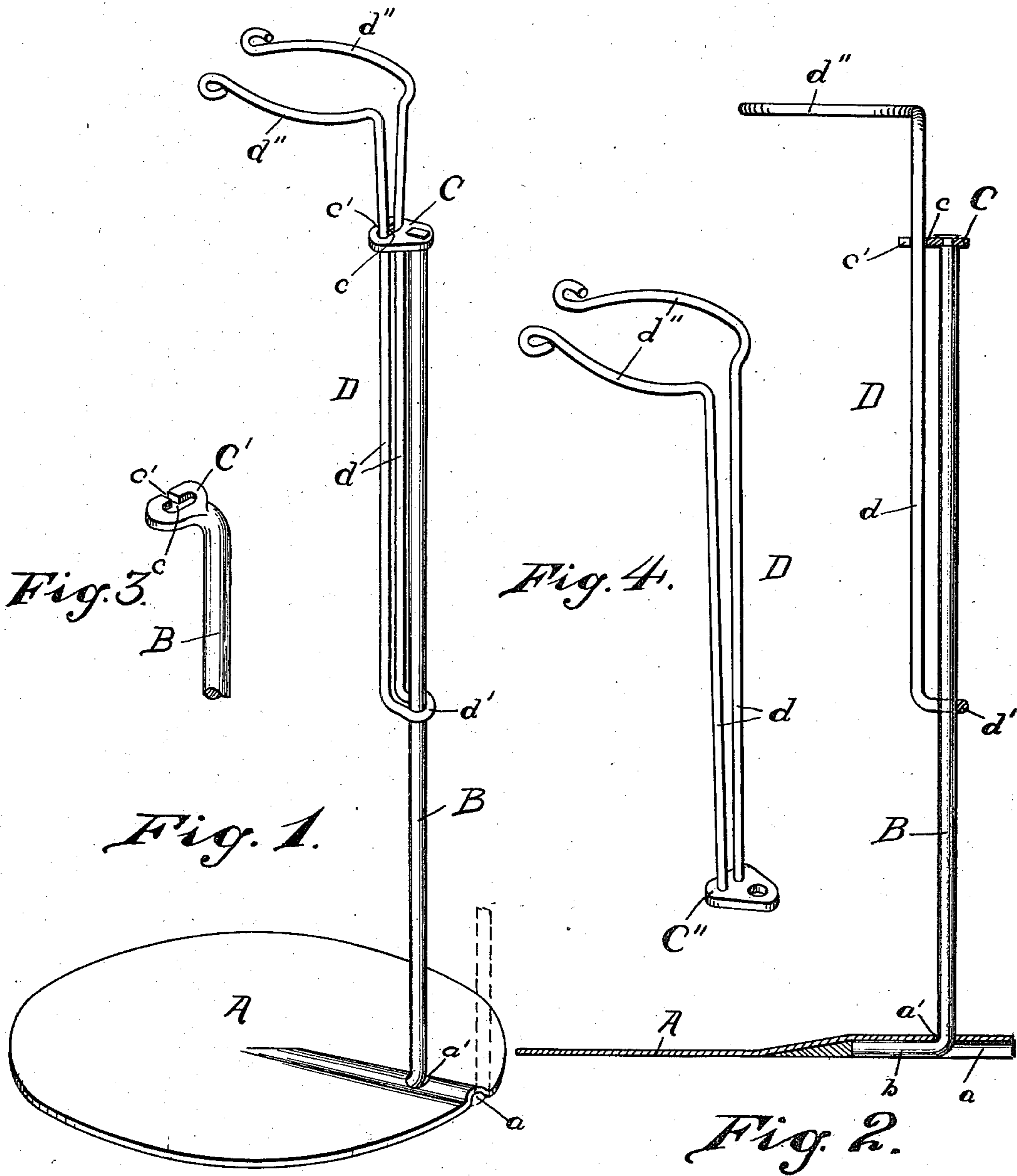


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that we, ERNEST M. MOORE and WILBUR B. TIMBERLAKE, citizens of the United States, residing at Jackson, in the county of Jackson and State of Michigan, have invented new and useful Improvements in Stands for Displaying Dolls and the Like, of which the following is a specification.

Our invention has for its object to produce a stand or support for displaying dolls and similar articles that shall be of strong, simple construction, and capable of being manufactured at low cost.

In the accompanying drawings: Figure 1 is a perspective view of the stand. Fig. 2 is a central vertical section thereof. Fig. 3 is a detail view illustrating a modification. Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the article-supporting element of the stand, differing in construction from that illustrated in the other views.

Referring to the drawings, A designates the base of the stand, and B an upright standard secured thereto. The standard is preferably formed of a metal rod bent to have a foot piece *b*, disposed at an angle to the upright stem portion approximating a right angle. The base is preferably of metal, circular in outline, and formed with a radially disposed recess *a* in its under face, formed by swaging up the metal, to constitute a seat for the foot piece *b* of the standard. While this foot piece might enter the recess *a* from the periphery of the disk A, as indicated in dotted lines in Fig. 1, we prefer to form an aperture, *a'*, through the top of the ridge which is formed by striking up or swaging the base as aforesaid, and to pass the lower end of the standard through this aperture and into the groove *a*. This brings the standard well within the periphery of the base, which is desirable. The standard is united to the base by soldering the foot piece within the groove *a*, or by otherwise firmly securing it therein.

At the upper end of the standard is a guide plate C in which is an opening *c*, preferably of oblong shape and with which communicates a slot *c'* extending to the periphery of the plate.

The support D for the doll or other object to be held and displayed consists of a pair of bars united at their lower ends and

provided at their upper ends with curved encircling arms. It is preferably formed from a single piece of elastic wire shaped as illustrated in the drawings, to have the two bars, *d*, *d*, connected at their lower ends by a loop *d'* bent to lie in a plane substantially at right angles to the plane in which are disposed the bars *d*, and being of a size to encircle the standard B. The bars diverge as they extend upward from the loop *d'*, tending to stand apart by reason of the elasticity of the material of which the support is formed. The encircling arms, *d''*, *d''*, are formed by carrying the ends of the wire forward, in a plane substantially at right angles to the plane in which are disposed the upright bars *d*, and curving them in a manner to suit the article to be supported.

When the stand is in use the bars *d*, *d*, are arranged within the opening *c* in the plate C at the head of the standard, in which they are free to slide as the support is adjusted up or down. The elasticity of the support holds the upright bars thereof in frictional engagement with the plate, thus maintaining it in any vertical position to which it may be adjusted. The slot *c'* permits the bars to be readily removed from the plate C, as for instance when it was desired to have the arms *d''* separated an unusually great distance to engage with an object of large size. This slot could be sufficiently closed, after the bars have entered the aperture *c*, if desired, to prevent any accidental disengagement of the support D from the plate C, though under ordinary conditions we prefer that it may remain open, as represented in Fig. 1.

In Figs. 1 and 2, the plate C is represented as a part separate from the standard B, but riveted to its upper end, and this is the preferred construction. However, the upper end of the standard may be bent over and flattened to form a plate C' integral therewith in which is formed an opening *c*, as indicated in Fig. 3.

In Fig. 4 we have illustrated a form of the supporting element of the stand different from that illustrated in Figs. 1 and 2 in that the two bars *d* *d* are separate from each other but united by a plate C'' adapted to engage with the standard B, into which the ends of the said bars are inserted and se-

cured, and constituting, like the loop *d'* the standard-engaging slide of the article support.

What we claim is:

5 1. A support for dolls and the like, comprising a metal base in which is formed a ridge to constitute a seat in the underside of the base, there being an aperture through the top of the said ridge and within the periphery of the base, a standard consisting of  
10 a rod, the lower end of which is bent at substantially a right angle to the main stem to constitute a foot that passes through the said aperture and enters the seat in the base and  
15 is secured therein, and a support for the article to be displayed carried by the standard, substantially as set forth.

2. A support for dolls and the like comprising a standard, a guide at the upper end thereof, and an elastic support for the article to be displayed formed of wire shaped to have a pair of diverging bars that are provided at their upper ends with arms for supporting the article to be displayed and are  
20 united at their lower ends by a loop that encircles the standard and lies in a plane

that is substantially at right angles to the plane in which lie the bars, the bars passing through the guide and being held close together thereby, and the support as a whole  
30 being vertically adjustable upon the standard.

3. A support for dolls and the like, consisting of a base, a standard secured thereto, a guide plate at the upper end of the standard in which is formed an opening connected  
35 with the periphery of the plate by a slot, and an elastic support for the article to be displayed formed of wire shaped to have a pair of diverging bars united at their lower ends  
40 by a loop and provided at their upper ends with arms for encircling the article to be displayed, the said loop encircling the standard and the bars passing through the opening in the guide plate, and the support as a  
45 whole being vertically adjustable upon the standard, substantially as set forth.

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