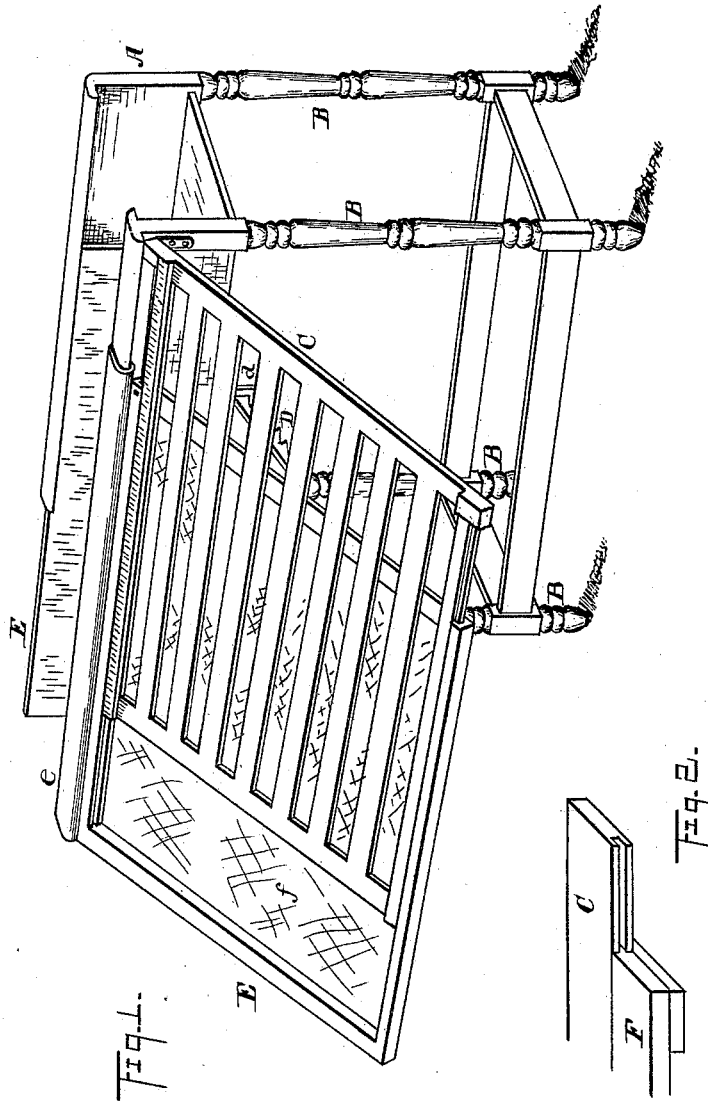


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN READING, a citizen of the United States, residing at Akron, in the county of Summit and State of Ohio, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Wall-Paper Exhibitors, of which the following is a specification.

My invention has relation to improvements in devices for exhibiting wall-paper before customers; and my object is to provide an adjustable apparatus that will be compact and suitable for showing single breadths of paper, as is commonly done, but which may be readily extended longitudinally, so that a great number of breadths may be exhibited to show combination and patterns.

To the aforesaid object my invention consists in the peculiar and novel construction and combination of parts hereinafter described, and then specifically pointed out in the claims, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification.

In the accompanying drawings, in which similar letters of reference indicate like parts, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved wall-paper exhibitor, partially extended; and Fig. 2, a detail view in perspective of a portion of the sliding frame.

Referring to the drawings, A is a trough or box, open at opposite ends, supported on legs B, and having at the back upper edge an inwardly-projecting top, and at the front upper edge a rounded top projecting inwardly and outwardly beyond the side of said box.

Hinged to the front upper edge of the box A is a swinging rack C, arranged to hang vertically and to be swung outward, as shown, and retained by a ratchet D, that passes through a wooden loop or block *d*, attached to the frame-work of apparatus.

Thus far the apparatus does not materially differ from wall-paper exhibitors in common use, and it is thought that its construction and operation will be so readily apparent to those skilled in the art to which it pertains that detail views have not been deemed necessary.

Inside of and accurately fitting the trough or box A and arranged to slide lengthwise therein is an inner trough E, constructed of thin sheets of material and having a rounded

upper edge *e* arranged to fit and slide on the upper front edge of the box A. The trough E is retained in the box A by the inwardly-projecting tops of the latter. Hinged to the upper edge *e* of the trough E is a frame F, which, by means of tongue-and-groove fittings, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, or other suitable means, is attached to and held in the same plane with the rack C and arranged to slide therein. A support *f*, as canvas or wire-netting, is strained on the frame F to afford support for the paper resting across it.

In operation the rolls of wall-paper are placed in the trough E if the apparatus is not extended, and in both E and A if it is extended, and unrolled and led down over the rack C and frame F, which are placed at any suitable or desired angle by means of the ratchet D.

It is obvious that a series of tongue-and-grooved slats meshing together and attached alternately to the outer rails of the rack C and frame F may be substituted for the devices shown without departing from my invention.

I claim as my invention—

1. The combination, with the trough or box A and swinging rack C, of the trough E and frame F, and hinged thereto arranged to telescope with the box A and rack C, respectively, substantially as shown, and for the purpose specified.

2. The combination, with the trough or box A and swinging rack C, of the trough E and frame F, hinged thereto and arranged to telescope with the box A and rack C, respectively, and a device, as a ratchet, to sustain said rack and frame when swung outward.

3. In a wall-paper exhibitor, the combination, with the supported telescoping troughs to hold the rolls of paper, of telescoping racks connected with said troughs and by means of grooved slats arranged to move in unison with said troughs, substantially as shown and described.

In testimony that I claim the above I hereunto set my hand.

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