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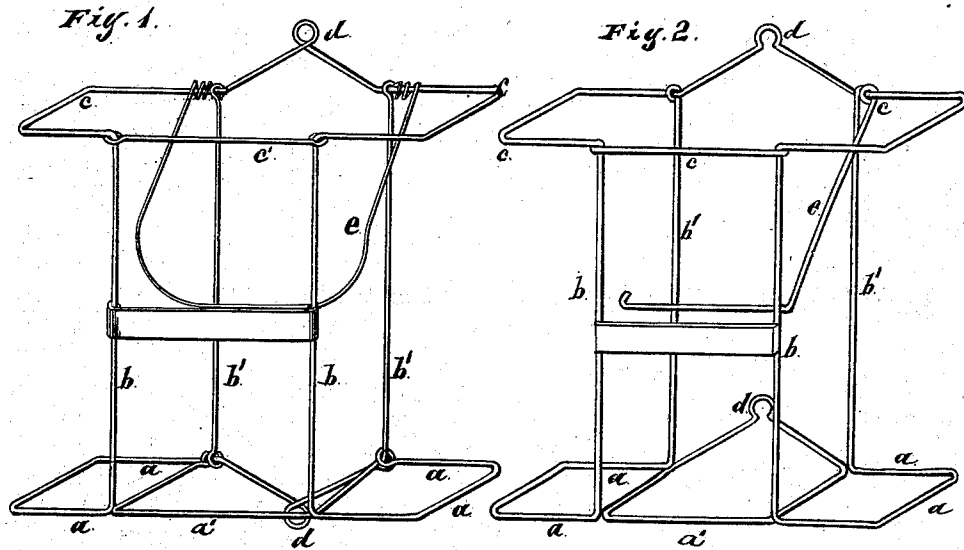
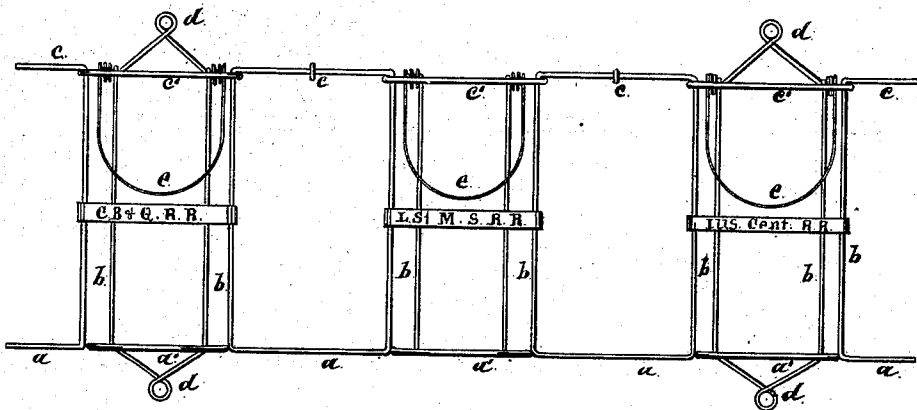


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern :

Be it known that I, MICHAEL UMBDENSTOCK, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, and a citizen of the United States, have invented new and useful Improvements in Receptacle-Racks for Advertising-Cards, &c., of which the following is a full description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view, showing a single rack or receptacle formed from several pieces of wire. Fig. 2 is a similar view, showing a slightly-modified form of receptacle; and Fig. 3 is a front elevation, showing a series of connected receptacles.

The object of my invention is to provide a simple and comparatively inexpensive wire frame or rack for holding advertising cards, being especially intended for railway and steamboat time-tables.

My invention is fully illustrated in the accompanying drawings, and I will now proceed to describe the same in detail, afterward pointing out the improvements in the claims.

In the drawings, *a* represents the bottom; *b*, the supports or connections; *c*, the top; *d*, the attaching eyes or loops; *e*, the spring.

As shown in Fig. 1, the horizontal base or bottom portions, *a*, the uprights *b*, and the horizontal top portions, *c*, are formed from a single piece of wire. The width, depth, and height of the receptacle will depend upon the intended contents; but they should have such relation the one to the other as not to cause an ungainly appearance, but a well-proportioned receptacle or rack.

The rear supporting or connecting pieces, *b'*, the upper front connecting-bar, *c'*, and the lower front bar, *a'*, and the cross-bars which support the advertising papers or sheets may be made of single pieces in each instance, and may be brazed, soldered, or otherwise attached to the other portion of the receptacle; and it is evident that the top and bottom may be made from single pieces, the support or connecting pieces *b* from single pieces, and the cross-bars at the bottom from single pieces, the several pieces being united in any suitable manner.

In Fig. 3 a series of receptacles joined one to the other are shown. In this form of con-

struction single receptacles like those shown in Figs. 1 and 2 may be joined or united by soldering, brazing, or otherwise; or the top and bottom may be formed in one continuous piece with the required cross-bars at the bottom to furnish the support for advertising cards or papers, and cross-bars at the top to divide one receptacle from the other, the top and bottom being supported by connecting-pieces soldered or otherwise secured, and instead of arranging the receptacles in the same plane, as shown in Fig. 3, they may be arranged in planes one above the other, so as to give a pyramidal or other form to the structure, the arrangement being one that will not interfere with the withdrawal of the advertising paper or card, &c., from any one of the receptacles. As shown, loops *d* are formed in the main wire, by means of which and suitable nails or screws the device can be attached to the wall or other place. These loops *d* might be formed from a single piece, or might be a simple eye made of thin metal soldered or otherwise firmly united to the main wire, so as to receive the holding nails or screws.

The depending spring-arm *e* may be a separate piece, or may be formed from the same piece of wire as the receptacle. The spring-arm depends between the upright wires *b*, and its upper portion is connected with the laterally-bent ends *c* of the rear upright wires, and it is so arranged as to bear against the contents and press the first one against the face of the receptacle without interfering with the removal or withdrawal thereof.

By making the rack or receptacle entirely of wire or other small light material, it will be seen that it is essentially open on all sides, permitting a free inspection of its contents and preventing any accumulation of dust or dirt to mar or soil the advertisement or circular, and at the same time the entire front or first page can be read without withdrawing the paper or sheet. The rack thus formed is light, and at the same time strong and durable, and does not present an ungainly appearance, and will overcome the objections to the use of the old-style box or case.

When used for railway or steamboat time-tables the front of the rack may be provided with a cross-bar having letters therein to in-

dicating each particular road; or such letters may be made of wire, or an open-work letter of other material may be used. For this particular use a series of receptacles will be preferable to a single receptacle; but single receptacles can be used, if desired.

I do not broadly claim a card rack or receptacle consisting of an open frame-work of wire, as such is not my invention; but I limit myself to the peculiar construction of the parts as illustrated, whereby I provide the upper and lower portions of the upright wires *b* with lateral extensions *a* and *c*, which serve as means, when desired, for connecting a series of the receptacles together, as shown in Fig. 3.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is as follows:

1. A rack for advertising-cards, consisting of the upright wires *b*, bent laterally at their up-

per and lower ends to form horizontal projecting portions *c* and *a*, said upright supports being connected by the top and bottom wires, *c'* and *a'*, and provided with a suspending eye or loop, *d*, substantially as shown and described.

2. A rack for advertising-cards, consisting of the upright wires *b*, bent laterally at their lower and upper ends to form horizontal projecting portions *a* and *c*, and connected by the top and bottom wires, *c'* and *a'*, in combination with the depending spring-arm *e*, arranged between the upright wires and connected at its upper portion with the bent portions *c* of the latter, all substantially as described.

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