

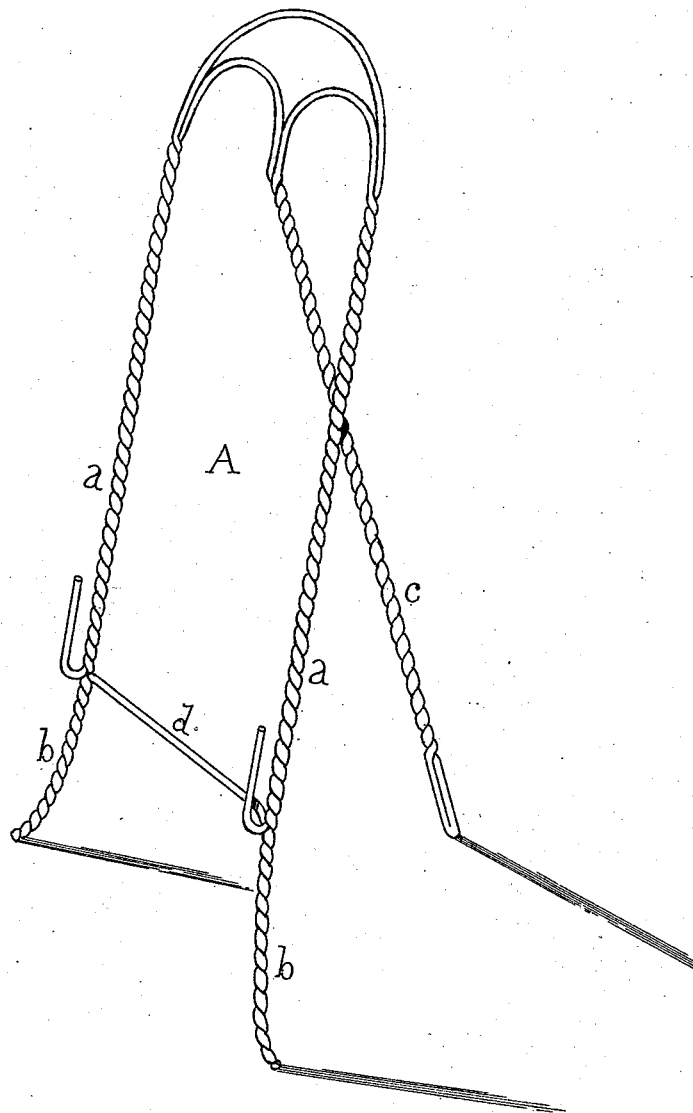
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEO. D. DUDLEY, of the city of Lowell, county of Middlesex, and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Wire Stand, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to wire stands designed to support ornamental cards or other objects; and its object is to provide a wire stand which shall have its parts so connected and joined together that there shall be no compound twist, clinch, or clasp needed or used to connect the parts together. I accomplish this object by the construction shown in the accompanying drawing, in which the figure represents a perspective view.

A is the stand or easel, composed of the side bars, *a*, supported upon the feet *b*, and kept upright by the rear support, *c*.

d is the cross-bar connecting the side bars. Heretofore the cross-bar has been twisted around the side bars or clamped around them to unite these parts, and the hooks *f* were formed of the ends of such bar, left conveniently long for such purpose. In either of these cases the place of juncture has such increased dimensions as to present an undesirable appearance, but which it was impossible to avoid with such method of connecting the parts. I overcome this objection by forming the hooks

f of a strand or strands of the wire forming the side bars, *a*, which I separate from the other at the point of interception of the cross-bar, the end of which is made to supply the place of the strand or strands separated from the side bar to form the hook. The feet *b* are formed of the remaining portion of the side bar not used for the hook twisted with the ends of the cross-bar, so that the side and cross-bar are firmly joined together without any clamp, compound twist, or knot, and without forming any irregularity in the twist or size at any point, so that the structure is more ornamental than any heretofore made, while equally substantial, and no part of either support of greater dimensions than the remainder thereof, as has heretofore invariably been the case with wire stands constructed of twisted wires.

What I claim as new and of my invention is—

A wire stand having hooks formed of a strand or strands of the side bars, *a*, and legs or feet *b*, formed of the remaining strand or strands of the bar, together with the wire or wires forming the cross-bar *d*, substantially as described.

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